

## GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 18, 2011

The Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 264 of the Administration Building, Lancaster, WI pursuant to the adjournment of the December 21, 2010 meeting.

Chair John Patcle called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Verification of compliance with the open meeting law was a notice in the Herald Independent stating the date, time and place of the County Board Meeting. Stephen Adrian, seconded by John Beinborn moved that the meeting is in compliance with the open meeting law. Motion carried.

### INSERT #1: ROLL CALL, January 18, 2011

	Present	Absent	Excused
1. Stephen Adrian	X		
2. Carol Beals	X		
3. John Beinborn	X		
4. Ivan Farness			X
5. Lester Jantzen	X		
6. Robert Keeney	X		
7. Vern Lewison	X		
8. Vincent Loeffelholz	X		
9. Grant Loy	X		
10. Dwight Nelson	X		
11. John Patcle	X		
12. Margaret Ruf	X		
13. Robert Scallon	X		
14. Patrick Schroeder	X		
15. Donald Splinter	X		
16. Mark Stead	X		
17. Larry Wolf			X

The Clerk took the roll call resulting in 15 present, 2 excused.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Pat Schroeder, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Lester Jantzen, made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2010 County Board of Supervisor meeting. Motion carried.

Employee Recognition: John Patcle, Chair presented two plaques for two of Grant County Employees who have retired from Grant County. Mary Lenz was recognized for her 21 years of serve at Orchard Manor and Diane Perkins for her 40 years of service as Grant County Clerk of Circuit Court.

Communications: John Patcle, County Board Chair told the board about a booklet that had been sent to the County Clerk's office, if anyone was interested in looking at it; called **Preserving Wisconsin Civic Legacy**. The authors of the booklet are Gregory R. Mathis and Saleh Van Erem, the 106 Group LTD. The

booklet was published by National Trust for Historic Preservation; it is a guide to rehabilitating and reusing Local Government properties. The Grant County Courthouse is featured in the booklet with some of Grant County History.

Carol Beals asked if she could address the issue of a letter that had been sent to all the board members from Marilyn Pierce, Register of Deeds. During a Public Property/Technology meeting some comments had been made by Vice Chairperson of Public Property/Technology Carol Beals, during a discussion on the Administration Building generator. Carol wanted to apologize to Marilyn and her staff, that her comments were not meant to take away the importance of the work that is done in the Register of Deeds office but the discussion was more geared toward what work should be able to be continued in case of an emergency situation when the electricity has been affected.

Memoriam:

RESOLUTION # 23-10

IN MEMORIAM OF DORLAND UPDIKE

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011 issues the following commemoration:

WHEREAS, the death of Dorland Updike from the City of Boscobel has come to the attention of this body; and

WHEREAS, Dorland Updike served on the Grant County Board of Supervisors from April 1992 to April 1994 representing the Town of Boscobel and City of Boscobel, Wards 3 & 4; and

WHEREAS, his many friends and acquaintances will long cherish in memory his willingness to serve through public office and to assist in the interest and welfare of Grant County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Supervisors commends the life and public service of Dorland Updike and that this memorial be set forth at length upon the minutes of the meeting and that a copy, properly attested by the signature of the Chairman and the Clerk, be sent to the family.

/s/ John Patcle, Chairman

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

Chair, John Patcle read Resolution # 23-10, In Memoriam of Dorland Updike. Patrick Schroeder, seconded by John Beinborn, made a motion to approve the Memoriam for Dorland Updike as Resolution #23-10, to be recorded in the minutes and have the certificate sent to the family of Dorland Updike. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

I, Linda Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that this resolution was adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on January 18, 2011.

/s/ Linda Gebhard, County Clerk

IN MEMORIAM OF CLINTON B. ORTON

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011 issues the following commemoration:

WHEREAS, the death of Clinton B. Orton from the City of Platteville has come to the attention of this body; and

WHEREAS, Clinton B. Orton served on the Grant County Board of Supervisors from April 1986 to April 2008 representing the City of Platteville, Wards 11, 12, & 13; and

WHEREAS, his many friends and acquaintances will long cherish in memory his willingness to serve through public office and to assist in the interest and welfare of Grant County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Supervisors commends the life and public service of Clinton B. Orton and that this memorial be set forth at length upon the minutes of the meeting and that a copy, properly attested by the signature of the Chairman and the Clerk, be sent to the family.

/s/ John Patcle, Chairman

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

Chair, John Patcle read Resolution # 24-10, In Memoriam of Clinton B. Orton. Mark Stead, seconded by Dwight Nelson, made a motion to approve the Memoriam for Clinton B. Orton as Resolution #24-10, to be recorded in the minutes and have the certificate sent to the family of Clinton B. Orton. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

I, Linda Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that this resolution was adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on January 18, 2011.

/s/ Linda Gebhard, County Clerk

Grants: Steve Braun, Emergency Government Director was present to inform the Board on two Grants that he will be applying for:

- For portable and mobile radios through the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, Round 6 Interoperability Program, for \$780.00 with a match of 15% to the county that will be covered by carry over money in Emergency Government revenue. Dickeyville Police Department and Grant County Emergency Management were preapproved by OJA in this round to receive WISCOM radios, which are designed to work on the new statewide interoperability system. Patrick Schroder, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz, made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried.
- For a training grant application to the Wisconsin Emergency Management training program, to fund a Hazardous Materials Technician class in Lancaster and a Confined Space Technician class in Cuba City. The dollar amount will be approximately \$7,000 with no match to the

county. Margaret Ruf, seconded by Lester Jantzen, made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried.

Appointment: Chair John Patcle, announced that he appointed Gary Erickson as a citizen member to the Veteran Services Committee. Bob Scallon, seconded by Grant Loy, made a motion to approve the appointment. Motion carried.

DATCP Purchases: Abby Church, Conservation Specialist for Mississippi Valley Conservancy, was present to give the Board an explanation on the DATCP's purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements PACE Program.

Mississippi Valley Conservancy (MVX) is a non-profit land trust located in LaCrosse, WI. They preserve land through conservation easements and land acquisition throughout Southwest Wisconsin including Grant County. One of the areas they prioritized for their efforts is farmland preservation, through the purchase of agricultural conservation easements as funded by DATCP's PACE program. Mississippi Valley Conservancy has identified a parcel of land, the Yoose Property, in Paris and Potosi Townships that would be excellent candidates for the PACE program, because the site is scenic and visible from State Highway 35/61 and will fit with open space and scenic viewshed goals for the county.

One requirement of the PACE grant application is that it requires the affected townships and county to pass a resolution in support of the project. Stephen Adrian, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz made a motion that this issue be sent back to the two affected township municipal boards; Paris Township and Potosi Township, for their recommendation and then be sent on to the Planning and Zoning Committee and Land and Water Committee of the County for their recommendation. This issue will then come back to the full County Board meeting on February 15, 2011 for the Board's final decision. Motion carried.

Increase County Board Size: Chair John Patcle started off the discussion by asking each board members opinion on this issue. John stated that this would be the time for the board to change the number of the board because it is a census year when the numbers can be changed.

Vince Loeffelholz and Vern Lewison were opposed to the increase due to concerns with the public opinion.

Don Splinter stated that the county does not have the final census numbers which should be available in late February, March of 2011 so how could any decisions be made at this time.

Mark Stead felt that representation is very important and felt that some of the rural areas of Grant County had lost out by a 17 member board. He also felt that this question should be presented to the public in a referendum on the April 2011 Election for their opinion.

Patrick Schroder said, in his opinion; the cost would be \$8,000.00 annually to increase the board to 25 members and the attendance on committees was a concern, the reason being; in order to serve on multiple committees was time consuming and took them away from their jobs.

Stephen Adrian, in agreement with Patrick Schroeder, also felt that the board should be made up of members from all ages from young members, middle age to elder members.

Bob Scallon said this subject was talked about in the Public Property/Technology committee and was not getting anywhere, that is why this issue was brought before the full county board for their input and he was still concerned with the voter's opinion because they have voted on this issue once and voted for a 17 member board.

Grant Loy was concerned with changing districts, the board member knows the district he or she is representing and then the districts change and the citizens they represent are all new also and also felt the board should wait for the final census numbers.

Margaret Ruf's concern was with the number of committees that a 17 member board has to be on and feels that representation is a problem.

Dwight Nelson favors the 25 member board for better representation.

Carol Beals agrees that the final numbers from the census will help in making this decision, although warned that the cities populations are the ones that will grow giving them more representation and the rural areas may remain the same because their populations may stay the same or lower. She favors a referendum in the April Election, stating; "That may be what is needed."

Lester Jantzen stated that the people are the ones who should make the decision. A 25 member board is fine but the people should have input.

Bob Keeney was in agreement with John Patcle that now is the time to initiate something when the census is in progress. The numbers can be decided whether 21 or 25 are right, some of the areas are too large to cover; there are too many committee meetings that each board member has to attend. The final census numbers will help determine what is needed but the time to grow is now.

John Beinborn stated that when the present board members took out their papers to run, they were all aware of the implications and signed on for the job.

During the discussion it was agreed by all the board members that the number should not go back to 31 but was 21 or 25 better. The board discussed day meetings verses night meeting discussing the pros and cons.

After discussion Stephen Adrian asked if a motion was needed in this issue and made a motion that the County Board of Supervisors be increased to 25 members. JoAnn Millhouse, Corporation Counsel, informed the board that in order for them to vote on the board size, a redistricting plan would first have to be adopted. Stephen Adrian rescinded his motion after Corporation Counsels explanation.

Patrick Schroeder made a motion to increase the board to 25, Margaret Ruf would seconded the motion if it contained language to proceed forward with a plan for redistricting that would implement a 25 member board. The motion did not include having a referendum in the April Election. Mark Stead questioned that a referendum should be part of the motion. Patrick Schroeder felt that a referendum would be a waste of taxpayer money at an estimated cost of \$2500.00. The language of the motion was in question at this point, so Patrick Schroeder rescinded his motion.

After the second motion was rescinded, Chair John Patcle asked Mark Stead if he would make a motion. Mark Stead stated the following motion, that an advisory referendum be placed on the April 2011

election asking if the people are in favor of increasing the number of members of the County Board of Supervisor, after the final censes numbers have been supplied by the State for better representation. The motion was seconded by Margaret Ruf. A roll call vote was called for by Chair, John Patcle.

Roll Call Vote to Increase of Board Size, January 18, 2011.

	YES	NO	ABSENT
1. IVAN FARNESS			X
2. GRANT LOY	X		
3. ROBERT SCALLON	X		
4. ROBERT KEENEY	X		
5. STEPHEN ADRIAN		X	
6. JOHN PATCLE	X		
7. VERN LEWISON		X	
8. PATRICK SCHROEDER	X		
9. LARRY WOLF			X
10. MARK STEAD	X		
11. MARGARET RUF	X		
12. DWIGHT NELSON	X		
13. CAROL BEALS	X		
14. LESTER JANTZEN	X		
15. JOHN BEINBORN		X	
16. DONALD SPLINTER		X	
17. VINCENT LOEFFELHOLZ		X	

Clerk took roll call vote resulting in 10 yes votes, 5 no votes and 2 absent. Therefore motion carried.

Summary of Expectations: The Board discussed a rough draft of County Board Member Expectations that had been started a couple years ago so it can be given out when a candidate for County Board of Supervisors takes out papers to run. Patrick Schroeder, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz, made a motion to send the draft back to the Administrative Committee to make the appropriate language changes and then be brought back before the full County Board in February for the final approval. Motion carried.

Zoning Amendment: Terry Loeffelholz, Sanitation/Zoning Director, presented the Zoning Amendment #454 for William & Sandra Peterson of Liberty Township. A motion was made by Vern Lewison, seconded by Stephen Adrian, to dispense of the reading of Zoning Amendment # 454. Motion carried.

## 454<sup>th</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE GRANT COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE December 16, 2010

Peterson, William & Sandra

WHEREAS, a petition for map amendment was filed and a public hearing was held by the Grant County Planning and Zoning Committee, meeting the requirements of Chapter 59.69.

WHEREAS, a proof of publication and giving notice to Liberty Township Clerk of such hearing is attached to this document.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Committee now recommends to the Board of Supervisors of Grant County the adoption of this map amendment.

THEREFORE, the Grant County Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows. That the Zoning District Map for the Township of Liberty will be amended to include the following described land as Agriculture A-1.

A parcel of land located in part of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 16 T5N R2W.  
Commencing at the W ¼ corner of said Section 16; thence along the west line of said NW ¼ of the SW ¼, S 0° 19' 16" E 1085.24' to the point of beginning;  
thence N 89° 49' 28" E 900.00';  
thence S 0° 19' 16" E 242.00' to the South line of said forty;  
thence S 89° 49' 28" W 900.00' to the Southwest corner of said forty;  
thence N 0° 19' 16" W 242.00' to the point of beginning;

This parcel containing 5 acres more or less, and being subject to any and all easements of recorded and/or usage.

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing map amendment to the Grant County Zoning Ordinance was adopted on the 18<sup>st</sup> day of January 2011.

/s/ John Patcle, County Board Chairman

/s/ Linda Gebhard, County Clerk

ATTEST:

I, Linda Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that this resolution was adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on January 18, 2011.

/s/ Linda Gebhard, County Clerk

Wisconsin State Statute 91.77 (1) requires that: Petition for rezoning receives approval only after findings were made based on consideration of the following: Adequate public facilities to accommodate development either exist or will be provided within a reasonable time: This rezone would allow this parcel to be conforming for Agriculture A-1. Provision of public facilities to accommodate development will not place an unreasonable burden on the ability of effected local units of government to provide them: Town of Liberty as being on record as in favor of the rezone. The land proposed for rezoning is suitable for development and development will not result in undue water or air pollution, cause unreasonable adverse effect on rare or irreplaceable natural areas: Soil erosion would not be an issue on this site. This is not an identified natural area.

The 454th Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was approved by the Township of Liberty, and by the Grant County Planning and Zoning committee. Patrick Schroeder, seconded by Vern Lewison, made a motion to approve this Amendment for William & Sandra Peterson. Motion carried.

Livestock Claims: None

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports:

Mark Stead – Unified Committee, no meeting last month to report.

Robert Keeney – Executive Committee, mediations.

Patrick Schroeder—Orchard Manor, everything is going well.

Farm, very happy with the leasing of the farm to Majestic.

Stephen Adrian—Ag and Extension and Fair, fair convention just got over, new attraction for the fair was signed, The Honey Bears, dancing and singing act. The County will be partnering with the City of Lancaster for a fund raiser on July 8, 2011 with Badger State Tractor Pull. Everything has been approved on the construction of the new Exhibit Hall at Fair grounds.

Robert Scallon—Railroad, no meeting last month to report

Law Enforcement, mostly weather related issues

Margaret Ruf—Health, received three grants, Drug, Drinking, Safety Day. WIC positions are advertised to be filled, Health Department came in under budget in 2010.

Highway, advertising to fill Randy Franks position, weather is the main issue.

Larry Wolf absent-- Public Property/Technology.

Lester Jantzen—Sanitation, law suits for septic systems not in compliance, land use maps are approved.

Veterans, Tim Murphy, new director is working out fine.

John Beinborn—Hidden Valley, Economic, Tourism and Resource, Hidden Valley magazines are in for distribution.

Vince Loeffelholz—Land and Water Conservation, 1 well decommissioning, 2 manure storage closures.

Adjournment: John Beinborn, seconded by Vern Lewison, made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next on February 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.