

## GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 15, 2011

The Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the South Room at the Youth and Ag Center, located at the Grant County Fair Grounds in Lancaster, WI pursuant to the adjournment of the January 18, 2011 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 and posted in two public posting locations, verified by the County Clerk.

INSERT #1: ROLL CALL, February 15, 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 17 present.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

John Beinborn, seconded by Dwight Nelson, made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011 County Board of Supervisor meeting. Motion carried.

Employee Recognition: John Patcle, Chair, recognized Tom Taber for his 33 years of service to Grant County as the Veterans Service Director. Tom was not present to receive his plaque.

Communications: John Patcle, Chair, read a Thank you note that had been received from the family of Clinton Orton, thanking the Board of Supervisors for the plant that had been sent to the family in memory of Clinton's many years of service to Grant County as a Board of Supervisor.

Appointments: None

Ratification of a Person to Family Care Board: Ann Jenkins was appointed as a new member on the Family Care Board of Directors. This was approved by the Employee Relations Committee of the Southwest Family Care Alliance. Patrick Schroeder, seconded by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve this appointment of Ann Jenkins to the Family Care Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Revolving Loan: Ron Brisbois, Economic Development Director, presented a revolving load application from Nemitz Family Chiropractor. A new Chiropractic Office near Platteville, WI, for a RLF loan \$20,000 at 3% for a 5 year term. This office will create jobs for 2 full time employees. The terms will include a personal guarantee and lien on the equipment. This loan was approved by the Economic Tourism and Resource Committee. Vern Lewison, seconded by John Beinborn, made a motion to approve the RLF Loan for the Nemitz Family Chiropractor. Motion carried.

DATCP Easement Resolution: **RESOLUTION # 25-10**

**RESOLUTION OF THE GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FAVORS AND  
ENCOURAGES A PURCHASE OF AN AGRICULTURAL  
CONSERVATION EASEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Grant County Comprehensive Plan supports the protection of farmland,

WHEREAS, the Grant County Board of Supervisors encourages the preservation of agriculture in Grant County; and,

WHEREAS, because of the location, soils, special attributes, and other factors, Dennis Yoose, Landowner, along with the Mississippi Valley Conservancy are now seeking funding from the State's Working Lands Initiative PACE (Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements) program to purchase an agricultural conservation easement over the Yoose family farm; and,

WHEREAS, Grant County does not intend to be the cooperating entity as described in Wisconsin Statutes Section 93.73 (3), but understands that Mississippi Valley Conservancy will serve as such entity, however; Grant County wants to express its non-monetary support for this purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Supervisors favors, and encourages DATCP to approve the Yoose Property, with Mississippi Valley Conservancy as cooperating entity, of a purchase of an agricultural conservation easement over the Yoose family farm with the aid of State PACE funds.

The above and foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors, Grant County, Wisconsin at a regular meeting held on February 15, 2011 by a vote of 17 ayes and 0 nays.

/s/John Patcle, County Board Chair

/s/Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

ATTEST:

I, Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that this resolution was adopted by the Grant

County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on February 15, 2011.

/s/ Linda Gebhard, County Clerk

This Resolution has been approved by the Paris Township Board and the Potosi Township Board prior to bringing before the Grant County Board of Supervisors for their determination.

Margaret Ruf, seconded by Steve Adrian, made a motion to approve the Resolution in favor of the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement over the Yoose family farm with the aid of State PACE funds. Motion carried.

Grants: Jeff Kindrai, Health Department Director asked for the approval of the following grant application:

1. Rural Safety Day grant for \$500 to assist in organizing the Rural Safety Day for the youth of the area. Mark Stead, seconded by Larry Wolf, made a motion to approve the Rural Safety Day Grant for the Health Department. Motion carried.
2. Stop Grant is a renewal grant for \$50,000.00, in kind match to the county for underage drinking. Ivan Farness, seconded by Patrick Schroeder, made a motion to approve the Stop Grant for the Health Department. Motion carried.
3. Drug Free grant for \$1250.00, in kind match to the county to be paid back through the Public Health budget, to address drug related issues. John Beinborn, seconded by Margaret Ruf made a motion to approve the Drug Free grant for the Health Department. Motion carried.

Tim Murphy, Veterans Director, for the purpose of obtaining approval to submit for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) 2011 County Veterans Service Grant. In accordance with Wis. Stats. S. 45.82, counties that meet statutory standards and employ a full-time County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) are eligible for a grant from WDVA for the improvement of services. The grant shall be 11,500 for a county with a population of 45,500 to 74,999. This is not a matching grant.

Margaret Ruf, seconded by Robert Scallon, made a motion to approve this grant for the Veterans Service Department. Motion carried.

Gayle Mason, ADRC Director, asked for approval for a USDA grant the "Senior Farmers Market". A voucher for seniors to purchase fresh produce from approved Farm States, Farms and Farmers Market. The seniors must be 65 years of age and declare they are 185% of poverty. There is no match. Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Stephen Adrian, made a motion to approve this USDA grant for ADRC. Motion carried.

Steve Braun, Emergency Government presented the following statement of intent to participate in the Grant County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The grant will be for \$35,000 to \$40,000 to develop a disaster plan with a 12 ½ % match in kind to the county. The match will be satisfied thru the savings of office clerical staff by hiring a firm to input the data.

**STATEMENT OF ENTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRANT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

**WHEREAS**, Our jurisdiction recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to the people and property; and

**WHEREAS**, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, an adopted all hazards mitigation plan is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Our jurisdiction participated jointly in the planning process with the other local units of government within the County to prepare an All Hazards Mitigation Plan;

**THEREFORE**, Our jurisdiction hereby acknowledges our intent to participate in the 2011-2012 update of the Grant County Hazard Mitigation Plan. We further understand that there will be no financial obligation for our community to participate in this planning process.

/s/ John Patcle, Chairperson  
Grant County Chief Elected Official  
Signed February 15, 2011

Patrick Schroeder, seconded by Lester Jantzen, made a motion to approve this Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Emergency Government. Motion carried.

Jack Johnson, Chief Deputy Sheriff, asked for the approval of the County Board of Supervisors to accept a contribution from the Eckstien Estate of \$10,000.00. The Sheriff Department had originally asked for a donation of \$9,700.00 for the assistance in purchasing new rifles for the Grant County Sheriff's Department. The Eckstein Estate awarded them the amount of \$10,000.00 instead. Bob Scallon, seconded by Stephen Adrian, made a motion to approve this request to accept the contribution of \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

Stephen Adrian, County Board Supervisor, presented a request for Ag and Extension Department, in Ted Bay absence. The grant is for \$5,000.00, no match to the county, for an alfalfa study. Lester Jantzen, seconded by Don Splinter, made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried.

Public Health Nuisance Ordinance: No action was taken at this time. Jeff Kindrai will meet with the interim Corporation Counsel, Todd Infield, Attorney, to go over some changes in the existing language and make further changes to the ordinance. The Board of Supervisors agreed to table this issue at this time and bring it back at the March County Board meeting.

Increase County Board Size to 25: John Patcle started the discussion by informing the board that Mark Stead and he had attended a WCA Redistricting Organizational meeting at the end of January 2011. They were told that the size of the Board would have to be determined by March of 2011 for the redistricting process. Due to this information, Mark Stead and Margaret Ruf were asked if they would rescind the motion that they had made at the January 18, 2011 County Board meeting to have the question of the county board size put in a referendum at the April Spring Election. Carol Beals asked why this needed to be rescinded and that the public should have a say in this matter. Todd Johnson,

Comm. Resource Development Agent, stated that the time frames for redistricting have been set and an April referendum would be too late to complete the redistricting process. In order to comply with the plan, the Board can not go forward with a tentative plan until the board size is set. Mark Stead and Margaret Ruf both agreed to rescind their previous motion.

John Patcle stated that the Administration Committee had directed Todd Johnson, Comm. Resource Development Agent to compile a survey for the Board Members to voice their opinions on what a workable number of members on the county board would be. Todd explained that there were a lot of factors that were involved to establish the number of members such as, committee structure; how much time is being spent in attending meetings, how much time do the board members feel they want to spend at the meeting. Productivity of the committee meetings is a factor; quantity of materials to be discussed could make a difference in how many times a committee should meet, once a month, every other month, etc.

Robert Keeney stated that because this is the Census year, this is the only time that the board numbers can be increased for the next 10 years. It can decrease within the 10 years, but now is the appropriate time to look at the number of members.

Carol Beals reiterated that the public should be involved in this decision; there will be no feed back from the public without a referendum. She went on to say that the public sector also needs to know the reasons why this issue is being discussed at this time.

Don Splinter commented on some of the public responses he has received.

Patrick Schroeder stated that the public needs to be serviced and as board members they should not make this decision based on if they are going to win but based on proper representation for the people in the districts. He also stated that the issue of night verses day meetings should be a factor in this also.

Stephen Adrian asked what the intent of the survey was supposed to be for. Todd Johnson answered, to supply the basis to work with to make the best decisions.

Bob Scallon indicated that the meetings should be based on the quantity of material that needs to be discussed; maybe combining the committees more needs to be addressed again.

Larry Wolf agreed with Bob that spreading out the times of the committees should be looked at and stated that the job of the County Board Supervisors is to set policy and to set goals for the Department Heads to follow and make budgetary decision, but not to run the Departments. Ivan Farness and Grant Loy agreed with Larry and Grant Loy stated that the Board members are also the contact people for the municipal levels.

Lester Jantzen agreed with Carol Beals that the public needed some input in this decision and that maybe the media needs to be involved. Dwight Nelson also agreed and stated that the public sector is not aware of what a board member does and they needed to be informed of that.

John Beinborn reiterated that they as board members knew what obligations they were getting into when they took out their papers to run and that may be true; that most of the public sector does not understand what they do, but they took out the papers to run nevertheless. Vern Lewison agreed with John, he knew what he was getting into and he sees the increase in the board as a negative. Margaret Ruf did not agree with this, she stated that she has only learned through experience. She also stated that the public should also be aware that increasing the board size may not necessarily add any further expense to the county budget.

Mark Stead and Bob Scallon again commented on the representation of the districts and that being based on population, the rural areas may always have less representation than the higher populated areas such as Platteville, this is a factor that can not be changed.

Larry Wolf brought up the possibility of holding a public hearing so the general public can voice their opinions. Ivan Farness, seconded by Carol Beals, made a motion, to hold a public hearing at the next County Board Meeting on March 15, 2011 to address the County Board size so the public has an opportunity to voice their opinions on this issue. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. on March 15, 2011. Motion carried with one nay.

Zoning Amendment #455: Terry Loeffelholz, Sanitation/Zoning Director, presented the Zoning Amendment for Stephen and Susan Pluemer of Potosi Township. The Amendment was approved by the Potosi Township Board, The Planning and Zoning approved. Ivan Farness, seconded by John Beinborn, made a motion to approve Zoning Amendment #455 for Stephen & Susan Pluemer. Motion carried.

#### Committees:

John Beinborn—First wave of grant applications for Economic Tourism and Resource has been completed, money was awarded to best applicant.

Grant Loy-- Hidden Valley-- will be airing a Discover WI Show on Channel 17 on February 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Lester Jantzen—Sanitation and Veterans-- is going smoothly.

Ivan Farness—Parks Committee-- Wyalusing Project going forward, in anticipation of high water in the spring.

Bob Scallon—Railroad-- had a very productive meeting, bridges in the area are being discussed to be repaired.

Stephen Adrian-- Ag and Extension-- Building project progressing well.

Patrick Schroeder-- Orchard Manor-- work will begin on the roof and ventilation upgrades.

Larry Wolf-- Social Service & Family Care—both meetings cancelled because of bad weather.

Carol Beals—Public Property committee voted to add Cyber Coverage to the counties insurances.

IT—more help is needed.

ADRC—Medicare Part D being discussed.

Margaret Ruff—Health—difficulty filling the WIC registered Dietitian position, hired a nutrition educator instead. Need a dentist to fill a citizen member vacancy on the Health Department Committee

Highway—Patrol Superintendent Position was filled by Larry Kirschbaum, snow removal has been a challenge.

Mark Stead—Unified—Crises Emergency Home for detention in Dodgeville, WI.

Robert Keeney—Executive Committee—Negotiation at stand still because of Gov. Walkers proposal. Training with Springbrook for the new financial bookkeeping system is in progress at this time.

Adjourn: Stephen Adrian, seconded by Vern Lewison, made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next meeting on March 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.