

PUBLIC PROPERTY/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 25, 2011

The Public Property/Technology Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors met in the Grant County Administration Building, Lancaster, WI Room 266 on May 25, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to the adjournment of the April 27, 2011 meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Wolf. The County Clerk verified that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law being published in the County's designated newspaper, the Herald Independent, posted in two places, and published on the County Web Site. Motion carried.

The following committee members were present: Larry Wolf, Dwight Nelson, Carol Beals, Vern Lewison, Don Splinter, John Beinborn, and Lester Jantzen. John Patcle, County Board Chair was also present.

John Beinborn, seconded by Lester Jantzen, made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen motioned to approve the April 27th minutes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Maintenance Administration Building: Brenda Halverson was present to update the committee on the glycol solution that will be added to the cooling system. WHV has come and circulated a cleaning solution through the system first and then will add the glycol after the first process is completed.

Brenda reported on the replacement of the drainage plate in the back of the Administration Building, Allan Klaas is doing the work.

Larry Wolf asked Brenda if there had been any more water leakage in the elevator shaft, she stated none at this time.

Courthouse Maintenance: Clerk stated that the new LTE, Rick Gardner, who is taking Mark Udelhofen's place while he is out on FMLA, is working out fine, no complaints have been received. Larry Wolf asked Brenda if she has heard of any leakage in the Courthouse, she stated that Rick had cleaned the basement area and no water problems were noted.

Friends of the Platte River: Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director was present to give the committee a time line that he needed the decision of the Friends of the Platte River about the FEMA land that the County has obtained in Potosi Township along the Platte River. Steve has received the FEMA funds to demolish the building and asphalt pad and wants to go forward with this project; he has a time line that this grant money has to be used. Steve told the committee that he has bids from interested parties that would like to purchase the two remaining structures and remove them from the property. Steve stated that the house has already been demolished. The Friends of the Platte River had voiced some interest in saving the three car garage structure for an outdoor shelter for canoe groups and trying to build a canoe launch in this area. The existing problem is that the land that would allow the general public to access the County owed land is privately owned and this owner would not offer a right of way through his property. Mark Sethne, spokesperson for Friends of the Platte came later in the meeting and stated that the Friends of the Platte had no means at this time to help with the expenses of trying to maintain the structure but he thinks it would be a very good resource for Grant County to have

for a recreational aspect. The County would have to sustain all the expenses on this property, liability, maintenance of the structure, grounds, etc., if the committee decides to keep the structure.

After a lengthy discussion, the committee tabled this issue so they would have time to go look at the property on their own time. They would like to know what the amount of the bids were for the buildings and what the actual time lines are for the destruction of these building with the FEMA money. The committee agreed to bring this issue back on the June Meeting for further discussion. Mark Sethne, Friends of the Platte River and Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director would be asked to be present for the June meeting.

Blue Boy Base: Jon Angeli and Maynard Behncke were present to give an update on the Blue Boy Statue and touch base with the committee on the condition of the base on the fountain where the statue is attached to.

Jon Angeli reported that the statue has been laser cleaned at this time and it has revealed many old repairs that had taken place through the years. Jon tracked down some old files from 1986 that states what repairs were made at the time. This information was sent to the company that is restoring the statue so they could continue the process of restorations.

Maynard Behncke told the committee that the base of the fountain needs work and probably the fountain should be taken apart so there were no hidden problems with rusted bolts, etc., and now was the time to repair that when the statue has been removed. He stated that the cost would be very hard to evaluate until they knew what the problems were. Maynard told the committee that Randy Oyen of Klondyke Welding, LLC has offered to donate his time to repair the fountain, he just asks for the cost of the materials needed. Randy would dismantle the fountain and take it to his shop to do the work.

Maynard Behncke and Jon Angeli asked the committee if they would commit the amount of \$5,000.00 from Public Property to go forward with this project. Brenda Halverson, Administration Maintenance also added that there may be plumbing and electrical issues within the fountain that may need to be dealt with. They are in hopes of getting the Blue Boy Statue back in about three month and would like the fountain repair to be finished by then.

The committee instructed the Clerk to look into the insurance liability so the fountain would be covered while off the premises. Randy Peterson was present from TRICOR and stated that the liability would be covered but Local Government Property Insurance should be notified.

Dwight Nelson, seconded by Carol Beals, made a motion to approve up to \$5,000.00 from Public Property for the cost of the materials to repair the fountain to Randy Oyen, Klondyke Welding, LLC. If further repairs were needed, it would have to be brought back before the committee to approve any further funding. Motion carried.

Insurance: Marty Malloy, A.J. Gallagher & Company stated that this was a very good month for the County, very low claims were reported. The continuing training and safety information that the county hands out have been very instrumental in the low claim history.

Randy Peterson, TRICOR, also reported very low claims, only one open at this time. No other issues to report.

Vehicles: None to report.

Update from Land Information Committee: The new computers for Public Access are here ready to install. Marilyn Pierce, Register of Deeds, told the committee that the software is in place and the vendor GCS has been contacted many times to install the needed upgrades to the system for Public Access. To date, they have not replied to the request. Marilyn has looked into other vendors and received quotes which may be a better and faster way to go for the upgrades than to wait for GCS to respond. The cost she estimated would be about \$1100.00.

Jeff Anderson, IT Director also added that they had discussed revising the Land Information Committee to include some Realtors and other public users of the software to get more input of the information and capabilities that the public could use.

Jeff Anderson went on to say that the Reg. of Deeds office has indexing capabilities at this time but they would like to install Tracked Indexing which would make the public access process much easier and user friendly. This would allow the information to be published out on the web also. This system could be implemented within the Reg. of Deeds office, but; would require extra time to input this information which may require an LTE. Carol Beals wondered if an intern could be used. Joyce Roling stated that that could definitely be a possibility but accuracy and knowledge of land information/survey, etc., would be needed. This may require a Technical College type intern or a College student who is majoring in surveying who understand legal descriptions. Joyce also stated that internal workers would also be a possibility.

It was decided that Marilyn and Jeff would meet with Joyce Roling, Personnel and work out the needs of this type of position.

A short recess was called at 9:56 a.m.

At 10:03 a.m. Larry Wolf, Chair called the meeting back to order.

Administration Internet Connection: The internet connection is still not installed in the Administration Building. There seems to be a delay with TDS in completing this task. They have been called by the IT Director, Jeff Anderson with no results. It was suggested by the committee that John Patcle, County Board Chair, with Jeff Anderson present, give TDS a call and request them to complete this job as soon as possible.

Jeff Anderson informed the committee that all the new computers that were used in the Springbrook training were done being used and ready to be programmed and sent to the department's where they were purchased for. Jeff has two new interns for the summer to help in this programming process. Springbrook training went well, there were a few problems, but all seems to be going fine now. Employees are now utilizing the program.

Dolores Schwantes, Fair Secretary's lap top had to be sent back to the company with some problems, they expect to have it back soon. The Fair book is finished and will be out on the web in June.

Adjourn: John Beinborn, seconded by Dwight Nelson, made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next meeting on June 22, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.