

Grant County Board of Supervisors
May 15, 2012

The Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 264 of the Administration Building, Second Floor in Lancaster, WI pursuant to the adjournment of the April 23, 2012 meeting.

Chair Larry Wolf 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 and the county website verified by Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk.

INSERT #1: ROLL CALL, May 15, 2012

	Present	Absent	Excused
1. Roger Guthrie	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. Dale Hood	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, 0 excused. Therefore a quorum was present.

John Beinborn, seconded by Grant Loy, made a motion to approve the agenda with the change to strike line item #14 as no discussion/ action will be taken on the item. Motion carried.

Vincent Loeffelholz, seconded by Ivan Farness made a motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2012. Motion carried.

Dwight Nelson, seconded by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2012. Motion carried.

Communication: Larry Wolf, Chair reminded the Board Members to hand in their registration forms for the WCA Convention in September to the County Clerk, Linda K. Gebhard.

Larry asked if there were any interested Board Members who would like to serve on the Steering Committee for the State. This Steering Committee will be very involved in setting policy for the State.

Grant County Comprehensive Plan: Terry Loeffelholz, Sanitation/Zoning, presented the three Zoning Amendments to the Board that will require the Amendment to the Grant County Comprehensive Plan.

1. Potosi Township, the zoning amendment request was approved by the Potosi Town Board and the Zoning Committee, Lester Jantzen, seconded by Grant Loy made a motion to approve the amendment to the Grant County Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried.
2. Jamestown Township, the Jamestown Township Board recommended denial of the rezone. Therefore, no action was taken by the Board on this amendment.
3. Paris Township, there was an inconsistency in their map at the origin of their comprehensive plan; they want to correct this on their map for accuracy in the future. No fees will be involved, Township Board approved, Zoning committee approved, Ivan Farness, seconded by Robert Keeney made a motion to approve the amendment to the Grant County Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried.

Appointments: ADRC appointed Dale Hood, Shirley Pink and Mary Lou Bausch to their ADRC Committee Board. Vern Lewison, seconded by Carol Beals made a motion to accept this appointment. Motion carried.

The County Board Chair, Larry Wolf, appointed Nick Nice, Boscobel, WI and Bob Carey, Blue River, WI as nominees to represent Grant County on the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board. The County Clerk, Linda K. Gebhard will send these nominees to Governor Scott Walkers Office for approval. Robert Scallon, seconded by Ivan Farness made a motion to accept these nominations. Motion carried.

Employee Recognitions: Larry Wolf, Chair presented Anita Kelly with a plaque in recognition of her 30 years working for Grant County in the Highway Department.

Memoriam: Larry Wolf, Chair read the Memoriam for Joachim Hans Kostrau for is loyal service for Grant County that will be presented to the family. Lester Jantzen, seconded by Mark Stead made a motion to approve this memoriam for Joachim Hans Kostrau.

RESOLUTION #01-12 IN MEMORIAM OF JOACHIM HANS KOSTRAU

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 15TH day of May, 2012 issues the following commemoration:

WHEREAS, the death of Joachim Hans Kostrau from the Township of Wyalusing, Bagley, WI has come to the attention of this body; and

WHEREAS, Joachim Hans Kostrau served on the Grant County Board of Supervisors from April 1994 to April 2010, representing District 7, Townships of Marion, Millville, Patch Grove, Woodman, Wyalusing, Village of Patch Grove and Village of Woodman; 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 Joachim Hans Kostrau 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 Chairperson and the Clerk, be sent to the family.

/s/ Larry Wolf, County Board Chair

/s/Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

Attest: I, Linda Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that this resolution was adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors on May 15, 2012.

/s/Linda Gebhard, County Clerk

Revolving Loan Application: Ron Brisbois, Economic Development, presented the Revolving Loan Applicant. Allegiant Oil will be expanding their petroleum distribution business in Lancaster. The loan would be for \$25,000 at 3% for 5 years. Personal guarantee and mortgage lien on the Lancaster property will be the collateral. Three new jobs will be created. Total project is approximately \$700,000. The Economic, Resource and Tourism Committee recommended the loan for approval by the County Board. Vern Lewison, seconded by Carol Beals, made a motion for the approval of this Revolving Loan Application for Allegiant Oil. Motion carried.

Grants: Jeff Kindrai, Health Department Director asked the Board for their approval to apply for a food systems impact grant (Farm to School). The purpose of this grant will be a food systems impact grant with a primary goal of promoting farm to school programs throughout the county. It will also have secondary activities to increase access to locally produced food and hopefully increase overall consumption of fruits and vegetables. Funding period is 07/13/2012 to 09/01/2014, amount of grant request is \$160,000 (\$60,000 start up followed by \$50,000 per year for two years). No match to the County. Ivan Farness, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz made a motion to approve the application of the grant for the Health Department. Motion carried.

The Bully Project: No action taken at this time.

Snowmobile Resolution: Todd Johnson, Extension Agent presented the updated Snowmobile Resolution. Grant County offers 370 miles of snowmobile trail within the county; DNR has requested that each county update their resolution every year. Grant County's previous resolution had been drafted in 1986.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-12

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC FUNDING FOR SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

WHEREAS, Grant County is interested in sponsoring the maintaining, acquiring, insuring of the lands for public snowmobile trail use; and,

WHEREAS, said public snowmobile trails are eligible for funds under s. 23.09(26), Stats.;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Grant County apply for funds under s 23.09(26) Stats., for such eligible maintenance, acquisition and insurance and hereby authorizes the Grant County Economic, Tourism, and Resource Committee of Grant County to act on behalf of Grant County to: Submit an

application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available; contact person will be the County Resource Agent, Mr. Todd Johnson; and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project. Presented and recommended for passage on this 15th day of May, 2012, by the Economic, Tourism, and Resource Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors, Lancaster, Wisconsin.

/s/ Carol Beals

/s/ John Beinborn

/s/ Vern Lewison

/s/ Grant Loy

/s/ Robert Scallon

ATTEST:

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors on the 15th day of May, 2012.

/s/ Larry Wolf, Grant County Board Chairperson

/s/ Linda Gebhard, Grant County Clerk

Revised Administrative Manual: Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the updated Administrative Manual to the Board. The manual will be published on the County's Web Site and the policies will come before the Board for continual approval. Executive committee recommended the manual for approval by the full county board. Robert Keeney, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz made a motion to approve the revised Administrative Manual. Motion carried.

Division of Housing: Division of Housing (DOH) is changing the distribution method for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) housing funds. This process pertains to CDBG Housing funds and does not necessarily mirror changes proposed by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. With decrease federal funding and the increased need to address affordable housing statewide, DOH is asking non-entitlement counties to form 6-8 regional consortiums across the State. Each Regional Consortium will select a lead County willing to assume the responsibilities for administering the CDBG Housing funds. Regional geographic boundaries may mirror any existing regionalization efforts. However, under this plan DOA is providing Counties with the flexibility to select their own partners. Grant County has the option of going in a consortium with Crawford, Richland, Vernon, LaCrosse, Monroe, Juneau, Adams, Jackson and Trempealeau. Second option is with Lafayette, Iowa, Sauk, Green, Columbia, Rock, Dodge, Jefferson, Walworth, Washington, Ozaukee, Racine and Kenosha.

Larry Wolf, Chair will attend an informational meeting in Richland Center, the board asked him to bring back the new information to the June County Board Meeting for further discussion. Carol Beals asked that Larry find out what the consequence is to the County if they opt to move to a different consortium.

Building 52: The 52 Building Feasibility Study, conducted by MSA; provided three options for the building. Renovate, Renovate and add on to house Unified or build an entirely new building to house

DSS, UCS and ADRC. On March 30, 2012, a Department Head Collaboration made up of Gayle Mason, ADRC, Verda Nemo, Child Support, Fred Naatz, Social Services, Jeff Kindrai, Health Department and Neal Blackburn Unified Counseling Services met to discuss the possibility of co-locating in one single building. They discussed the pros and cons of being housed in a single building, and their concerns of an uncertain political future. There appears to be a push from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families to regionalize services. To date, transportation has been regionalized with Logisticare; services to the elderly and disabled adults have been regionalized with Family Care; income maintenance has been regionalized to a certain degree; and H.U.D. and the Wisconsin Works (W-2) Program are currently in the process of being regionalized. The State is currently discussing the possibility of regionalizing mental health and substance abuse programs. The reason for discussing Wisconsin's move to regionalize programs is their fear that the county will build a large Health and/or Human Service building only to find it half empty a few years later. Aside from all the program uncertainties; the overall cost would still be a challenge in these difficult economic times.

The pros would be that a modern building would need fewer repairs than a 60 year old building, updated technology and communication systems would be a benefit and centrally locating all the Health and Human Services would benefit the consumer.

In weighing the pros and cons the group strongly urged the Board of Supervisors to wait a few years before exploring this option. They believe there will be more insight into the State's direction for regionalization over the next several years, which will give them a better idea for future housing needs.

Livestock Claims: None to report.

Committee Reports: Larry Wolf, Chair asked if any committee chair people had anything they would like to report.

River Access – Ivan Farness stated the new truck that was purchased for the workers was working fine and the Boat Landing Tour was scheduled for June 13 at 8:00 a.m.

Land and Water Conservation —Mark Stead reported that Dale Hood was appointed as the Southwest Badger RC&D Representative. Vince Loeffelholz and Lynda Schweikert were appointed as SAA representatives. Annette Lolwing received the Outstanding Conservation Employee of the Year Award.

Highway—John Patcle gave the overview of the road construction throughout the county.

Economic, Resource and Tourism—John Beinborn reported on the Japanese Delegates who are in the US looking for Export products.

Executive Committee—Robert Keeney touched on Springbrook Highway Software, Budget for 2013.

Public Comments: Sheriff Govier was present to update the Board on his retirement effective August 14, 2012. After 15 ½ years of service Keith will be retiring, the Governor will appoint a replacement for the remainder of Keith's term for the next three years.

Keith also reminded the Board of the Memorial honoring the Service People who were killed in action will be held on the Courthouse Lawn on May 16, 2012.

On Memorial Day, Monday May 28th, the Blue Boy Statue will be rededicated in a celebration organized by the Grant County Historical Society. The ceremony will start at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Mark Stead, seconded by Dwight Nelson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. After the meeting was adjourned it was stated by the County Board Chair that the meeting would be held on June 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.