

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

June 10, 2014

The Administrative Committee met on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 266, on second floor of the Administration Building in Lancaster, WI pursuant to the last meeting of April 15, 2014.

Members present: Mark Stead, Robert Scallon, Roger Guthrie, John Patcle, Dale Hood and Robert Keeney. Larry Wolf asked to be excused.

The meeting was called to order by Robert Keeney acting Chair in the reorganization at 1:00 p.m. Linda Gebhard, County Clerk verified that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law, posted in two places.

Election of Committee Officers: Robert Keeney asked for nominations for the Chair position. Roger Guthrie nominated Robert Keeney for the position of Chair and made a motion, seconded by Robert Scallon to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Robert Keeney as Chair of the Administrative Committee. Motion carried.

Robert Keeney asked for nominations for the Vice Chair position. Robert Scallon nominated Mark Stead for the position of Vice Chair. John Patcle made a motion, seconded by Roger Guthrie to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Mark Stead as Vice Chair of the Administrative Committee. Motion carried.

Robert Keeney asked for nominations for the Secretary position. John Patcle nominated Roger Guthrie the position of Secretary. Mark Stead made a motion, seconded by John Patcle to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Roger Guthrie as Secretary of the Administrative Committee. Motion carried.

Agenda: Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Robert Scallon, seconded by Dale Hood made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2014 committee meeting with the correction on page 3 to change the phrase to "By Laws of the Committees" instead of "Committees of the By Laws". Motion carried.

Roger Guthrie, seconded by Mark Stead, made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 committee meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Planning Strategy for Grant County: Todd Johnson, Extension Office Agent, sent a copy of the last Strategic Planning Summary Report completed July 2009. The committee was in agreement that the county needed to get back on track with a ten year Capital Building Plan for future needs of the county.

The Committee discussed the Law Enforcement Facility highlighting the follow details:

- a. New jail doors have been installed in the existing facility.
- b. New generator has been installed outside the facility to service the whole building.
- c. The building that was bought by Law Enforcement a number of years ago located next to the Law Enforcement Facility was discussed.
- d. Discussed the tower, there have been so many things added to the tower in past years the weight is becoming an issue. New designs may be needed in the future. DOT has shown an interest in piggy backing on the tower with Law Enforcement.

- e. Main improvements needed are a Nurses Service Center to store and dispense drugs and a mail pod to observe all in mates at one time.
- f. Roger Guthrie stated that if the county needs to borrow money to improve a building, which structure needs it the worst, Law Enforcement Facility or the 52 Building.
- g. Roger Guthrie stated that if the county already owns enough land should that be used to build on then to buy more.

Robert Keeney stated Todd Johnson, Extension Agent should be contacted to be involved in more studies on the existing County owned buildings. Robert stated that since he has become the Chair, he has had discussions with Dave Bainbridge and feels that there may be potential possibilities that the county should follow up on Dave building a structure for the County. This concept had been discussed before by the county but the board never made a final decision. Dave Bainbridge's concept was to build a building for the County and in time sell the building back to the county.

The possibility of a Community Service Building was discussed. Mark Stead asked Fred Naatz, Social Service Director his thoughts on this. Fred stated that the security would be a big item in a building like this, but in the long run may be more cost effective for the county. The committee felt that Neal Blackburn should be involved in this discussion; Unified patients would be a large part of the clients that would utilize a facility such as this. Fred Naatz went on to say that there is a need in the Grant County area for facilities to help these patients and also facilities to take care of dementia patients. There is also the possibility of a Regional Facility that would service many counties and share in the cost.

Relocating the Highway Department was discussed; UW Engineer Students had done a study on this in past years but this was never acted on.

The committee was in agreement that once the Courthouse Renovation Project has been completed; the county should have a plan set in place to continue on for future growth and updating. Robert Keeney was asked to enlist Todd Johnson, Extension to help the committee start on this project.

Committee Structure Options, COP: Fred Naatz, Social Services Director stated that before Family Care came into existence COP (Community Options Program) was the agency that would work with the health needs for mentally challenged clients. Unified Counseling has become the agency that works more with the mentally ill clients. The committee discussed the possibility to combine the existing COP committee with the Unified Committee. They asked Fred Naatz, Social Service Director to take the lead on this and speak to Neal Blackburn, Unified Counseling Director to establish a resolution to name Unified as the lead agency and combine the COP committee with Unified. The committee would like to implement this change as of January 1, 2015. Mark Stead asked that this matter be brought before the full county board for their input at the next county board meeting in July.

Legislative Issues: The following resolution was discussed:

**Opposing Actions By The Wisconsin State Legislature Which Abrogate or Significantly Modify or Decrease Local Authority and Control by Counties, Towns and Municipalities in Matters Related to the Health, Safety, and Well-Being of Residents.**

**WHEREAS**, in recent actions, the state legislature has processed bills and enacted laws which abrogate or significantly modify and decrease local control by counties, towns and municipalities over matters related to the health, safety, and well-being of residents, for example:

- Senate Bill (SB) 816/ Assembly Bill 632 (formerly SB 349/ AB 417), stripping local police powers and authority away from local governments in regard to regulation specifically of sand mining activities;
- Senate Bill (SB) 76/ Assembly Bill (AB) 126, which allows UW system campuses, technical colleges, and CESAs to establish charter schools independent of school districts, taking authority away from local school boards;
- Senate Bill (SB) 71/ Assembly Bill (AB) 83, which limits regulation of wind energy systems by local governments;
- Assembly Bill (AB) 8, passed into law as 2013 WI Act 71, which prohibits a local government from establishing regulations for hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow within the jurisdiction of the local government, plus additional limitations;
- Senate Bill (SB) 318, Assembly Bill (AB) 417, which requires the Milwaukee public Schools to sell vacant buildings to private school operators with priority as purchasers;
- Senate Bill (SB) 619, which would scrap the Common Core Standards, which have been accepted by and are being implemented by Wisconsin school districts, and would create a legislative panel to draw up core standards, thus removing authority from local school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, this list is only representative rather than inclusive; and

**WHEREAS**, the general intent of these bills and laws is to remove local authority over matters which are of central interest and importance to counties, towns and municipalities in their efforts to protect and enhance the health, safety and well-being of their residents, and such removal is not in the best interests of local authorities, the citizens or the state itself and is, in fact, to their detriment; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Grant County is to “provide quality, innovative and cost effective services that safeguard and enhance the well-being of residents and resources.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Grant County Board opposes any action by the Wisconsin State Government, specifically the Assembly, the Senate or the Governor, to remove, limit or otherwise impede the current authority of counties, towns, municipalities to safeguard and enhance the health, safety and well-being of residents, including the actions listed above or any similar actions begun or taken after the passage of this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to Senator Schultz, Representative Tranel, and the chairs of the county boards of all Wisconsin counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and the Wisconsin Towns Association.

Mark Stead, seconded by Robert Scallon, made a motion recommending that this resolution be brought before the full county board in July for their determination. Motion carried with Larry Wolf saying nay.

Roger Guthrie asked for an update on the CDBG Consortium that has been established in the last couple years. Robert Keeney will become the new Grant County Representative for that consortium and will report back to the committee on the progress.

Adjournment: Mark Stead, seconded by Roger Guthrie, made a motion to adjourn the committee to the call of the chair. Motion carried.