

## Grant County Board of Supervisors

July 21, 2015

The Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 264 on second floor of the Administration Building, Lancaster, WI pursuant to the adjournment of the June 16, 2015 meeting.

The Board members attending an "Active Shooter Training" prior to the Board of Supervisor meeting on Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A lunch was provided for all the Board Members and other participants of the training by Joyce Roling, Personnel after the training. Patrick Schroeder donated the milk; desserts were furnished by Joyce Roling and Linda Gebhard.

Robert Keeney, Chair 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.

### Roll Call, July 21, 2015

	Present	Absent	Excused
Carol Beals	X		
John Beinborn	X		
Roger Guthrie	X		
Dale Hood	X		
Lester Jantzen	X		
Robert Keeney	X		
Mike Lieurance	X		
Vern Lewison	X		
Grant Loy	X		
Dwight Nelson	X		
John Patcle	X		
Gary Ranum	X		
Robert Scallon	X		
Patrick Schroeder	X		
Donald Splinter	X		
Mark Stead	X		
Daniel Timmerman	X		

The Clerk took the roll call resulting in 17 present. Therefore a quorum was present.

Agenda: Roger Guthrie, seconded by John Beinborn, made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Minutes: Patrick Schroeder, seconded by Gary Ranum, made a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2015 as written. Motion carried.

Communications: Robert Keeney, Chair thanked all the participants that attended the Active Shooter Training; thanking Joyce Roling for the providing the lunch, Pat Schroeder for providing the milk and Joyce and Linda Gebhard for the desserts.

The Wisconsin Mississippi River Parkway Commission is holding an open house Community Outreach Workshop August 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Potosi Brewery.

Robert Keeney extended a welcomed to Shannon Brown, the new Community Resource Agent at the Extension Office.

Employee Recognition: Robert Keeney, Chair read the Certificate of Appreciation for Rita Harmon, for her 36 years of service in the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Appointments: None

Grants: None

Resolution Prototype Wolf Control: Robert Keeney introduced the Wolf Resolution; the WI DNR is in the process of revising their wolf management plan. The final stages of plan input will take place as soon as wolf management is returned to the state, which may happen soon if Congress acts to reinstate management authority to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Congress will also enact a provision that this authority would not be subject to court challenge. This will mean the WI DNR will again be able to manage wolves (as well as MI, MN, and WY). Idaho and Montana wolves have been managed under this authority since 2011.

The following resolution, or similar resolution, has been passed by many WI county boards; it gives the counties a voice in wolf management.

This resolution has generally been discussed at Forestry, Land Conservation, Executive or Public Safety Committees as the first step.

The Administrative Committee recommended for passage by the Grant County Board of Supervisors the following Resolution.

John Patcle, seconded by Lester Jantzen, made a motion to approve Resolution 34-14 stating Grant County's support regarding Wolf Control in the United States. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION: 34-14**  
**Grant County Wolf Control Resolution**  
**7/21/15**

**Whereas** the WI DNR established a wolf goal of 350 (minimum overwinter count) animals in 1999, and reaffirmed this minimum overwinter count goal in 2007, based on prey availability and human population density, and nothing has happened to increase prey availability or decrease human density in the intervening years, and

**Whereas** the WI DNR plans to review and revise the previous wolf management plan, adopted in 1999 and revised in 2007.

**Whereas** the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and WI Farm Bureau have officially approved a WI wolf goal of 350 or less.

**Whereas** the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings (2011) overwhelmingly supported a WI wolf minimum overwinter count goal of 350 or less.

**Whereas** twenty (30) county boards in northern and west central Wisconsin have passed resolutions that recommend a wolf population goal of 350 (7) or 350 or less (22), or 50 or less (1),

**Whereas** Wisconsin's residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents involving wolves, including 81 incidents to animals and 6 threats to human safety in 2013, occurring in 21 counties, and

**Whereas** the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of the deer population where wolves are plentiful, reduced hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and pleasure horse activities, and are a danger to pets and people,

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Grant County Board of Supervisors advises that Wisconsin approve a wolf overwinter maximum count goal of 350 or less in the next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf Plan, and

**Be it further resolved** that the Grant County Board of Supervisors requests that the Wisconsin DNR and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the next Wisconsin Wolf Plan to bring the wolf maximum overwinter count to goal levels, and

**Be it further resolved** that the Grant County Board of Supervisors requests that the WI DNR not relocate wolves that have caused problems in Wisconsin or other areas into any county in Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted to the Administrative Committee for their recommendation this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

/s/ Robert C. Keeney, Chair  
/s/ Roger Guthrie, Secretary  
/s/ Dale Hood

/s/ Mark Stead, Vice Chair  
/s/ John Patcle  
/s/ Robert Scallon

Vacant Position

Respectfully submitted to the Grant County Board of Supervisors for their approval on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2015.

/s/ Robert C. Keeney, Chair

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

**ATTEST:** I Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that Resolution #34-14 Grant County Wolf Control was approved by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on July 21, 2015.

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

Resolution Authorizing Participation in Public Funding for Snowmobile Trails: The following resolution was recommended for passage by the Economic, Tourism and Resource Committee.

Carol Beals, seconded by John Beinborn, made a motion to approve Resolution 35-14 authorizing participation in public funding for snowmobile trails. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #35-14**

#### **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 Clerk and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

Presented and recommended for passage on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2015 by the Economic, Tourism, and Resource Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors, Lancaster, Wisconsin.

/s/ Carol Beals, Chair

/s/ John Beinborn, Vice Chair

/s/ Daniel Timmerman, Secretary

/s/ Grant Loy

/s/ Robert Scallon

Presented and approved for passage by the Grant County Board of Supervisors on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2015.

/s/ Robert C. Keeney, Chair

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

**ATTEST:** I Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that Resolution #35-14 authorizing participation in Public Funding for Snowmobile Trails was approved by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2015.

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

Resolution Changing the W2 Profit Account to an Income Maintenance Account: Fred Naatz, Social Services Director presented this resolution to the Grant County Board of Supervisor for their consideration and then will be sent back to the Social Services Committee for final action. This will allow Social Service more flexibility to use these funds.

Carol Beals, seconded by Dwight Nelson, made a motion to approve Resolution #36-14 changing the W2 profit account to an income maintenance account. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION REGARDING UNRESTRICTED W-2 FUNDS**

**WHEREAS** Grant County had been involved in the W-2 Wisconsin Works program; and

**WHEREAS** Grant County's high level of performance operating the W2 Program resulted in receiving unrestricted W-2 funds; and

**WHEREAS** the Grant County Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution that authorized W-2 Unrestricted funds to be deposited in a Grant County Department of Social Services account to be used for W-2 program needs and any cost overruns in W-2 benefits; and

**WHEREAS** program changes in the State W-2 program resulted in Grant County no longer administering the W-2 program, and

**WHEREAS**, there continues to be an overlap of W-2 clients and the Income Maintenance program in Grant County; and

**WHEREAS** it is the desire of the Grant County Department of Social Services that these monies continue to be maintained in a Social Services account to benefit the Income Maintenance operations,

**NOW THEREFORE**, the County Board of Supervisors for the County of Grant hereby directs that the account used for W-2 program needs become an account to be used for Income Maintenance program needs and operations.

Presented and recommended this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2015 by the Social Services Board:

/s/ Carol Beals, Chairperson  
/s/ Donald Splinter, Secretary  
Dwight Nelson

/s/ Dale Hood, Vice Chair  
/s/ Gary Ranum  
Grant Loy

/s/ John Beinborn

**ATTEST:** I, Linda Gebhard, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2015

Linda Gebhard, Grant County Clerk

Resolution Authorizing County Treasurer to take Tax Deed Parcels which have taxes owing on the 2011 tax rolls: Louise Ketterer, County Treasurer presented the resolution to the County Board and stated that she felt this resolution should be renewed each year.

John Beinborn, seconded by Gary Ranum, made a motion to approve the resolution to authorize the County Treasurer to take tax deed parcels which have taxes owing on the 2011 tax rolls. Motion carried.

**Resolution #37-14**

**Resolution Authorizing County Treasurer to take Tax Deed Parcels  
Which Have Taxes Owing on the 2011 Tax Rolls**

**WHEREAS,** Grant County is the owner of numerous tax certificates for the year 2012 based on the tax levy of 2011.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the County Treasurer is herewith instructed to execute and have signed by the County Clerk for tax deeds, pursuant to Paragraph 75.36 of the Wisconsin Statutes on 2012 certificates based on the 2011 taxes remaining unpaid after 'notices' have been served on the owners of record in the office of the Register of Deeds, by the County Treasurer, pursuant to Paragraph 75.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Such tax deeds to be executed on behalf of the County of Grant.

Respectfully submitted,  
Executive Committee

/s/ John Beinborn, Chair  
/s/ Mike Lieurance, Sec.  
/s/ John Patcle  
/s/ Gary Ranum

/s/ Mark A. Stead, Vice Chair  
/s/ Robert Keeney  
/s/ Donald Splinter

**ATTEST:** I Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that Resolution #37-14 authorizing the County Treasurer to take the tax deed parcels which have taxes owing on the 2011 tax rolls was approved by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on July 21, 2015.

/s/ Robert C. Keeney, County Board Chair      /s/ Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

Policy Revisions/Additions: Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the revisions to the County Board of Supervisors for the Health Insurance Non-duplication Policy, Vacation Carry over and the Travel/Expense Reimbursement Policies. The following motions were made:

- Health Insurance Non-duplication policy: Patrick Schroeder, seconded by Dan Timmerman made a motion to approve the revisions and to grandfather in the current employees that are currently receiving the benefit. Motion carried.
- Vacation Carryover: Lester Jantzen, seconded by Mark Stead made a motion to approve revisions to the Vacation carry over policy. Motion carried.

- Travel/Expense Reimbursement policy: Don Splinter, seconded by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve revisions to the Travel/Expense Reimbursement policy. Motion carried.

Zoning Amendment 513: Jeff Kreuger presented the amendments in Lynda Schweikert's absence.

Petition #15-19 Anna Sun Family Trust, Paris Township

Petition #15-20 Conrad Pallen, Liberty Township

Petition #15-21 Stanley & Sally Fritz, Charles & Sandra Schwab, and Rebecca Butzler,  
Watterstown Township

**513<sup>th</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE  
GRANT COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE  
July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

WHEREAS, a petition for map amendment was filed and a public hearing was held by the Grant County Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Committee, meeting the requirements of Chapter 59.69 (5) (e) 2.

WHEREAS, a proof of publication and giving notice to each affected township clerk of such hearing is attached to this document. Chapter 59.69 (5) (e) 4

WHEREAS, the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Committee now recommends to the Board of Supervisors of Grant County the adoption of the following map amendments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant County Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows. That the Zoning District Map for Grant County will be amended to reflect the following:

**PETITION #15-19:** Rezone for Anna Sun Family Trust, PIN: 046-00435-0000, to change the zoning classification from FP to A2 of 39.45 ac. This is in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼, of Section 17, T2N, R2W, in Paris Township

**PETITION #15-20:** Rezone for Conrad Pallen, PIN: 028-0666-0000, to change the zoning classification from FP to A2 of 35 ac. This is in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 24, T5N, R2W, in Liberty Township

**PETITION #15-21:** Rezone for Stanley & Sally Fritz, Charles & Sandra Schwab and Rebecca Butzler, PIN: 060-00586-0000, 060-00587-0020, & 060-00589-0000, to change the zoning classification from FP to CFR of 44.1 ac. This is in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ & the SE ¼ of Section 33, in Watterstown Township

Presented to the Grant County Board of Supervisors this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2015.

Robert Keeney, County Board Chairman

**Attest:** Linda Gebhard, County Clerk

There was discussion relating to Petition #15-21 before the Board of Supervisors took action on this petition. It was found after the committee hearing had concluded Charles Baumeister the Chairperson of the Town of Watterstown brought to the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Departments attention that an error had occurred.

Originally Mr. Fritz indicated four parcels were to be rezoned on his rezone application, this included parcel numbers 060-00586-0000 and 060-00587-0010 and 060-00587-0020 and 060-589-0000. Watterstown township requested that 060-00587-0020 be removed from the

application. Inadvertently parcel number 060-00587-0010 was crossed off instead of 060-00587-0020. To correct this clerical error, Lynda Schweikert, Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Administrator then talked with Mr. Fritz and he was fine with reinstating parcel # 060-587-0020 to its original zoning district classification of C-2 Commercial and correcting parcel # 060-00587-0010 zoning district classification as requested to CFR at the August 4<sup>th</sup> – 2015 Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting. This will be done at no cost to Mr. Fritz.

Carol Beals, seconded by Mark Stead made a motion to approve petitions #15-19 Anna Sun Family, Paris Township and #15-20 Conrad Pallen, Liberty Township as presented, both being approved by the Township Boards and Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning committee. Motion carried.

Carol Beals, seconded by Mark Stead, made a motion to approve Petition #15-21 Stanley & Sally Fritz, Charles & Sandra Schwab and Rebecca Butzler, Watterstown Township with the clerical revision being made at the Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting on July 21, 2015 and contingent with Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Committee approval at the August 4, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Election to fill vacant position on Administrative Committee: Mark Stead nominated Mike Lieurance to be elected to the vacant position on the Administrative Committee. Mark stated that the County Board voted unanimous to have Mike Lieurance fill all the committee positions left open when County Supervisor Larry Wolf resigned his position for District 9. In talking to Mike regarding this position; Mark stated Mike Lieurance would be interested in filling the vacant elected position on the Administrative Committee if elected.

Patrick Schroeder made a motion, seconded by John Beinborn, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Lieurance to be fill the vacant position on the Administrative Committee. Motion carried.

Livestock Claims: John Patcle made a motion seconded by Grant Loy to approve the dog claims for the Lancaster Vet Clinic in the amount of \$995.00. Motion carried.

Update/Concerns on Courthouse Renovation Project: Robert Keeney, Chair stated there were some masonry issues that still needed to be addressed. The plastering has been completed inside, painting will begin soon. Landscaping will continue; weather did slow the process down. The superintendent of the project has not been onsite; this has also added to some delays. On August 26<sup>th</sup> the celebration is still being planned. Randy Oyen has been contacted to construct the flag using the plans supplied by the engineer. There would be no Wednesday construction meeting this week.

#### Committee Reports:

Administrative, Robert Keeney—The Master Plan has been delayed due to a change of staff at Samuels Group. Scheduled visits have been set between July 24 to August 5, 2015. The company will be ready to present their findings at the August Public Property/Technology Committee.

Have discussed committee structure. Some of the combinations that were considered but took no action on are as follows:

- Social Services, COPS and maybe Child Support
- Highway and Parks
- Executive and Administrative
- Public Safety, Law Enforcement, Clerk of Courts, DA and maybe Child Support.

Extension/Fair, John Patcle—Free tickets to the Board Members are available from Grant Loy and the Fair Committee would appreciate the board members signing up to help at the fair. The Fair started on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August.

Unified Counseling Services, Mark Stead—The State Surveyor assessed Unified's clinic reviewing records. They received a two year certification for the Outpatient Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Emergency Services programs with no citations or deficiencies.

Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, Patrick Schroeder—all is going well. The Department did have to put their service K-9 down for biting his handler. The department's intension is to purchase another dog in the future; the officer did have some serious injuries from the bite, but he is doing well.

Orchard Manor, Patrick Schroeder—Going as planned, have restructured some of their positions to try and save money, the ultimate goal is to run the nursing home more efficient, they are dropping a few of the classes which should prove to be successful.

Veterans, Robert Scallon—the benefit plan has changes, is not mandated by assets, more veterans could qualify for these benefits. Robert commended Tim Murphy, Director for the fine job he is doing helping Veterans.

Hidden Valley, Robert Scallon—July 15<sup>th</sup> at Rolling Grounds in Crawford County had a very successful meeting. They are continuing to distribute the magazines. They will have a stand at the State Fair on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Railroad, Gary Ranum—The State Budget has reduced the budget by 12 million dollars which would go into ports and harbors. They were worried this would affect the state match for the TIGER Grant, but there is money set aside to insure the grant will go forward. Improvements have been made between Avoca and Prairie du Chien, 36 thousand new ties will be placed, next year 18 miles of continue welded rail will be installed between Avoca and Wauzeka and on that stretch increasing the speed from 10 miles an hour to 25.

ContinuUs, Gary Ranum—No meeting.

Library, Grant Loy—Budget was not cut by the State all is well.

Agriculture, Dale Hood—The Ag portion of the State Budget has fared out pretty good, no major cuts was done. Feds signed a new clean water act that could be devastating for many communities in the future. All water that runs into the water of the US will have to be monitored for pollutants; drainage ditches, gutters out of cities, ditches along township road, county roads. There are nine or ten states getting a law suit to fight this issue.

Health, Dwight Nelson—Home Health, Public Health and Hospice policies and procedures were approved. A 2016 Technology request was reviewed; a HUD Lead Grant will be applied for. Next committee meeting will meet September 15.

Public Property/Technology, Carol Beals—Covered Courthouse internet connection, at the July meeting tomorrow Jeff Anderson will have his evaluation.

Social Services, Carol Beals—discussed State Budget, next meeting August 5<sup>th</sup>.



Economic, Tourism and Resource, Carol Beals—Second draft of grants are due, maximum amount per grant is \$2500.00, these will be granted at a meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Executive, John Beinborn—the committee voted to postpone the request for the additional position for the IT Department until the budget process begins. This will be discussed again at the August meeting.

Highway, Don Splinter—gave the road maintenance report. The Highway Department sold an acre of land to the Town of Platteville. Updated the board regarding the new salt sheds that are being constructed in the Platteville area. Operator position is open. Budget was discussed.

Public Comments: Robert Keeney informed the Board that Grant Loy would be having a birthday party on August 15<sup>th</sup> in Livingston; a Happy Birthday was extended to him.

Adjournment: John Beinborn, seconded by Vern Lewison, made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next meeting on August 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.