

**Grant County Board of Supervisors
July 16, 2019**

The Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Administration Building, 111 South Jefferson Street, Lancaster, WI second floor Room 264, pursuant to the adjournment of the June 18, 2019 meeting.

Robert Keeney, County Board 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 16, 2019

	Present	Absent	Excused
Carol Beals	X		
John Beinborn	X		
Gregory Fry	X		
Roger Guthrie	X		
Dale Hood	X		
Lester Jantzen	X		
Robert Keeney	X		
Mike Lieurance	X		
Dwight Nelson	X		
Gary Northouse	X		
John Patcle	X		
Gary Ranum	X		
Robert Scallon	X		
Patrick Schroeder			X
Donald Splinter	X		
Mark Stead	X		
Porter Wagner	X		

The Clerk took the roll call resulting in 16 present and 1 excused. Therefore, a quorum was present.

Agenda: Don Splinter, seconded by Porter Wagner, made a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes: John Beinborn, seconded by Roger Guthrie, made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2019 with the correction on page 12. Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel added "**an Administrator**" to his previous statement referring that the public could force either an Executive or an Administrator position by a petition. Motion carried.

Communication: Chair Keeney reiterated from the last couple Board meeting, the Census of 2020 will be starting. He asked the Board to be thinking about potential members to appoint on a Complete Count Committee; Board Members, Department Heads or members of the community.

Chair Keeney wanted to remind the Board there will be a special County Board Meeting on September 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the issue of County Government, Jon Hochkammer will be available to facilitate.

Chair Keeney stated there would have to be an Administrative Committee called in the next couple weeks to discuss some budget issues regarding maintenance needs.

Memoriam for Nolan J. Gibson, Resolution #42-18: Chair Keeney presented the memoriam to the Board for Nolan J. Gibson, a past Board Member.

A motion was made by Mark Stead, seconded by Carol Beals to adopt Resolution 42-18 Memoriam for Nolan J. Gibson to be presented to the Gibson family. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #42-18
IN MEMORIAM OF NOLAN J. GIBSON**

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 16th day of July, 2019 issues the following commemoration:

WHEREAS, the death of Nolan J. Gibson from the City of Platteville has come to the attention of this body; and

WHEREAS, Nolan J. Gibson served on the Grant County Board of Supervisors from April 1989 to April 2001 representing Districts 13 and 23, City of Platteville, Wards 1, 2, and 3; 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 Nolan J. Gibson 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.

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

Employee Recognition(s): Chair Keeney presented a certificate of appreciation to April Miller for her 22 years of service at Orchard Manor. April was not present to receive her certificate.

Appointment(s): None

Grant(s): None

Presentation by Grant County Tourism Council: Heather Bontreger, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and James Schneider, Community Development Educator gave the presentation to the Board. They wanted to update the Board on the progress they have been making on the Tourism Counsel and showing the impact they are having in regard to tourism in our area. They also wanted to thank the

Board for their continued support in their efforts.

James stated Tourism is a Great Business. Tourist means “if you pack your bags, you are a tourist”. When the Department of Tourism released their numbers for 2018, in Grant County the direct visitor spending was 55.3 million dollars, there were 956 tourist related jobs given, in a workforce of 27,000, this related to 4% of our population was directly impacted by tourism. Over the last 9 years there has been a steady increase in tourism, in the last couple years it has doubled. The ATV/UTV trails have made a very large impact in these increases.

The Tourism Counsel has been working to improve on the categories in printed materials, social media, Website access and increase the distribution of their Activity Guide. They have improved marketing tools such as photos, using professional photographers to advertise the many events in our area. They are trying to combine with neighboring States to promote a more widespread tourism base and possibly share in costs. They are also trying to start a 4 State Driftless Area Convention, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois.

New banners are being displayed in our area by the Tourism Counsel that will be changed quarterly. They are expanding the JEM Grant. They have implemented a new focus called “Office of Outside Recreation”.

Deed Parcel(s) #172-00295-0000 and 172-00296-000 in Village of Potosi to the Village: Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel presented the Deed Parcels to the Board in Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer’s absence. Discussion took place on the following parcels which the County has taken back due to flooding. The County would like to quit deed the parcels to the Village of Potosi. Carrie and Ben have been working with FEMA on the stipulations that this property can be used for, if the Village of Potosi would not adhere to these stipulations in any way, this property will revert back to the County.

ADDENDUM A

Lots Fifty-six (56) and Fifty-eight (58) in the Village of Van Buren, Grant County, Wisconsin, according to the recorded map or plat thereof.

ALSO, Lots Fifty (50), Fifty-two (52) and Fifty-four (54) of the Town of Van Buren, now part of the Village of Potosi, and being in Section 4, T2N, R3W of the 4th P.M., Grant County, Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Porter Wagner to authorize the County Clerk to sign the Deed to transfer the two stated parcels above to the Village of Potosi. Motion carried.

Seminar Policy Revision: Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the policy amendment to the Board for approval. The Executive Committee has approved this amendment.

Gary Ranum, seconded by Mike Lieurance, made a motion to approve the amendment to the Seminar Policy for Grant County. Motion carried.

SEMINAR POLICY, Revised 06/18/2019

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a procedure for ascertaining the true cost of seminars, training, and conference attendance.

Grant County recognizes the importance of training to maintain and improve the skills and knowledge of our employees. This policy will ensure that county-funded training is appropriate and cost-effective and that employees are paid for training time in accordance with federal and state laws and union contracts.

2. Definition of Seminars, training, and conference attendance

Seminars, training and conference attendance for the purpose of this policy includes any educational forum, including web-based, that is related to the employee's job and meets the approval of a supervisor.

College level educational credits towards a degree of higher learning, such as an Associate's degree, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, or PHD, are not reimbursable by the county.

3. Policy

Each Department Head or his/her designee may approve employee attendance at seminars, training programs, conferences or other educational programs within the parameters of the department's budget.

~~The Department Head shall report at their monthly meetings the approved trainings and document in the minutes the cost of:~~

The Department Head shall have available for review as requested by the committee, the total cost of each training, such as:

- a) training
- b) travel
- c) lodging
- d) meals
- e) additional payroll costs such as overtime, compensatory time, or replacement staff to cover the employee's schedule and any other costs incurred as a result of sending the employee to training
- f) any other costs incurred as a result of sending the employee to training

4. Timekeeping

Grant County may be liable for wages (including overtime) while the employee is traveling to training. It is the responsibility of the department head to ensure that employee hours are reported and paid correctly, and to consult with the Personnel Director if necessary, prior to approving trainings.

Non-Rep Pay Policy and Evaluations Revision:

NON-REP PAY POLICY AND EVALUATIONS

County Board Approval	01/05/2006
Effective	01/01/2006
Revision	07/16/2019

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a procedure for the administration of the Grant County Pay Plan and evaluations for non-represented employees.

2. Performance Evaluation

- a) Every Grant County employee shall have his or her work performance reviewed annually in writing. The performance evaluation and the determination of satisfactory or unsatisfactory work performance will be completed by employee's department head or designee. Department heads shall have their performance reviewed and the determination of satisfactory or unsatisfactory work performance done in conjunction with the home committee, the County Board Chair and the Personnel Director. Unsatisfactory performance requires a performance improvement plan with follow-up. Employees will not be considered for a wage step or across the board increase unless they have had their performance reviewed and confirmed on a payroll change notice.
- b) All increases shall be withheld for a period not to exceed 6 months should an employee fail to receive a satisfactory performance evaluation review. Employees who receive 2 consecutive unsatisfactory performance evaluations may be subject to termination of employment.
- c) A copy of the Department Head's performance review shall be forwarded to the Personnel Department for inclusion in the employee's file. Notice of satisfactory or unsatisfactory performance review from other non-represented employees will be sent to the Personnel Department. It is the department's obligation to keep a written copy of the evaluation.
- d) Evaluation forms and training are available through the Personnel Department.
- e) Step increases, if any, will be effective on January 1 of each subsequent year for employees placed on the plan on or before January 1, 2018. All other employees will have step increases, if any, become effective on their position anniversary date of subsequent years.

3. New Employees

- a) Approved positions that have been filled will be placed at the minimum rate on the pay plan. Any alternative start rate shall be brought to the Executive Committee by the Department Head and the Personnel Director. Final decision regarding placement of the position in the pay plan shall rest with the Executive Committee unless prior approval

has been made by the Executive Committee for the Personnel Director and the Department Head to make that determination.

5. Annual Pay Grade Adjustments

- a) Each year the Executive Committee shall make a recommendation as to whether an across the board adjustment shall be made on the pay plan and granted to the employees subject to final approval of the County Board of Supervisors.
- b) Any across the board increases shall be effective January 1 of each year unless the County Board of Supervisors dictate otherwise.

~~5.10 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS~~

~~All employees shall have his or her work performance reviewed annually in writing.~~

Huber Fee Increase Resolution, Law Enforcement: Nate Dreckman, Sheriff presented the resolution to the Board. Nate explained Law Enforcement felt this raise was needed to be consistent with the surrounding Counties; this fee has not been raised for many years. The current rate is \$15.00 per day.

A motion was made by John Beinborn, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to approve Resolution 43-18 to increase the Huber fee rate for the Grant County Law Enforcement. A roll Call Vote was called for.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

DATE: July 16, 2019

QUESTION: Increase the Huber Fee Rate.

	YES	NO	EXCUSED
1. GARY RANUM	X		
2. GARY NORTHOUSE	X		
3. ROBERT SCALLON	X		
4. ROBERT KEENEY	X		
5. ROGER GUTHRIE	X		
6. JOHN PATCLE	X		
7. GREGORY FRY	X		
8. PATRICK SCHROEDER			X
9. MIKE LIEURANCE	X		
10. MARK STEAD	X		
11. DALE HOOD	X		
12. DWIGHT NELSON	X		
13. CAROL BEALS	X		
14. LESTER JANTZEN	X		
15. JOHN BEINBORN	X		

	YES	NO	EXCUSED
16. DONALD SPLINTER	X		
17. PORTER WAGNER	X		

County Clerk took the roll call vote resulting in 16 YES votes and 1 EXCUSED. Therefore motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-18

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE HUBER FEE RATE

WHEREAS, the amount of the Huber inmate board is to be fixed by the Grant County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and costs to the county jail have risen in the past several years with no reciprocating adjustment to the Huber Fee; and

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Committee of the County Board deems it necessary to increase the sheriff's allowance for prisoners in jail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant County Board of Supervisors does set the Huber Fee Rate at \$20.00 per day or \$140.00 per week commencing on August 1, 2019. Huber prisoners incarcerated two or more weeks shall pay an up-front fee of \$280.00.

Presented and recommended for passage on this 8th day of July, 2019, by the Law Enforcement Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors.

/s/ Gary Ranum, Chair

/s/ John Beinborn, Vice Chair

/s/ Patrick Schroeder, Secretary

/s/ Robert Keeney

/s/ Greg Fry

Adopted and approved this 16th day of July, 2019, by the Grant County Board of Supervisors.

/s/ Robert C. Keeney, County Chair

ATTEST: I, Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that the Resolution has been adopted and approved by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on July 16, 2019.

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

Progress Report, Discussion & Possible action on Grant County Community Services Facility: Brad Bierman, EPIC presented the change orders to the Board.

a) Change orders/possible action

Contract 1-General Construction	\$21,576.00	Wall Sawing for Mechanical Changes
	18,208.00	Supply Embed Block to Mason
	23,473.00	Misc. Door & Hardware Changes
	21,675.00	Misc. Casework Changes
	<u>7,901.00</u>	Supply New Washer & Dryer for Laundry
	\$92,833.00	
Contract 2-Sitework	10,038.00	Raise & Widen Frontage Rd
	6,605.00	Remove Garage Foundations
	<u>2,173.00</u>	Excavate and Backfill Tower Footings
	\$13,816.00	
Contract 2A-Asphalt Paving	(\$ 3,025.00)	Deduct Site Signs
Contract 5-Metals	\$ 720.00	Precast Support Column
	1,665.00	Rework Steel Tube Entry Overhang, add beam
	2,052.00	Mechanical Chase areas and ladders
	13,935.00	Catwalk system for Mechanical Access
	10,449.00	Supply & Install barrier grilles
	<u>2,861.00</u>	Supply & Install stainless Counter Program Rm
	\$ 31,682.00	
Contract 9B-Flooring	\$ 5,260.00	Tile Showers in Fitness
	1,750.00	Add Epoxy Floor in 1243 & 1244
	1,650.00	Add Epoxy Floor in 1122
	3,507.00	Add Floor Coating in 1238, 1239 & 1240
	<u>13,864.00</u>	Seal all Tile floors and Wet Walls
	\$ 26,031.00	
Contract 11A-Attention Equipment	\$ 1,630.00	Install Exercise Equipment
	895.00	Supply & Install Shelves
	<u>6,560.00</u>	Supply & Install Additional Bunks
	\$ 9,085.00	
Contract 23-HVAC	\$ 7,580.00	Fire/Smoke Dampers
	7,392.00	Additional Fin Tubes
	<u>524.00</u>	Property Storage Ceiling
	\$ 15,496.00	
TOTAL CHANGE ORDERS	\$ 185,918.00	

A motion was made by Greg Fry, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve the presented change orders of \$185,918.00 by EPIC. A roll call vote was called for.

ROLL CALL VOTE

DATE: July 16, 2019

QUESTION: Approve the Change orders for EPIC.

	YES	NO	EXCUSED
1. GARY RANUM	X		
2. GARY NORTHOUSE	X		
3. ROBERT SCALLON	X		
4. ROBERT KEENEY	X		
5. ROGER GUTHRIE	X		
6. JOHN PATCLE	X		
7. GREGORY FRY	X		
8. PATRICK SCHROEDER			X
9. MIKE LIEURANCE	X		
10. MARK STEAD	X		
11. DALE HOOD	X		
12. DWIGHT NELSON	X		
13. CAROL BEALS	X		
14. LESTER JANTZEN	X		
15. JOHN BEINBORN	X		
16. DONALD SPLINTER	X		
17. PORTER WAGNER	X		

County Clerk took the roll call vote resulting in 16 YES votes and 1 EXCUSED. Therefore, motion carried.

Brad Bierman, EPIC updated the Board on the new facility. Social Services, ADRC and Emergency Management are all moved in. Training for the Law Enforcement portion will begin on the security master system. Raycom is working on the tower and emergency system. Complete closing of the contracts should happen in August.

b) Discussion on Sale of Real Property RFP / Offer to Purchase / possible action

Chair Keeney opened up the discussion regarding the RFP for the sale of the old Law Enforcement sites. Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel explained the current situation. There has been an offer to purchase received by the County, but the purchasers has requested some changes be made in the RFP. Ben stated to them, due to the fairness to all other potential buyers the proposal would have to be followed. Not wanting to lose a potential buyer, Ben stated to them he could discuss the changes with the County Board of Supervisors at the July 16, 2019 meeting to determine if they would approve changes to the RFP. A question was asked by Roger Guthrie is that fair to other bidders who may have wanted to send

a purchase request. Ben stated if the Board approved to make the requested changes, the RFP would then be open to all potential bidders including the entity who has shown interest in purchasing the property. Ben stated, because there were no other qualified bids received, he felt changing the current RFP is fine, but that is why it would need to be open to all potential buyers. Ben stated to the Board, this potential buyer was fine with the added time it would take to have the Board of Supervisors consider changing the RFP. even though it would extend out the timelines. Porter Wagner asked about added costs if the RFP. is changed. Ben stated any costs will be negotiated with the potential buyer later in the purchasing process.

Roger Guthrie, made a motion seconded by John Beinborn; because the County did not receive a qualified offer to purchase; the Grant County Board of Supervisors will modify the current RFP for the sale of the Law Enforcement parcels 246-01277-0000, 246-01278-0000, 246-01298-0000, 246-01299-0000, 246-01274-0010, 246-01302-0000 effective as of July 16th, 2019 including the following stipulation changes. The new RFP will be re-published for the consideration to “all” potential buyers.

Changes to the current RFP are as follows:

1. **Page 2** – Change date of RFP Issue date to July 16, 2019, RFP Deadline date to August 12, 2019, Sale Dater to August 20, 2019
2. **Page 3** – Add **“Grant County is willing to entertain a “first right of refusal” proposal on these parcels as part of a proposal to purchase any or all of the parcels available for sale in this RFP.”**
3. **Page 3**—Offer section, Add **“Buyer, at Buyer expense, may include a contingency allowing testing including soil, boring and environmental tests”.**
4. **Page 4** -- Submission of Proposal Date change to August 12, 2019
5. **Page 4** -- Questions by August 5, 2019
6. **Page 4** --Schedule dates: July 16, 2019 Request for Proposals Open
August 5, 2019 Questions Due
August 12, 2019 Proposals Due
7. **Page 5** – Proposals will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. CT August 12, 2019.

A roll call vote was called for.

ROLL CALL VOTE

DATE: July 16, 2019

QUESTION: Changes to the Law Enforcement RFP. sale of parcels.

	YES	NO	EXCUSED
1. GARY RANUM	X		
2. GARY NORTHOUSE	X		
3. ROBERT SCALLON	X		
4. ROBERT KEENEY	X		
5. ROGER GUTHRIE	X		
6. JOHN PATCLE	X		
7. GREGORY FRY	X		

	YES	NO	EXCUSED
8. PATRICK SCHROEDER			X
9. MIKE LIEURANCE	X		
10. MARK STEAD	X		
11. DALE HOOD	X		
12. DWIGHT NELSON	X		
13. CAROL BEALS	X		
14. LESTER JANTZEN	X		
15. JOHN BEINBORN	X		
16. DONALD SPLINTER	X		
17. PORTER WAGNER	X		

County Clerk took the roll call vote resulting in 16 YES votes, 1 EXCUSED, therefore motion carried.

c) Disposal of Furniture/Equipment in the '52 Building:

Chair Keeney has reached out to the Department Heads to go out to the 52 Building this week and if there are any office related items that they feel could work in their offices they should take them. Department Heads will get the first opportunity to take the items.

The next step would be to give the public the opportunity to go into the building per donation they could take what they wanted. There about 44 air conditioners in the building. Carol Beals suggested calling Southwest CAP and donating the air conditioners for citizens who may need them. Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel suggested supplying some kind of a waiver to protect the County, the air conditioners would be given in the condition they are in. Wiederholt would like to start demolishing the building in a couple weeks, the building needs to be vacated by then. Chair Keeney said this may be a challenge in getting everything removed. He stated he is up for suggestions but the faster the items can be vacated the better. Liability was questioned, Ben Wood stated he could supply a waiver that the items taken was no liability on the County. Greg Fry stated he was worried about a free for all when that word gets out that everything is up for grabs. There would need to be some sort of supervision on the grounds.

Porter Wager suggested charities and churches may be a good resource to contact. Donations were talked about, but due to the limited time involved, the Board felt just getting rid of the items would outweigh what the County could gain in revenue. Chair Keeney stated they would try to get all items out by the end of next week.

Progress Report on City of Lancaster Sewer extension project: Chair Keeney gave the update. The forced main will be finished by July 26. The screen for lift station is scheduled to be delivered August 5th. The Winona Company is supposed to be mobilizing this week getting ready to set the concrete when the screen does arrive. The Lancaster City Council discussed upgrading the sewer main on Nathan Street

which was part of the original estimate to allow for the extra flow; however at the City Council meeting it was voted down.

Comprehensive Plan Change: None

Zoning Amendment: 558 Zoning Amendment: Justin Johnson, Conservation, Sanitation, Zoning presented the amendment to the Board for approval. This amendment was approved by the Township Boards and Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Committee.

A motion was made by Mark Stead, seconded by Dwight Nelson, to approve the 558th Zoning Amendment as stated below. Motion carried.

**558th AMENDMENT TO THE
GRANT COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE
July 16th, 2019**

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 #19-11: Rezone request for Larry Koschkee, PIN: 036-00211-0010 to change the zoning classification from Agricultural-1 (A1) to Agricultural-2 (A2), to allow for the use of a nonfarm residence. This is for +/- 1.5 ac in the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ & SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 11, T6N, R5W, in Millville Township

PETITION #19-12: Rezone request for J & C Realty LLC, PIN: 026-00312-0000 & PIN: 026-00312-0010, to change the zoning classification from Residential-1 (R1) to Commercial-1 (C1), to allow for a continued commercial use on PIN: 026-00312-0010 and to allow for a future beauty shop use on 026-00312-0000. This is for +/- .32 ac in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 4, T1N, R2W in Jamestown Township

Adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of July, 2019

Robert Keeney, County Board Chairman

Attest: Linda Gebhard, County Clerk

Dog Claim(s): Grant County Humane Society: Roger Guthrie presented the dog claim from the Grant County Humane Society to the Board for six stray dog claim for a cost of \$900.00.

A motion was made by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Greg Fry to approve paying the amount of \$900.00 for six stray dogs taken to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried.

Robert Keeney comments to Public Service Commission: Chair Keeney turned the meeting over to the Vice Chair John Patcle for the discussion. Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel had supplied the Board with the materials that were pertinent to this issue. Ben had also reached out to Wisconsin Counties Association for their input on this issue. The question has been brought to the County Board's attention regarding the comments made by County Board Chair Robert Keeney at the Public Service Commission public hearings on the Cardinal Hickory Transmission Line. The comments made were his opinion but by stating he was the Grant County Board Chair, this implied his opinion was the opinion of the full County Board.

Carol Beals had asked that this issue be discussed, because she felt this situation has happened in the past and she felt there should be some consequence for Chair Keeney's actions. Chair Keeney did make a retraction of his statement; it was his personal opinion not the opinion of the County Board. Carol Beals stated that was fine but the damage has been done. The Board approved a Resolution in March of 2018 stating they would remain neutral on this issue; Chair Keeney's statements contradicted that action.

Since this statement was publicized there have been some editorials published by disappointed citizens regarding this action. Some of the Board Members had received telephone calls from concerned citizens regarding the statements made by Chair Keeney. Carol Beals wanted to make it clear that anyone who holds an elected or public position needs to be careful about using that title for personal gain. Although this action was not illegal, or addressed in the State Stats, the trainings held by Wisconsin Counties Association warn against this type of behavior.

Carol Beals asked Ben, if this type of behavior would continue, what would be the recourse as a Board. Ben stated the County has a Dispute Resolution in place that would be implemented for discipline actions. The Board cannot ask another Board Member to step down, but they could take the County Board Title away.

More discussion took place on having a formal retraction statement made by Chair Keeney that his statement was his own and not the opinion of the Board. Some of the Board Members felt the retraction should be published in the newspapers because the retraction Chair Keeney had made prior was only published by the Public Service Commission. Carol Beals felt that was not enough, it should be published in the newspapers of Grant County.

Porter Wagner, seconded by Robert Scallon, made a motion directing Robert Keeney to hold a press release making a retraction statement; having it published in the Grant County newspapers to clarify to the Grant County citizens the statement(s) made by Robert Keeney during the Public Service

Commission Public Hearing regarding the Cardinal Hickory Creek Transmission Line were his own opinion(s) and did not reflect the opinion(s) of the full Grant County Board. Motion carried.

Command Central quote on new voting equipment for Grant County/possible action: Linda Gebhard, County Clerk asked for approval to go forward in the purchase of new voting equipment for the County. The County would not owe any money until 2020, as the Municipalities will pay back the County the cost of their machines. The machines would be delivered in late September or October.

A motion was made by Lester Jantzen, seconded by Robert Scallon, to continue going forward ordering the new voting equipment for Grant County at a reimbursable cost of \$271,569.00 from the Municipalities to implement into the 2020 Budget. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: John Patcle, seconded by Dwight Nelson, made a motion to dispense of the committee reports due to the length of the meeting. Motion carried.

Chair Keeney invited each County Board Member to discuss the Cardinal Hickory Creek Transmission Line issue the Dr. Gloria Belken. She would be available at the end of the meeting to discuss this issue with the Board members.

Adjournment to August 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.: Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.