

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

October 8, 2019

The Administrative Committee met on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Administration Building, 111 S. Jefferson Street, Lancaster, WI in Room 266 on Second Floor pursuant to the last meeting of September 17, 2019.

Members present: Administrative Committee Members present Robert Keeney, Mark Stead, Roger Guthrie, Patrick Schroeder, Robert Scallon, John Beinborn, and John Patcle. Also present Shane Drinkwater, Carol Schwartz, Jack Johnson, and Nate Dreckman.

The Administrative Committee Chair Roger Guthrie called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roger Guthrie verified with the County Clerk that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law, posted in two locations and on the Grant County web site.

Agenda: Patrick Schroeder, seconded by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes: John Beinborn, made a motion, seconded by Robert Keeney to approve the minutes of September 17, 2019 with one correction; spelling was incorrect on WORX HUB. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Chair Keeney informed the committee Kari Schauff had contacted him for permission to place their banner for the Sweets and Treats Event for Halloween. The event will take place on October 19, 2019 from nine to noon.

Chair Keeney informed the committee Dave Peterson has been working on the civil war monument cleaning the mold off the stones and clean up the landscaping around the monument. This monument is the first civil war monument that was built in the United States. Due to that fact Dave would like to start a history page on the internet on the monument. The committee saw no harm in this and instructed Robert Keeney to let him know this would be acceptable to the County.

Insurance-Randy Peterson, TRICOR: Randy was not present.

Courthouse Maintenance & Administration Building Maintenance: Robert Keeney reported there had been some minor leaking in both buildings during the rain storms. The Administration Building's back door has had some lock issues, the keys of some employees will not work. That issue has been resolved.

Discussion on Jurisdiction of Grant County Farm Property Zoned Commercial: Robert Keeney opened the discussion regarding the jurisdiction of the 19.3 acres of farm property that had never been established after the rezone for the construction of the new building. At this point, multipal entities have been maintaining the property during the construction period.

Patrick Schroeder, made a motion, seconded by John Beinborn, the jurisdiction of the 19.3 acres of property separated from the County Farm property and rezoned to Commercial to build the new Community Services Building will be under Administrative Committee. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action to locate Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS) on County Property: Chair Keeney opened the discussion. He was contacted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requesting access to land owned by Grant County Farm on the north end of the new facility to place a weather station. DNR intends to place a 25" X 25" weed control fabric for footprint of the remote weather station, a remote automated weather station with 40' antenna, and electric power service meter and electrical line. They will use the existing generator shed to repower the farm, Edge Electric would not have to do any additional electrical work. Alliant Energy would then take over the poles to bring in the wire, installing a meter on the pole. A Land Use Agreement has been drawn up; Corporation Counsel Ben Wood reviewed the document and has approved it. The area in the agreement is the location where old Orchard Manor was buried; no crops can be grown there because of the shallow depth of the old structure. Prairie grass or native grass would be planted around the weather station, no road access is needed. The agreement would be for 15 years. The power is needed to keep the snow melted during the winter.

The motions made at the October 1, 2019 County Board meeting was:

Carol Beals, seconded by Mark Stead, made an amendment to the motion made by Patrick Schroeder and Gary Northouse to make it contingent on the approval of the Administrative Committee. Motion carried with one nay vote by Patrick Schroeder.

Chair Keeney reiterated the first motion made by Patrick Schroder, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve the Land Use Agreement of County owned property to the Department of Natural Resources to construct a remote operated weather station contingent of the approval of the Administrative Committee. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Beinborn, made a motion giving the Administrative Committee's approval to accept the Land Use Agreement of County owned property to the Department of Natural Resources to construct a remote automated weather station. Motion carried.

Update on City sewer connection: Robert Keeney stated they are hoping to start it up next week. The City would like to pump water before solid waste is introduces. Hopefully by October 21 or 22 it will be live.

Adjournment to the Call of the Chair: Mark Stead, made a motion, seconded by Patrick Schroeder to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next meeting which will be at the call of the Chair. Motion carried.