

**Grant County Board of Supervisors
February 18, 2020**

The Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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 January 21, 2020 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, February 18, 2020

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

Minutes: Gary Ranum, seconded by Porter Wagner, made a motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2020 with a few grammatical changes stated by Gary Ranum. Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk will make the necessary changes. Motion carried.

Communication: None

Employee Recognition(s): Chair Keeney presented certificates to the following employees for their service to Grant County. Brenda Cullen, for her 31 years of service in the Grant County Health Department and Bill Wiederholt for his 31 years of service in for the Grant County Highway Department.

Appointment(s): Chair Keeney asked for approval to re-appoint Betty Kerkenbush to the Brickl Memorial Library Board in Dickeyville effective May 1, 2020.

A motion was made by Porter Wagner, seconded by Mark Stead, to approve the re-appointment of Betty Kerkenbush to the Brickl Memorial Library Board. Motion carried.

Grant(s): Chief Deputy Jack Johnson asked for approval for a grant issued from the Dubuque Racing Association for \$12,350.00 for two WatchGuard in car video cameras/body cams. This grant has been approved by the Law Enforcement Committee. Funding period is 02/02/2020 to 02/28/2020. There is a match of \$3,088.00 which will be satisfied with the purchase of an in car video which is in their budget.

A motion was made by John Beinborn, seconded by Porter Wagner, to approve the grant for \$12,350.00 for body cams and car video cameras from the Dubuque Racing Association. Motion carried.

Progress Report, Discussion & Possible action on Grant County Community Services Facility: Chair Keeney gave the update. The facility is up and operating, however; dispatch has not been moved yet. Garry Pluemer has sent out a punch list to all the Departments involved in the facility to address items that have not been completed or may still need attention. The new front doors has been installed, it seems to be functioning the way they had hoped. There has been no further action on the sewer, everything seems to be working. The 52 Building is in a pile. The original intent was to grind it up, but due to the amount of powder, brick and tile, it will be broke down into 18 X 18 chucks and bury the rest. The old sewer needs to be pumped and then it can be back filled in the ditch line.

Porter Wagner said the county should reach out to the townships to see if they have a need for material like this to use for fill. If the County or Tim Wiederholt could have a loader on the site, anyone who would like to come and load up the debris to use for back fill in their townships could take as much as they needed. This would help on the amount of material that would have to be buried. The time line would be before spring, possible two months at least to get rid of it. Chair Keeney stated if any supervisor had any interested party who may want some of the debris they should contact him.

Greg Fry asked who was paying for the new door in the Community Services Building; Chair Keeney stated the County is paying for it at this point. It was more important to get it installed, then to argue who was paying for it. Chair Keeney stated the County saved \$11,000.00 on the installation of the new sewer system; they will be using that toward the door. Discussions however are still going on with the architects.

Comprehensive Plan Change: None

Zoning Amendment: Justin Johnson presented the 563rd Zoning Amendment to the Board. The Amendment was approved by the town board and Conservation, Sanitation, Zoning Committee.

Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse, made a motion to approve Zoning Amendment 563 for Conservation, Sanitation, and Zoning including Petition 20-03 for Mardell and Karen Kropt in Muscoda Township. Motion carried.

**563rd AMENDMENT TO THE
GRANT COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE
February 18th, 2020**

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 #20-03: Rezone request for Mardell & Karen Kropf, PIN: 042-00363-0000 to change the zoning classification from Agricultural-2 (A-2) to Residential-1 (R-1) to allow for the proposed division of two lots for the purpose of having a dwelling on each lot. This is for +/- 5.1206 acres in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 10, T8N, R1W, in Muscoda Township

Adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of February, 2020

/s/Robert Keeney, County Board Chairman **Attest:** /s/ Linda Gebhard, County Clerk

Dog Claim: Roger Guthrie presented the dog claims from the Grant County Humane Society to the Board for approval. There were four dog claims to approve by the Board for a total of \$600.00. The claims have been recommended for approval by the Ag and Extension Committee.

A motion was made by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Greg Fry, to approve paying the amount of \$600.00 for the period of 12/20/2019 to 12/28/2019 to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried.

Presentation – The Company RACOM, representative Tanner Metz and Ken Fleege were the presenters for the information on the 350-400 ft. Communication Tower that is needed for the emergency services for the County. This tower would have 20 antennas to have legacy and ability to add new systems. This tower would serve as the central hub for the new communications system, eliminating the need for the Queen B Tower which now serves as the hub of the system. The tower would be located on County owned land northwest of STH 129 across from the county farm.

The current county emergency communications system dates back to the 1950's, throughout time, with the help of grant money, the system has been updated and added to with no documentation in place. There is no monitoring system in place to know when the system goes down, there is no redundancy in place; the Grant County system is obsolete. The company that built the current system is still in business, but the design of the system is obsolete; the companies that manufactured the components are out of business. To keep our current system in operation, used parts are being used. In the past year since RACOM has been the communications consultant for the county, 20 times parts of the system has down, and one time the whole network went down because of failure.

When RACOM was brought in as the county's consultants last year, their first task was how to move the complete system from the old facility to the new which was found not to be a viable answer. Also, because of the Lancaster Airport located so close to the new facility, the construction of a new tower on that property was slowed down because there had been no prior permit applied for through the Federal Aviation Administration, who has restrictions on space over new buildings because of the proximity to airports. This in turn delayed approval from the Federal Communications Commission.

RACOM came to the conclusion, since the current system is obsolete; there was no way to switch out portions of the old system with a new one, so they started to design a whole new system. The new system is projected to cost \$7-\$8 million. This would include 11 repeater towers.

RACOM is proposing doing the project in Phases. The following quotes were given to the County Board which reflects the cost construct the tower only for \$1.1 million.

The scope of work would be as follows:

- 400 ft. guyed Tower – build new tower site, move/replace equipment from old jail site
400 Ft guyed tower on County property includes tower and foundation steel
LED light pkg. guys, sidearms, foundation install and tower erection
- Engineering – civils engineering, permitting, design, layout, documentation
- Civil site work – grading, access road, shelter, generator, LP tank, foundations/pads
Compound, rock, weed control, fencing, gates, grounding
Rock secure anchor points, set shelter, genset, LP tank, site electrical
OSHA/ASR signs, Ice Bridge, anchor guards/grounding, seeding restoration
- Shelter 23 X 20 – Re-furbished shelter, new air conditioners/handlers, update electrical
Refurbish interior/exterior, upload, freight, off load, set anchor down
- Generator LP – 50KW genset, control panel, freight to site, startup, commissioning, alarm
- Antennas lines – LMR antennas, coax lines, multi couplers, combiners polyphaser
Tower crew installation, grounding, label, sweeps, and documentation
- Shelter Equipment -- LMR stations for new design, new legacy stations, zetron control
IP control hosp/hwy, DC plant/batteries, microwave to Q Bee, multiplex
I/O voice cards and optimizers, voter to minimize down time
- RACOM Services -- FCC Licensing & License modifications, moving and integration old/new
Equipment.
Setup, install, test new and reused equipment, integrate zetron console

Costs would be:

400 Ft. guyed tower	\$232,343.06
Engineering	\$ 40,694.44
Civils Site Work	\$ 72,034.72
Shelter 23 X 20	\$ 66,215.28
Generator/LP	\$ 30,215.28
Antennas Lines	\$104,615.00

Shelter Equipment	\$257,067.00
RACOM Services	<u>\$282,000.00</u>
Total Equipment Price	\$1,085,184.78

Quote does not include removal or antennas and lines from the old jail tower. Some legacy equipment will be moved to the new site until all sites are built out and the new system is operational. These quotes do not include microwave connectivity, equipment, or dishes between Lancaster and Platteville and Lancaster and Fennimore. A new temporary microwave path will be installed between Q Bee and Phase 2 Lancaster site. The existing UW between the old Jail to Q Bee will remain until after Phase 2 completion at which time the jail dish will be moved and aligned for the new tower.

Payment terms are:	20% down with order	\$217,037.00
	25% when tower is shipped	\$271,296.00
	25% when shelter/gen shipped	\$271,296.00
	20% when LMR station/Equipment shipped	\$217,037.00
	10% when project completed	<u>\$108,518.00</u>
	RACOM TOTAL	\$1,085,185.00

*****Also recommending a 10% contingency fund for a total budget of \$1.2M***

Discussion took place after the presentation. It was pointed out this communication system would not only benefit County Departments such as Highway, Emergency Management, Law Enforcement but also local fire departments, EMS, and police departments.

Patrick Schroeder stated his concerns on the cost of the tower, how this added cost was missed in the planning of the new facility knowing the communication system had to be moved there eventually. He felt the cost needed to be addressed with all the entities that would benefit from the use of the tower. He stated, "Somebody missed something somewhere".

RACOM stated the unknowns for them that could affect the cost would be; what is under the ground, where will the ground come from and the cost of having electricity run to site. Other issues that could enter in are zoning issues such as setbacks or easements. The County would have to deal with the radius for a collapse if the tower would ever fall, 70 feet of the tower would land on neighboring property, an agreement or land purchase would need to be made.

RACOM is not concerned with any areas not being able to have the range of communication, they will sit down with their engineers to study the lower areas to make sure all areas will have communication; that will tell them how many other towers would be needed.

RACOM stated that this opportunity is a big deal; it will allow Grant County for the first time ever to start over with a 50 year communication infra structure for the future. Technology will be changing in the future, this give the County the ability to change with the fast growing world of technology with simple fixes, as simple as changing out an old radio on the rack and replacing with a new one. They encourage questions as the process goes forward. They want the County to fully understand all the aspects of this project.

The Representative of RACOM wanted to make the Board Members aware; since they have taken over the consulting for the County, a permit had been secured to build this 400 ft. tower from the FAA and

FCC, but it is due to expire on May 29, 2020. They do not know how it got approved in the first place as the tower would be in the same pathway to the airport as a shorter tower the County had previously discussed. To reapply it would cost the County another \$5,000.00 but as stated, run the risk that another one will not be approved. They highly encouraged the Board to have a plan to proceed in place before that expiration date; otherwise they are pretty sure the next permit will be denied by FCC and FAA. There may be a possible chance the permit could be extended for the only reason the County is having difficulty securing possible easements by neighboring land owners but the County would have to have a funding source set.

A motion was made by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Patrick Schroeder, to refer this issue back to the Executive Committee to discuss possible funding solutions for phase 2, with future funding expansions for phase 3. A voice vote was called for. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

Executive, John Patcle—next meeting will be March 10, 2020.

Highway, Mark Stead—the committee reviewed the 2019 Annual Departmental Report that will be submitted to the County Board at a later date. They approved the Department to go out for bids on wheel loader and 2 sub-compact loaders, one tracked and one wheeled; bids will be opened at the March Highway meeting. The County paving program for 2020 was approved.

Unified, Patrick Schroder—the next meeting will be February 19th.

Ag and Extension/Fair, Roger Guthrie—Moving along with the 2020 fair. The new person taking care of the water issue is now on staff, Joe Burnell representing all four counties.

Hidden Valley, Robert Scallon—they held a sports show in LaCrosse; planning on going to the Governor's Conference in Madison and to the WCA Convention in September. Robert stated the way Grant County is spending money, we will need the benefit of the sales tax which comes off citizens property taxes; Robert feels the dues paid to them is well worth it, 6 cents a resident.

Law Enforcement/Emergency, Gary Ranum—the rail company is applying for an 8 million dollar grant, if awarded they could install continuous welded rail from Avoca to Blue River. This would upgrade the railway to a class 2 allowing them to bring their track speeds up to 25 miles per hour instead of 10 and increase the capacity of the cars.

Law Enforcement had the RACOM presentation which was given today.

CJCC, Gary Ranum—Judge VandeHey discussed the Bail Monitoring program; they passed a recommendation to send to Executive to try and implement the program with personnel and financing. They are trying to put more emphasis on preventative programs.

Conservation, Sanitation, Zoning, Dwight Nelson—Dwight reported that the CSZC voted on Wildlife Damage Claims, Wisconsin Land and Water Conference resolutions regarding the enforcement of nutrient management plans with the offer of cost sharing and the spreading of municipal wastes on agricultural lands, and that they have started the hiring process to fill the soil conservationist position.

Health Department, Carol Beals—next meeting will be held Tuesday February 25th at 5:30 p.m.

Veterans, Lester Jantzen—as usual they are very busy.

Social Service, John Beinborn—next meeting April 1st.

Economic Development, John Beinborn—next meeting will be in Hazel Green on February 26th. They will meet at the County Heights Supper Club.

Orchard Manor, Don Splinter—Next meeting will be March 11, 9:00.

Roll Call Tutorial/Testing: Chair Keeney asked if any of the Board members had further questions or concerns on the new voting system, no comments were made.

Adjournment: Mark Stead, seconded by Dwight Nelson, made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next meeting on March 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.