

Grant County Board of Supervisors
August 18, 2020

The Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ag and Extension Building, South Room, 916 East Elm Street, Lancaster, WI 53813 pursuant to the adjournment of the July 21, 2020 meeting.

While the Meeting of the Grant County Board of Supervisors is considered an “Essential Government Operation” pursuant to the State’s Safer at Home Order, the meeting will be offered with the option to participate via Zoom meeting. Live participation in this meeting will be limited to Grant County Board Supervisors, County Clerk, and Corporation Counsel. Social distancing and other safety precautions associated with COVID-19 protocol will be followed.

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Consideration will be given and/or action taken on any or all of the following items:

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, August 18, 2020

	Present	Absent	Excused
Carol Beals (ZOOM)	X		
John Beinborn	X		
Gregory Fry (ZOOM)	X		
Roger Guthrie	X		
Dale Hood	X		
Lester Jantzen	X		
Robert Keeney	X		
Mike Lieurance	X		
Dwight Nelson (ZOOM)	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		

Roll Call was taken by the County Clerk resulting in 17 present, 3 participating on ZOOM and 14 in person. Therefore, a quorum was present.

The following identified participants were recognized joining the meeting via ZOOM:

1. Dave Lambert, Highway Commissioner
2. Garry Pluemer, Maintenance
3. Dave Timmerman, Herald Independent
4. Amy Olson, Fair
5. Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer
6. Jack Johnson, Chief Deputy Sheriff
7. Jeff Kindrai, Health Director
8. Lynda Schweikert, Conservation, Sanitation, Zoning
9. Carrie Kersteins, Child Support
10. Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director
11. Joyce Roling, Personnel
12. Fred Naatz, Social Services
13. Justin Johnson, Conservation, Sanitation, Zoning
14. Tonya White, Emergency Management
15. Shane Drinkwater, IT
16. Lori Reid, ADRC
17. Tina McDonald, Clerk of Court
18. Jennifer Miller
19. Steve Braun, Emergency Management
20. UW Polycom
21. Amber McKelvey
22. Carol Larson
23. Doug Wagan, media
24. Jerry Huffman, 2020 Census Representative
25. Brandon (unidentified)

Approval of Agenda: John Beinborn, seconded by Mark Stead, made a motion to approve the agenda with one change; to move item 13) COVID Update up below item 7) approval of Proclamation #10 so Jeff Kindrai, Health Director could participate in both items because of another commitment he had to be at. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Patrick Schroeder, seconded by Porter Wagner, made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2020 with changes to the spelling of names of a couple of the ZOOM participants and the addition of a notation on the Roll Call Votes of the members who voted via ZOOM. Motion carried.

Approval of Proclamation #10 – Temporary pay for Health Department Exempt Staff and allow for overtime to be paid out in lieu of Compensatory time due to COVID19: Chair Keeney presented the Proclamation for the approval of the County Board.

A motion was made by Don Splinter, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve and ratify Proclamation 10 for Grant County. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION #10

TEMPORARY PAY FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT EXEMPT STAFF AND ALLOW FOR OVERTIME TO BE PAID OUT IN LIEU OF COMPENSATORY TIME DUE TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Grant County Health Department has maximized staffing levels to address the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The FLSA Exempt staff, specifically, Nurses, Environmental Health Coordinator, Assistant Director, Nursing Compliance and Quality Coordinator, and Social Worker at the Grant County Health Department are working unusual amounts of extra hours to ensure the required testing and follow up is completed during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Grant County Health Department wishes to compensate said Exempt Staff for the unusual amount extra hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic they are putting in and their cooperation and willingness to do so during this essential time of need; and

WHEREAS, the hours will be paid out at straight time and will be reimbursed through the Roads to Recovery grant confirmed through correspondence from WCA and the Governor's Office, specifically;

WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION ROUTES TO RECOVERY Q&A

July 17, 2020

The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) has received multiple questions about the Routes to Recovery program and eligible expenditures. When received, WCA has submitted questions to the Governor's office seeking clarification. Please see below the questions WCA has submitted and the answers (if available) received from Governor's office. In addition, we have included questions received by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and the answers they received.

Q: Is funding for salaried employees that needed to dedicate hours to COVID-19 response while letting other tasks and duties under their normal job description go unfinished or take additional work hours over the 40ish that they put in the work week.

A: Yes, but only for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees. See Guidance s. 3.4.

And;

WHEREAS, Grant County policy states that a non-exempt employee required to work in excess of 40 hours per week for his/her department or office shall receive compensatory time on the basis of one and one-half (1-1/2) hours for every one (1) hour worked in excess of the 40 hour work week.

WHEREAS, Grant County Health Department wishes to pay out the non-exempt staff for the unusual amount extra hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic they are putting in and their cooperation and willingness to do so during this essential time of need; and

WHEREAS, it is not feasible for the Board of Health and the Executive Committee to give approval of this extra pay due to COVID-19 Social Distancing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County Board chair has been given special authority to approve deviations from policy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Personnel Director supports the Public Health Officer's request to recommend approval of compensating said exempt staff their straight hourly rate of pay after 40 hours of work per week and non-exempt staff overtime in lieu of compensatory time effective July 19, 2020 until further notice.

Under the authority of Resolution No. 70-18 Providing County Board Chair Emergency Administrative Flexibility for COVID-19, I hereby approve the recommendation as described above.

/s/ Robert Keeney, County Board Chair

Date: August 18, 2020

COVID-19 Update, discussion, and possible action: Jeff Kindrai, Health Director gave the COVID19 update to the County Board for Grant County. Since the beginning of March, the Health Department has received 1753 reported cases relating to COVID. Currently there are 403 positive cases, 32 probable, 16 deaths and 1594 contacts that needed to be followed up on. Currently the contacts have been in people over the age of 30. There have been 8 outbreaks, 330 people have recovered from those. Grant County is listed as high level of activity and has remained somewhat stable in the last few days. In Grant County the hospitalizing rate is good, in our area and Dane County the bed capacity is 78% full which has been stable.

There is a community testing scheduled in Hazel Green. With the reduction of the National Guard support these testing have gone down and have become more challenging to schedule; getting the date out in the media in a timely manner has been difficult.

The Health Department is working on getting more contact tracing staff on board. They will be using the help of student interns and nurses; they will be utilizing LTE help and re-deployed staff. Southwest Tech and UW Platteville will be opening up in the near future which may cause an increase in the cases.

It is still encouraged by the Health Officer to continue to observe social distancing and wearing a clean mask.

Communications: Jerry Huffman, 2020 Census Partner Specialist gave a short presentation on the 2020 Census. The biggest change in the 2020 Census in comparison to other past ones; the process has gone on line. It has proven to be a faster process, cheaper, and has run smoother. Nationally we are at 64% of the people who are eligible having done so. Wisconsin is at 70.2%, Minnesota is at 72.9%. Minnesota gave their Census Bureau 7 million to help in their Census; Wisconsin did not help with any funds. Washington has decided to end the Census the last day of September which is a month early. It is now very important to get the word out to fill out the Census information. Federal money is at stake for all Counties in Wisconsin.

Jerry sent out a suggestion that if any business, schools, banks, movie theaters, etc., has an electronic signs to get this message out please utilize these resources.

There are feet on the ground now; they are working all over the State. Jerry said he hopes to get our local numbers up over the 80% mark.

Chair Keeney gave the Board an update on the 2020 Budget. The current budget is showing a deficit of 2.9 million dollars. The numbers include an 8% insurance increase, a hefty workers comp increase. The employee wage increase is 1% at the beginning of the year and 1% in July. The Departments are working on their budgets to see if anything can be cut. The Public Budget meeting is scheduled for October 6th.

Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director stated this is a very preliminary budget; it contains many things that may be able to cut. She is working through the Departmental budgets and is confident there will be things that can be cut. She does not want to sound off any alarms; she is just trying to be very transparent working through the budget.

Chair Keeney stated the WCA Convention has been cancelled. Starting Monday 28th Wisconsin Counties Association is setting up workshops, hour long sessions for 7 weeks. If anyone is interested in participating in these workshop, Chair Keeney stated it may be possible to set up those workshops here in the county to participate virtually.

Chair Keeney stated there were some Board Members who wanted to give updates on committee reports.

John Beinborn wished to extend a thank you to the local Lions Clubs. They have been working with Emergency Management in delivering the PP supplies to our area. They have been working weekends and long days to help distribute the sanitary supplies during the COVID19 Pandemic.

Gary Ranum wanted to thank the Highway Committee and Department for the repaving and widening of County Rd M. Many citizens in the northern half of Grant County who travel that road are very pleased with the resurfacing and adding shoulders to this road.

Patrick Schroeder gave the Board an update on the movie night that was held at the Fairgrounds. It was a big success; they went through a lot of popcorn, lot of milk and juice, and 1200 hotdogs. He extended a thank you to the supervisors who came and helped with the evening. One thing that stuck out was that everyone was very polite, respectful and helpful; when it was over the grounds were left very clean. They had many who wanted to give a donation but none were taken. Pat wanted to extend a thank you to all the sponsors who stepped up to the plate to make this night a success.

Employee Recognition(s): None

Appointment(s): Chair Keeney asked for approval from the Board to appoint Pat Reynolds to serve on the ADRC Board to fill a vacancy.

John Beinborn, seconded by Patrick Schroeder, made a motion to approve the appointment of Pat Reynolds from the Mt. Hope area to serve on the ADRC Board. Motion carried.

Grants: Fred Naatz, Social Services presented a grant for approval by the Board. The Social Services Committee has recommended this for approval. It is a Foster Parent Grant from the Department of Children and Families, Division of Safety and Permanence for Incentives for the retention of foster parents. The fund programs that serve as incentives for Foster parents in Grant County. The funding period is 07/01/2020 to 06/20/2021 for an amount of \$29,202.00. There is no in kind match or match to the County.

John Beinborn, seconded by Robert Scallon, made a motion to approve the grant request for Social Services for a Foster Parent Grant for the amount of \$29,202.00. Motion carried.

Fred Naatz thanked the Board for their approval; he stated he had already received confirmation that they would be receiving the grant.

ATV Ordinance that will allow ATV's to cross over US Hwy 151 on CTH D: Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel and Dave Lambert, Highway presented the amendment. This amendment would allow ATV/UTV vehicles to go over the bridge over USH 151 from Pioneer Rd E to College Farm Rd. The language was provided by the DOT. The other adjustment that was made was to clarify a rule change. Now all county roads are open to ATV/UTV

vehicles unless there is a Prohibited Sign in place stating that road cannot be used. Grant County does not have jurisdiction over State Highways only lettered county roads.

Carol Beals asked if the County was liable if someone gets in an accident crossing a State Highway. Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel stated the language was sent to us by the DOT which tells him they approved of this amendment. Ben stated we are not changing the design of the highway they are just changing the use of the highway. Dave Lambert stated he had worked with the DOT because they asked permission specifically to use that 3,350 ft. so the bridge or overpass could be used to cross 151. This was the safest option to use for the ATV/UTV use; this was agreed upon by Grant County Highway and DOT.

The liability question was assumed that if an accident did occur, the County and State would probably be named.

A motion was made by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to approve the amendment to the Grant County Ordinance 65 ATV/UTV use. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 65
(Amended 08/18/2020)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 268 ENTITLED "VEHICLES, ALL-TERRAIN AND UTILITY-TERRAIN" OF THE GRANT COUNTY CODE.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Grant County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

Section I: Chapter 268 of the Grant County Code shall be and hereby is amended to repeal and recreate Section 268-4 to read as follows:

§ 268-4 AREAS DESIGNATED: The area designated as an all-terrain vehicle/utility-terrain vehicle route shall be as follows:

(a) All County Highways within Grant County, unless posted otherwise. This includes operation of ATVs/UTVs on BUS151/CTH D to cross the bridge over USH 151 from Pioneer Rd E to College Farm Rd (approximately 3,350ft), with the following requirements:

- a. Cross the bridge in the most direct manner practicable and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing.
- b. Stay as far to the right of the roadway or shoulder as practicable.
- c. Stop the vehicle prior to the crossing.
- d. Yield the right-of-way to other vehicles, pedestrians, and electric personal assistive mobility devices using the roadway or shoulder.
- e. Exit the highway as quickly and safely as practicable after crossing the bridge.

(1) The Grant County Highway Commissioner shall have the authority to suspend operation in any of the above areas for up to ninety (90) days due to hazard, construction, or emergency conditions in any highway segment listed above. The Grant County Highway Commissioner shall also have the authority to designate for up to ninety (90) days alternate routes for any of the above authorized highway segments that might be so closed.

Section II: This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication or posting as required by law. All other sections of Chapter 268 of the Grant County Code not specifically amended under this ordinance shall remain in full effect as drafted.

Adopted and approved this 18th day of August, 2020, by the Grant County Board of Supervisors.

BOARD OF SUPERVISERS BY:
/s/ Robert C. Keeney, County Board Chair

ATTEST: I, Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that the amendment to Chapter 268 of the Grant County Ordinances has been approved by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on August 18, 2020.

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

Progress Report, Discussion & Possible action on Grant County Community Services Facility: Garry Pluemer, Maintenance Facility Manager updated the Board. He has been working with EPIC to finalize the warranty list. They are hoping to complete these issues by September 1, 2020. All the warranties are now done, so it will be the Counties responsibility to fix what may go wrong going forward.

Tim Wiederholt has been working with Troy Morris and the DNR on the pile of debris of the 52 Building. There has been contaminated material found. There is an exemption form that may allow the County to bury and seal all the material on site. Once they know what they will do with the 52 Building debris, Tim Wiederholt will then start working on the old water treatment plant. The Conservation, Sanitation, Zoning Department will help on that project to make sure the code is followed.

Lester Jantzen asked how the communication tower was coming. Chair Keeney stated very slowly. Because of COVID19 things have been pushed back. There is an Emergency Status the County can file for, Chair Keeney stated he would be writing a letter today and send to the FAA to put our application into Emergency Status. They are currently waiting on the Indian Nation to sign off. The power has been located, the Geotechnical drilling has been done, and plans have been updated over the past week with all the specification of concrete, steel structure, we are getting very close. However, because of the 45 – 60 day delay in waiting for the approval we cannot move forward.

The dispatch center is much the same, some issues have been experienced. We are supposedly still on track to move them the first of September with no guaranties.

Comprehensive Plan Change: None

569th Zoning Amendment: Justin Johnson presented the zoning amendment to the Board. The Town Boards and Conservation, Sanitation, Zoning Committee all recommended the amendment for approval.

A motion was made by Porter Wagner, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve the 569th Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance including petitions 20-14 Dale and Karen Wiederholt, Jamestown Township, 20-15 John and Tara Donovan, Jamestown Township, and 20-16 Darcy Elliot-Wiegel and Matthew Wiegel, Boscobel Township. Motion carried.

**569th AMENDMENT TO THE
GRANT COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE
August 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 #20-14: Rezone request for Dale & Karen Wiederholt, PIN: 026-01027-0000, to change the zoning classification from Agricultural-2 to Residential-1, to allow for the expansion of an existing principal structure (home) by reducing the side property line setback from 30' to 12'. This is for +/- 1.5 ac in the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 23, T1N, R2W, in Jamestown Township

PETITION #20-15: Rezone request for John & Tara Donovan, PIN: 026-00994-0000, to change the zoning classification from Farmland Preservation to Agricultural-2, to allow for the use of a nonfarm residence. This is for +/- 1.89 ac in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 22, T1N, R2W, in Jamestown Township

PETITION #20-16: Rezone request for Darcy Elliot-Wiegel & Matthew Wiegel, PIN: 006-00335-0030, to change the zoning classification from Residential-1 to Residential-3, to allow for the expansion of an existing principal structure (home) by reducing the side property line setback from 18' to 12'. This is for +/- 1.06 ac in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 23, T1N, R2W, in Boscobel Township

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

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

Dog Claim(s): None

Adjournment: Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse, made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.