

Grant County Board of Supervisors  
February 16, 2021  
Administration Building  
111 S. Jefferson St. Room 264  
Lancaster, WI 53813

The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Robert Keeney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Keeney asked the County Clerk, Tonya White to verify that the meeting was held in compliance with open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Courthouse, Grant County Administration Building and on the county website.

Roll call was taken with twelve (12) members present in the room: Roger Guthrie, Dale Hood, Lester Jantzen, Robert Keeney, Mike Lieurance, John Patcle, Gary Ranum, Robert Scallon, Patrick Schroeder, Donald Splinter, Mark Stead and Porter Wagner. Present virtually five (5) members: Carol Beals, John Beinborn, Greg Fry, Gary Northouse and Dwight Nelson.

Others present in the room: Ben Wood, Corporation Council; Shane Drinkwater, IT; Tonya White, County Clerk; Joyce Roling, Personnel; Ron Brisbois, Economic Development; James Schneider, Community Development Educator; Linda Gebhard, Loren Gebhard and Verda Nemo.

Others present virtually: Senator Howard Marklein, Tina McDonald, Clerk of Court; Ann Jenkins, Sue Marks, Representative Travis Tranel, David Timmerman, Grant County Herald Independent; Doug Wagen, Garry Pluemer, Maintenance; CeCe Fishnick, Social Services; Fred Naatz, Social Services; Amanda Degenhardt, Finance; Andrea Noethe, Register of Deeds; Amy Olson, Fair; Carol Schwartz, Orchard Manor; Lori Reid, ADRC; Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer; Carrie Kerstiens, Child Support; Jeff Kindrai, Health Department; Dave Lambert, Highway Department; Jon Knautz, Highway Department and Bennett Goldstein, Telegraph Herald.

Agenda: Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the amended agenda. Lester Jantzen, second by Don Splinter made a motion to approve the amended agenda as printed. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes: Porter Wagner, second by Mark Stead made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney shared information regarding the Grant County Solar Project. The closing date for comments to PSC is February 17, 2021. Chairman Keeney advised the board that the census has been delayed. Census numbers may be delayed as long as September which could affect redistricting for next year.

Memorium for Leon "Grant" Loy: Chairman Keeney read the Resolution for Grant Loy.

**RESOLUTION #01-21  
IN MEMORIAM OF Grant Loy**

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021 issues the following commemoration:

**WHEREAS**, the death of Grant Loy from the Town of Clifton, Grant County, Wisconsin has come to the attention of this body; and

**WHEREAS**, Grant Loy served on the Grant County Board of Supervisors from April 2008 to April 2018 representing the Town of Castle Rock, Town of Hickory Grove, Town of Wingville, Village of Montfort, Town of Fennimore Ward 2, Town of Clifton and the Village of Livingston; 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 Grant Loy 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.

/s/ Robert C. Keeney, County Board Chairman

/s/ Tonya White, Grant County Clerk

Mark Stead, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to approve the resolution in Memoriam of Grant Loy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Employee Recognition: Chairman Keeney recognized Michele Fishnick for her 34 years of service to Social Services.

Chairman Keeney recognized Linda Gebhard for her 31 years of service to County Clerk' Office. Chairman Keeney then turned the meeting over the Senator Marklein and Representative Tranel for the presentation of the citation from the State of Wisconsin. Representative Tranel read the citation. Chairman Keeney recognized Marilyn Pierce for her 44 years of service to Register of Deeds. Senator Marklein and Representative Tranel read the citation from the State of Wisconsin.

Appointments: None

Grants: Lynda Schweikert was unable to join the meeting, so the grant will be placed on the March agenda for approval.

COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action: Jeff Kindrai, Health Department Director gave an update on COVID-19. As of this date there have been 4,628 confirmed cases, 683 probable cases, 79 deaths and 4,471 recovered. The Health Department has an active caseload of about one percent. They are averaging six to seven cases a day. Grant County is still at a high level according to the State of Wisconsin. With vaccinations, 17.2% of Grant County residents have received at least a first dose. 69.1% of Grant County residents 65 and older have been vaccinated, which is higher than the state average. This week many providers did not receive any first dose vaccines. February 26, 2021 Johnson & Johnson will proceed for emergency use authorization for a one dose series. Testing continues on Tuesday's and Friday's each week. The hours for the testing sites have been scaled back.

Discussion and Action on Authorizing Resolution to Submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Application: Don Splinter, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the

Authorizing Resolution to Submit a Community Development Block Grant Application. Motion carried by voice vote.

Progress Report, Discussion & Possible action on Grant County Community Services Building: The DNR has granted a conditional low hazard grant exemption to bury the 52 building with recommendations to sort out the lead base paint of a certain color. The wastewater treatment plant has been demolished. Wiederholt Enterprises has sent invoices for both demolitions. Wiederholt will be reissuing an invoice to Orchard Manor in the amount of \$21,898.13 for the demolition of the sewer plant. That invoice will be paid out of the sewer replacement fund. Brad Bierman is hopeful to submit the rest of the Wiederholt invoice as part of the change order to the 52 building and to close out the CSB project in April.

Strategic Plan Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action: Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to James Schneider who gave a presentation on an outline of what is a strategic plan. James recommended the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of four to six people to work with him and Joyce Roling. Pat Schroeder, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to create an Ad Hoc Committee of six individuals to work with James Schneider on the Strategic Plan. Motion carried by voice vote. Pat Schroeder, second by John Patcle made a motion to appoint to the Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Committee Gary Ranum, Roger Guthrie, Mark Stead, Porter Wagner, Shane Drinkwater and Tonya White to work with James and Joyce on a Strategic Plan for Grant County. Motion carried by voice vote, with one negative vote.

Comprehensive Plan Change: None

Zoning Amendment: None

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: Pat Schroeder, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to approve the three outstanding invoices to Grant County Humane Society in the total of \$465. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Pat Schroeder gave an update on the Fair Committee.

Bob Scallon gave an update on Hidden Valley.

Gary Ranum gave an update on the railroad, CJCC and Unified Community Services.

Carol Beals gave an update on the Board of Health and Southwest Cap.

Lester Jantzen gave an update on the Veteran's Committee.

Don Splinter gave an update on Orchard Manor/Farm Committee and the Highway Committee.

Mark Stead gave an update on Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning.

John Beinborn gave an update on Social Services Committee and Economic Development.

Adjournment: Mark Stead, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next County Board meeting on March 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

*Note: Grant County resolutions and ordinances are available for viewing at the Grant County Clerk's Office.*