

Grant County Board of Supervisors
March 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 fourteen (14) members present in the room: Roger Guthrie, Dale Hood, Lester Jantzen, Robert Keeney, Mike Lieurance, Dwight Nelson, Gary Northouse, John Patcle, Gary Ranum, Robert Scallon, Pat Schroeder, Donald Splinter, Mark Stead and Porter Wagner. Present virtually three (3) members: Carol Beals, John Beinborn and Greg Fry.

Others present in the room: Ben Wood Corporation Council; Tonya White, County Clerk; Shane Drinkwater, IT; Joyce Roling, Personnel; Nate Dreckman, Sheriff's Office and Garry Pluemer, Maintenance.

Others present virtually: Carrie Kerstiens, Child Support; Tina McDonald, Clerk of Court; Lynda Schweikert, CSZD; Justin Johnson, CSZD; Steve Braun, Emergency Management; Amy Olson, Fair; Amanda Degenhardt, Finance; Jeff Kindrai, Health Department; Carol Schwartz, Orchard Manor; Jody Bartels, Register in Probate; Andrea Noethe, Register of Deeds; Jack Johnson, Sheriff's Office; Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer; David Timmerman, Herald Independent; Doug Wagen, media, Tim Hundt, Congressional Aide for Representative Ron Kind; Rose Kelley, David Helmke and Brandon Behlke, Galena Gazette.

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

Minutes: Mark Stead, second by Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 with three minor changes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: The family of Grant Loy put together a collage to present to the Board.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was approved by the federal government. There are multiple areas of funding that will be available for county government.

Chairman Keeney wished John Patcle a happy birthday.

Employee Recognitions: None

Appointments: None

Grants: Lynda Schweikert presented the National Water Quality Initiative Grant available through NRCS. The grant is for \$50,000 with an in-kind match of \$16,667 to develop a Water Shed Plan for the

Sinsinawa River. Pat Schroeder, second by Porter Wager made a motion to approve the grant application for the National Water Quality Initiative. Motion carried by voice vote.

Amy Olson presented the Compeer Financial Grant. The \$3000 grant is specifically for repairs and maintenance to any existing livestock building or 4-H building on the fairgrounds. The money would be used to purchase ceiling fans for the livestock barn. The Livestock Trust will be matching the grant to make it a total of \$6000. Mark Stead, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the grant application to Compeer Financial. Motion carried by voice vote.

COVID 19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action: Jeff Kindrai, Health Department gave an update on COVID-19. As of this date there have been 4,717 confirmed cases, 707 probable cases, 4585 recovered cases and 82 deaths. Grant County is still considered in the high level according to the State of Wisconsin. There has been a shift in cases to younger individuals. With vaccinations, 22.9% of individuals have received one dose and 17.2% have completed the series. There has been a slowdown of vaccine coming into Grant County. The next groups the Health Department will be focusing on are individuals in the Medicaid Long Term Care Program and public facing workers.

Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Take the Tax Deed Parcels Which Have Taxes Owing on the 2017 Tax Rolls (2018 Tax Certificates): Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the resolution to the Board. Mark Stead, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the resolution and allow the County Treasurer to take the tax deeds.

ROLL CALL VOTE

QUESTION: Authorizing the County Treasurer to take the tax deed parcels which have taxes owing on the 2017 tax roll (2018 certificates)

	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 17 YES votes, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Non-Lapsing Amounts at December 31, 2020 and Amending the 2021 Budget:

Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the resolution to the Board. Gary Ranum, second by Don Splinter made a motion to approve the resolution with the provision that the only two amendments are the \$2700 for courthouse security and \$1500 for tourism group.

ROLL CALL VOTE

QUESTION: Authorizing Non-Lapsing Amounts as December 31, 2020 and Amending the 2021 Budget.

	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 17 YES votes, therefore motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action Budget Amendment for Maintenance Department: Garry Pluemer presented the Board with the reallocation pertaining to the Maintenance budget. John Beinborn, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the change in the Maintenance budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Question: Reallocation pertaining to the Maintenance Department budget.

	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 17 YES votes, therefore motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action on an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 250 Entitled “Tobacco Sales” of the Grant County Code: Sheriff Dreckman presented the ordinance to the Board. Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 250 .Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion/Possible Action on Ending Proclamation #8: Orchard Manor/ Farm Committee did approve to end Proclamation #8. Don Splinter, second by Mike Lieurance made the motion to rescind Proclamation #8. Motion carried by voice vote.

Comprehensive Plan Change: None

574th Zoning Amendment: Justin Johnson presented the 574th Zoning Amendment filed by Daniel Wedig, Jamestown Township, Reddy Ag Service Inc., Liberty Township and Lyle and Shirley Wetter Irrevocable Trust, Fennimore Township to the Board. Gary Northouse, second by Mark Stead made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote with one abstention.

Presentation Phase III Communication Tower Project to Include Fiber Optic Loop: Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Shane Drinkwater, IT Director who gave a presentation on the Phase III Communications Tower Project. The project would provide a full fiber optic loop to support Land Mobile Radio (LMR) and Community Broadband. Two conduits would be run for future growth. The funding will be sourced from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: Pat Schroeder, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve one outstanding invoice to Grant County Humane Society in the total of \$155. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Pat Schroeder gave an update on the Fair Board Committee.

Roger Guthrie gave an update on the Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee.

Gary Ranum gave an update on Executive Committee and Unified Community Services Committee.

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

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

Carol Beals gave an update on Health Department Committee.

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

Robert Keeney gave an update on Administration Committee and Strategic Plan Committee.

Adjournment: Mark Stead, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next County Board Meeting on April 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

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