

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 13, 2021

The Executive Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors met on **Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**, in the County Board Room of the Administration building and via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Gary Ranum. Other members present were Mark Stead, Donald Splinter, John Patcle, Mike Lieurance, and Robert Keeney. Dwight Nelson was excused. Therefore a quorum was present. Shane Drinkwater, Joyce Roling, Carrie Eastlick, Amanda Degenhardt, Garry Pluemer, Carrie Kerstiens, Nate Dreckman, Andrea Noethe, Amy Olson, Tonya White, Lynda Schweikert, Jody Bartels, Herald Independent, and Justice Hendrick were also in attendance.

Notice of the meeting was posted in the Grant County Herald Independent, Administration Building, Courthouse, and on the Grant County website.

John Patcle, seconded by Mike Lieurance, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried without negative vote.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Robert Keeney, moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2021. Motion carried without negative vote.

The committee reviewed an overview of the American Rescue Plan Act.

Finance

Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried without negative vote.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Mike Lieurance, moved to accept the voucher report. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to accept the Revenue/Expenditure Report as described. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to accept the Finance Director's report. Motion carried without negative vote.

Information Technology

Shane Drinkwater and Nate Dreckman presented a proposal and discussion of a Grant County fiber optic loop. Mark Stead, seconded by Don Splinter, moved to support out of budget spending using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to move forward with research and development as priorities listed by the IT Director, Shane Drinkwater. Motion carried without negative vote.

IT Department Update 04/13/2021

Network review

- a. IT has been reviewing the County’s security infrastructure.
- b. IT has start work with maintenance on connecting the County’s new fire panels to the fiber optic WAN.
- c. IT is working with the Finance department on a spring brook upgrade.
- d. IT deployed a secure password encryption system named Passbolt.
- e. This system is now available for the entire County to use.IT is starting an Exchange DAG (Database Availability Group) project. This project will allow the County’s email system to have high availability.

County Systems

- a. Highway and UW Extension are being scheduled to transition to VoIP.
- b. IT has started research on a redundant SIP connection to TDS.
- c. IT has installed a remote panic system for the Court house. IT is now getting quotes from Accurate controls to configure the unit and connect the County’s WAVE system to the Sheriff’s Office Coordination frequency.
- d. The IT department has ordered Wi-Fi equipment for the County fairgrounds. This year IT will be deploying Wi-Fi for
 - i. Support for mobile devices
 - ii. Better coverage of the grandstands
 - iii. Better coverage of the sale barn area

COVID 19 response projects

3rd floor move

- a.) IT has finished running all network lines.

Public Safety Communications System/ Grant County Fiber optic loop

- a. IT is working with RACOM and the Sheriff’s Office for a deployment plan for the Hospital and Highway departments.
- b. IT is working with the Sheriff’s Office and RACom
- c. IT is working to develop the Grant County Fiber optic loop concept.
 - i. IT is looking for the proper network switch for the loop
 - ii. IT working on a loop design
 - iii. IT has had multiple meetings with stake holders of the fiber optic loop.

The motion was made to accept the IT Director’s report by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle. Motion carried without negative vote.

Employee Relations

Staffing Update: Current staffing numbers as of April 10, 2021, are as follows:

Full time Benefit	515
Regular Part time Benefit	285
Part time	49

Limited term and seasonal	96
TOTAL	515

John Patcle, seconded by Mike Lieurance, moved to forward to the County Board the Fleet Safety policy with changes as discussed. Motion carried without negative vote.

The committee discussed the proposal to increase the single health plan employee contribution from 5% of the premium to 15% of the premium effective 1/1/2022. After discussion, Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance, moved to take no action at this time. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mike Lieurance, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to accept the Personnel Director's report. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to go into closed session per state statute 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility as it relates to the performance evaluation of the IT Director. Roll call vote resulted in a carried motion.

Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to return to open session. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, moved to adjourn to May 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried without negative vote.