

Grant County Board of Supervisors
April 20, 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 fifteen (15) members present in the room: John Beinborn, Greg Fry, Roger Guthrie, Dale Hood, Lester Jantzen, Robert Keeney, Mike Lieurance, Gary Northouse, John Patcle, Gary Ranum, Robert Scallon, Pat Schroeder, Donald Splinter, Mark Stead and Porter Wagner. Present virtually two (2) members: Carol Beals and Dwight Nelson.

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

Others present virtually: Lori Reid, ADRC; 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; Jon Knautz, Highway Department; Carol Schwartz, Orchard Manor; Jody Bartels, Register in Probate; Andrea Noethe, Register of Deeds; Fred Naatz, Social Services; Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer; Ken McAndrew, Veterans; David Timmerman, Herald Independent; Doug Wagen, media; Garry Pluemer, Maintenance; Karla Schwantes, County Clerk; Misty Molzof, City of Boscobel; Angie Mitchell, Julie Durst and Matt Gantenbein.

Agenda: Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the agenda. Dwight Nelson, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes: Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 16, 2021 with one minor change. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: WCA Conference will be held in LaCrosse September 26-28. Please contact Tonya for information pertaining to your attendance.

American Rescue Plan Act 2021 first payment will be around May 12th. Carrie, Tonya and Amanda have verified that Grant County does have the proper DUNS and SAM number to accept those monies. Grant County is eligible for \$9,976,277. Other municipalities throughout Grant County are eligible for funding totaling \$5,084,772.

Chairman Keeney thanked Tonya, Karla and all the Department Heads for the contribution to the Departmental Report.

Employee Recognition: Chairman Keeney recognized Chris Moll for her 20 years of service to Orchard Manor.

Appointments: Don Splinter, second by Mark Stead made a motion to appoint Jon Knautz as the Grant County Highway Commissioner for the balance of the term, to end December 2022. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grants: Fred Naatz presented the Coordinated Service Team grant. The grant is for \$20,000 with no match. John Beinborn, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the grant application for the Coordinated Service Team. Motion carried by voice vote.

Amy Olson presented the Alliant Energy Impact grant. The grant is for up to \$5,000 and will replace trees that need to be removed from the Fairgrounds. Mark Stead, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the Alliant Energy Impact grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action: Jeff Kindrai, Health Department gave an update on COVID-19. In the past fourteen days Grant County has averaged 6.7 cases per day. On the rolling average for the past fourteen days the cases are younger. About 40% of the cases are in their 20's or younger. 15% of that 40% are 18 and younger. For 65 and older they make up about 7% of Grant County cases. Probable cases are at 1.9 cases per day with 78% in their 20's or younger. Grant County is still considered in the high level according to the State of Wisconsin. With vaccinations, 35.5% of individuals have received one dose and 26% have completed the series.

Chairman Keeney gave a brief update on Grant County buildings opening for business. The court system will go live Monday, April 26, 2021. They will be monitoring the front door for entry. They have been holding some jury trials. Other departments have been operating with an open door. The Fairgrounds has opened and so has Community Services Building.

Chairman Keeney would like to maintain the Proclamation of Emergency for funding purposes. Jeff Kindrai advised that the Health Department would not be able to maintain the vaccination clinics without the assistance of LTE's and volunteers that are being funded through emergency funds. Chairman Keeney reviewed the twelve Proclamations, most have lapsed or expired. There are two that are still in effect. Those being Proclamation #10 which is temporary pay for Health Department staff and Proclamation #11 which is temporary Orchard Manor incentive.

Chairman Keeney distributed Grant County Board of Supervisors Rules for Participation in Meetings by Telephone Conference Call or Other Electronic Means. Corporation Council explained that the County Board adopted Robert's Rules and Robert's Rule says that you can have specific policies that allow for those different things. Under the current rules, once the Emergency Proclamation has ended there will be no ability to participate and be part of the quorum and vote via electronic means. Jeff Kindrai feels uncomfortable having large numbers of the public in the County Board Room, unmasked, unvaccinated and not social distanced because it is not in the best interest of public health. The rules for participation will be placed on the County Board, May 18th agenda and the Administrative Committee should meet on the subject, Board of Health should share comments and Executive should consider the rules.

Policy Update-Fleet Safety: Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the updated policy to the Board. Gary Ranum, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the Fleet Safety Policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution for Support for Achieving Base Funding Goal for County Conservation Staffing: Lynda Schweikert, CSZD presented the resolution to the board. Mark Stead, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

Comprehensive Plan Change: None

575th Zoning Amendment: Justin Johnson presented the 575th Zoning Amendment filed by Eugene and Julie Oyen, Potosi Township to the Board. Greg Fry, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to approve the 575th Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grant County Phase III Communications Project: Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Shane Drinkwater, IT Director who gave a presentation on Grant County Phase III Communications Project. The original intent to move forward with this project came from the American Rescue Plan. There is also an opportunity from the House Committee on Appropriations to receive earmarked funding. Gary Ranum, second by Greg Fry made a motion to move forward with Phase III as described, which includes the radio and fiber loop portions, using out of budget spending plus using the American Rescue Plan Act funds for such development. The motion was amended by Gary Ranum, second by Greg Fry to move forward on Phase III project using out of budget spending with no directive to where the money is coming from.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Question: Move forward on Phase III project using out of budget spending with no directive to where the money is coming from.

	YES	NO	EXCUSED
1. Carol Beals	X		
2. Lester Jantzen	X		
3. John Beinborn	X		
4. Donald Splinter	X		
5. Porter Wagner	X		
6. Gary Ranum	X		
7. Gary Northouse	X		
8. Robert Scallon	X		
9. Robert Keeney	X		
10. Roger Guthrie	X		
11. John Patcle	X		
12. Greg Fry	X		
13. Pat Schroeder	X		
14. Mike Lieurance	X		
15. Mark Stead	X		
16. Dale Hood	X		
17. Dwight Nelson	X		

County Clerk took the roll call vote resulting in 17 YES votes, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Submission for FY 2022 Community Project Funding: Pat Schroeder, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was amended by Pat Schroeder, second by Greg Fry to apply for \$16 million funding through the FY 2022 Project Funding.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Question: Resolution Authorizing Submission for FY 2022 Community Project Funding.

	YES	NO	EXCUSED
1. Lester Jantzen	X		
2. John Beinborn	X		
3. Donald Splinter	X		
4. Porter Wagner	X		
5. Gary Ranum	X		
6. Gary Northouse	X		
7. Robert Scallon	X		
8. Robert Keeney	X		
9. Roger Guthrie	X		
10. John Patcle	X		
11. Greg Fry	X		
12. Pat Schroeder	X		
13. Mike Lieurance	X		
14. Mark Stead	X		
15. Dale Hood	X		
16. Dwight Nelson	X		
17. Carol Beals	X		

County Clerk took the roll call vote resulting in 17 YES votes, therefore motion carried.

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: None

Committee Reports:

Pat Schroeder gave an update on the Fair Board Committee.

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

Lester Jantzen gave an update on Veterans Office.

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

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

Porter Wagner gave an update on the Third Floor Project.

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

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

Carol Beals gave an update on Board of Health.

Adjournment: John Patcle, second by Bob Scallon made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next County Board Meeting on May 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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