

Grant County Board of Supervisors  
May 18, 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: John Beinborn, Roger Guthrie, Dale Hood, Lester Jantzen, Robert Keeney, Mike Lieurance, Dwight Nelson, John Patcle, Gary Ranum, Robert Scallon, Pat Schroeder, Donald Splinter, Mark Stead and Porter Wagner. Present virtually two (2) members: Carol Beals and Greg Fry. Gary Northouse was excused.

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

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; James Schneider, Community Development Educator; Amy Olson, Fair; Amanda Degenhardt, Finance; Jeff Kindrai, Health Department; Jon Knautz, Highway Department; Carol Schwartz, Orchard Manor; Andrea Noethe, Register of Deeds; Fred Naatz, Social Services; Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer; David Timmerman, Herald Independent; Doug Wagen, media; Karla Schwantes, County Clerk; Tim Hundt, Congressional Aide for Representative Ron Kind; Jaclyn Essandoh, Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; Jim Jermain and Misty Molzof, City of Boscobel.

**Agenda:** Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the amended agenda. John Patcle, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Minutes:** Mark Stead, second by Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** The application with Representative Kind's Office for House Appropriations Community Project Funding was submitted. Grant County's application was one of the nine that will be forwarded on to the House of Appropriations. The application was for \$15,665,000.00 to cover the 171 miles of fiber loop and the additional ten towers for the communications system.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds is available. The Finance Director has logged in to the portal and requested the first half of the funds. The final guidelines are still not available.

Chairman Keeney recognized Grant County Child Support Agency for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Certification of Excellence Award.

The Highway 129/61 intersection at the south end will be upgraded this summer. The project is set to begin June 7, 2021.

Chairman Keeney has had citizens contact him regarding the State Historical Society's decision to close area sites including Stonefield in Cassville.

**Employee Recognition:** Chairman Keeney recognized Kim Spease for her 40 years of service to Orchard Manor.

**Appointments:** Pat Schroeder, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to appoint Mike Lieurance to serve a three year term on Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.

Election to the Social Services Board: John Beinborn made a motion to nominate Greg Fry, Lester Jantzen and Don Splinter. Chairman Keeney called for nominations three times. John Patcle, second by Mark Stead made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballots for Greg Fry, Lester Jantzen and Don Splinter. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** Fred Naatz, Social Services, presented the Protective Services Program grant. The grant is for \$12,074.00 with no match. Greg Fry, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the grant application for Protective Services Program. Motion carried by voice vote.

Sheriff Dreckman presented the FY2021 T-CPR Grant. The grant is for \$3,264.44 with no match. Porter Wagner, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

**576<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Ordinance:** Justin Johnson presented the 576<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment filed by Michael Berg, Ellenboro Township to the Board. Lester Jantzen, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the 576<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on CDBG-Close Projects:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Ron Brisbois, Grant County Economic Development. Both projects have executed project contracts through the State of Wisconsin. Since Southwest Opportunities Center is a commercial building that requires state plan approval and they need an engineer to draft the plans and submit to the state. The estimated cost of engineering is \$6,640. That cost was included in the proposal. An RFP process has been completed by Southwest Opportunities Center. Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the authorization of the contract for Southwest Opportunities Center project of \$6,640.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Question: Authorize the engineering contract for Southwest Opportunities Center project of \$6,640.

	YES	NO	EXCUSED
1. John Beinborn	X		
2. Donald Splinter	X		
3. Porter Wagner	X		
4. Gary Ranum	X		
5. Gary Northouse			X
6. Robert Scallon	X		

	YES	NO	EXCUSED
7. Robert Keeney	X		
8. Roger Guthrie	X		
9. John Patcle	X		
10. Greg Fry (Zoom)	X		
11. Pat Schroeder	X		
12. Mike Lieurance	X		
13. Mark Stead	X		
14. Dale Hood	X		
15. Dwight Nelson	X		
16. Carol Beals (Zoom)	X		
17. Lester Jantzen	X		

County Clerk took the roll call vote resulting in 16 YES votes, and one excused, therefore motion carried.

The RFP for the Platteville Mining Museum roof project is ready to publish for bids. Porter Wagner, second by Mark Stead made a motion to approve the Platteville Mining Museum roof project to go out for bids using the plans they have drafted.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Question: Approve the Platteville Mining Museum roof project to go out for bids using the plans the Mining Museum have drafted.

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

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**COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Operations:** Jeff Kindrai, Health Department gave an update on COVID-19. As of today's date, Grant County is averaging 2.5 confirmed cases per day with 49% of the cases in the past 14 days are 20 and younger and 9% over 65. Grant County is still considered moderately high by the state. One concern is there have been three variance identified in Grant County.

Grant County is lagging behind with vaccinations. Only 38.5% have received at least one dose and 35.2% have completed the series. Only 14.1% of 18-24 year olds have receive one dose and 11.5% have completed the series. For 65 and older 85.3% have completed the series. Last week 929 vaccinations were administered in Grant County. Community testing is now being done at the Health Department by appointment only. Demand has been relatively low for testing.

The Health Department is recommending everyone follow the CDC and State of Wisconsin guidance relating to masking. Businesses may choose to be more stringent on masking. Those individuals that are vaccinated should feel comfortable not wearing a mask and those that are not are just putting themselves at risk by walking around unmasked.

**Discussion on Meeting Participation:** Chairman Keeney stated that various committees were asked to make recommendations on meeting participation. ADRC Committee does have citizen members on the committee and they are required to have a person who is a representative of someone who is disabled or a disabled person sit on the committee. The Zoom option allows ADRC to reach out to people who normally might not be able to sit on the committee. Board of Health has three individuals who are not board members on the committee. Zoom option makes it easier for Board of Health to have a quorum. The Administrative Committee recommended moving forward with in person meetings with County Board members and allowing Zoom participation by others. If County Board members want to be counted as part of the quorum and earn per diem they need to be at the meeting. Pat Schroeder made a motion, second by John Patcle that County Board members must be present in person at a meeting to be counted as part of the quorum and paid per diem. The following discussion ensued: Last year, the resolution that was passed, allowed the County Board Chair to issue proclamations during the emergency order. The resolution allows virtual attendance during the meetings. Corporation Council asked whether the board was going to do an amendment to the Emergency Resolution or if the board was changing the County Board Rules. Pat Schroeder, second by John Patcle rescinded the motion.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Completion of the Lancaster Fiber Optic Loop:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Shane Drinkwater, IT Director to present the Lancaster Fiber Optic Loop project. The fiber loop would run from McDonald’s to the Community Services Building. The loop would create a redundant system and allow for no interruptions if there would be a break. The cost would be \$73,000. Gary Ranum, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve out of budget spending for \$73,000 to install the fiber loop from McDonald’s to CSB.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Question: Approve out of budget spending for \$73,000 to install the fiber optic loop from McDonald’s to CSB.

	YES	NO	EXCUSED
1. Porter Wagner	X		
2. Gary Ranum	X		
3. Gary Northouse			X
4. Robert Scallon	X		
5. Robert Keeney	X		
6. Roger Guthrie	X		
7. John Patcle	X		
8. Greg Fry (Zoom)	X		
9. Pat Schroeder	X		

	YES	NO	EXCUSED
10. Mike Lieurance	X		
11. Mark Stead	X		
12. Dale Hood	X		
13. Dwight Nelson	X		
14. Carol Beals (Zoom)	X		
15. Lester Jantzen	X		
16. John Beinborn	X		
17. Donald Splinter	X		

County Clerk took the roll call vote resulting in 16 YES votes, and one excused, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action of Administration Third Floor Project:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Garry Pluemer, Maintenance. Garry would like to finish the hallways and bathrooms on the third floor. The estimated cost of the project would be \$53,114. The Administrative Committee recommended approval using American Rescue Plan funding. John Beinborn, second by Porter Wagner made the motion to follow the recommendation of the Administrative Committee and approve out of budget spending using American Rescue Plan.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

Question: Approve out of budget spending using the American Rescue Plan funding for the Third Floor Project.

	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. Greg Fry (Zoom)	X		
8. Pat Schroeder	X		
9. Mike Lieurance	X		
10. Mark Stead	X		
11. Dale Hood	X		
12. Dwight Nelson	X		
13. Carol Beals (Zoom)	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 16 YES votes, and one excused, therefore motion carried.

John Beinborn, second by Porter Wagner made the motion to reconsider the previous motion to the correct total of \$51,954 for the third floor project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Question: Amend the previous action for a total of \$51,954 for the project.

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

County Clerk took the roll call vote resulting in 16 YES votes, and one excused, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution Adopting Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan:**

Jaclyn Essandoh, Southwest Regional Planning along with James Schneider presented the plan to the Board. Pat Schroeder, second by Mike Lieurance made the motion to approve the resolution adopting the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

Southwest Reginal Planning has invoiced Grant County \$3000 for their services. The invoice would be out of budget spending but does fit the criteria for American Rescue Plan under tourism. The Ag and Extension Committee did pass the recommendation to the full County Board that out of budget spending be used from the American Rescue Plan for the invoice which was dated March 21, 2021. Porter Wagner, second by Dale Hood made a motion to approve out of budget spending in the amount of \$3,000 from the American Rescue Plan to pay the invoice from Southwest Regional Planning for their work on the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Question: Approve out of budget spending in the amount of \$3,000 from the American Rescue Plan to pay the invoice from Southwest Regional Planning for their work on the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan.

	YES	NO	EXCUSED
1. Robert Keeney	X		
2. Roger Guthrie	X		
3. John Patcle	X		
4. Greg Fry (Zoom)	X		

	YES	NO	EXCUSED
5. Pat Schroeder	X		
6. Mike Lieurance	X		
7. Mark Stead	X		
8. Dale Hood	X		
9. Dwight Nelson	X		
10. Carol Beals (Zoom)	X		
11. Lester Jantzen	X		
12. John Beinborn	X		
13. Donald Splinter	X		
14. Porter Wagner	X		
15. Gary Ranum	X		
16. Gary Northouse	X		
17. Robert Scallon	X		

County Clerk took the roll call vote resulting in 16 YES votes, and one excused, therefore motion carried.

**Dog Claims:** None

**Committee Reports:** Lester Jantzen, second by Bob Scallon made a motion to dispense the committee reports. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Adjournment:** Mark Stead, second by Dwight Nelson made the motion to adjourn pursuant to the next County Board meeting on June 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.