

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 10, 2021

The Executive Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors met on **Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** The meeting was held 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, Dwight Nelson, and Robert Keeney. Therefore a quorum was present. Shane Drinkwater, Joyce Roling, Carrie Eastlick, Amanda Degenhardt, Garry Pluemer, Carrie Kerstiens, Amy Olson, Jeff Kindrai, Carol Schwartz, Amy Miller, Jon Knautz, Nate Dreckman, Megan Kase, Jeff Kindrai, Tonya White, Cathy Hinderman, and Andrea Noethe, 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.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Mike Lieurance, moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

Dwight Nelson, seconded by John Patcle, moved to approve the minutes of July 13, 2021. Motion carried without negative vote.

Finance

Mark Stead, seconded by Robert Keeney, moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve the sale of tax deed parcel #020-00803-0020 (Town of Harrison). Motion carried without negative vote.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to postpone action on the sale of tax deed parcel #024-00679-0000 (Town of Hickory Grove) until the next meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

The committee discussed the 2022 budget and the maintenance of the county's wage schedules.

The directive from the committee to department heads is to provide a balanced budget using a modified wage schedule by eliminating the Minimum and 2nd step and adding a 9th and 10th step with step increases beyond 8 after 2 years, and a 2% across the board wage increase effective 1/1/2022. If the departments are unable to balance the budget, the county will first adjust the wage increase to a 1 /1 split, and then take further action as deemed necessary.

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

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

John Patcle, seconded by Mike Lieurance, moved to accept the Finance Director's report.
Motion carried without negative vote.

Information Technology

The committee discussed an IT account for the Servers/Storage and CSB Batteries. No action was taken.

Robert Keeney, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to approve out of budget spending of \$850,050 for the Grant County fiber optic loop from Lancaster to Platteville using ARPA funds. Motion carried without negative vote.

System Downtimes: No system downtimes to report.

Network review

- a. IT is working with the Finance department on a Spring Brook upgrade. Currently the project is paused due to the County's Budget process.
- b. IT has started to implement a 2nd 8320 for the Administration building. IT is updating all of the interconnects to be multi-chassis. Once the updates are done the Administration Building will have a redundant switch core.
- c. IT has started VMWare upgrades for the County. The County's vSphere has been updated to version 7. IT is now looking to update the Administration Builds VMWare to Enterprise and version 7.
- d. IT updated the County's Airwave system to the latest version.
- e. IT is working with TDS and the Sheriff's Office on a remediation strategy for the July 3rd 911 and phone outage.
- f. IT is looking to add an Access point to the roof of the Administration building to provide support for body camera downloads and provide public Wi-Fi to the Court house court yard.
- g. The County's GCTaxland web site was attacked on Aug 1st from 4:12 – 4:23. The County's WAF(Web Application Firewall) prevented the attack.

County Systems

- a. IT has started the budget process and is looking at projects to be done in 2022.
- b. The expanded Wi-Fi system at the County Fairgrounds is working with no issues. The last AP has been installed completing the Wi-Fi update for the fairgrounds.
- c. IT is working with maintenance on installation of new fire panels for the Administration Building and Court house.
- d. IT has finished standing up a new 2 Factor Authentication system for the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's office is now deploying the software to deputies.
- e. IT has deployed a Backup domain controller for Unified services. IT will focus next on deploying firewall and VPN services.

Public Safety Communications System/ Grant County Fiber optic loop

- a. The County is receiving reels of fiber optic conduit. IT is working with the fiber optic contractor on the Platteville and Lancaster CAN installations.

- b. IT has been working with the Sheriff’s Office to move the County’s old NICE recording system from a physical system to a virtual machine.

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 July 13, 2021, are as follows:

Full time Benefit	282
Regular Part time Benefit	47
Part time	57
Limited term and seasonal	88
TOTAL	474

Joyce Roling reported that it is legal to mandate COVID-19 vaccines as a condition of employment. Jeff Kindrai reported the stats on COVID-19 in Grant County and the concern of the uptick in the number of cases.

Donald Splinter, seconded by John Patcle, moved to approve the Personnel Directors report. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance, moved to go into Closed session per state statute 19.85(1) (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session as it relates to WPPA contract negotiations and as it relates to the IT Director.

Roll Call Vote		
Name	Yes	No
Gary Ranum	X	
Mark Stead	X	
Donald Splinter	X	
Mike Lieurance	X	
Dwight Nelson	X	
John Patcle	X	
Robert Keeney	X	

Roll Call Vote resulted in a carried motion.

Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance, moved to return to Open Session.

Mark Stead, seconded by Don Splinter, moved to approve the updated IT Director job description place the position in Grade Q at step 1 of the wage schedule effective immediately. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance, moved to adjourn to September 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.