

Grant County Board of Supervisors
August 17, 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 Administration Building, Grant County Courthouse and on the county website.

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

Others present in the room: Tonya White, County Clerk; Ben Wood, Corporation Council; Lynda Schweikert, CSZD; Justin Johnson, CSZD; Lori Reid, ADRC; Garry Pluemer, Maintenance; Jon Knautz, Highway Department; Shane Drinkwater, Information Technology; Joyce Roling, Personnel; Nate Dreckman, Sheriff's Office; Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer; Ken McAndrew, Veterans; Bennet Goldstein, media; Ron Brisbois, Grant County Economic Development and Andy Fritz.

Others present virtually: Carrie Kerstiens, Child Support; Tina McDonald, Clerk of Court; Steve Braun, Emergency Management; Amanda Degenhardt, Finance; Jeff Kindrai, Health Department; Carol Schwartz, Orchard Manor; Jody Bartels, Register in Probate; Andrea Noethe, Register of Deeds; Fred Naatz, Social Services; Jamie Kreul, Health Department; Karla Schwantes, County Clerk's Office; Tim Hundt, Congressional Aide for Representative Ron Kind and Shawn Handfelt, Health Department.

Agenda: Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the amended agenda with the addition of item 12 and the deletion of one tax deed parcel. Don Splinter, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes: Dwight Nelson, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney extended a thank you to Emergency Management, ADRC and all other volunteers for the support in Boscobel.

The Grant County Fair is this week.

PDPW/WCA is hosting an event Tuesday, August 24, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Winch Pine Grove Farms near Fennimore.

WCA room confirmations were handed out. The Conference is September 26th-28th.

Census data has been released. There may be a need for an Administrative Committee meeting in the near future.

Governor Ever's Office gave Grant County a certificate at the All American Road dedication ceremony.

Employee Recognition: Chairman Keeney presented a certificate of appreciation to Andy Fritz for his 23 years of service to the Highway Department. Andy Fritz was present to receive his certificate.

Appointment(s): None

Grant(s): None

COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action: Jeff Kindrai, Health Department reported that the CDC and the State of Wisconsin have updated the policy on giving boosters to immunocompromised individuals. Boosters will be available to seniors within the next few weeks. The general boosters for the public for those that are eight months out from completing the series will be available in a few months. Full approval of Pfizer and Moderna is expected within the next few weeks. Approval for kids, under the age of 12, is likely to happen later this year. With vaccinations in Grant County, 43.4% have received one dose and 41.4% have completed the series. Still the most challenging age range is with younger individuals. Vaccinated individuals rate of hospitalization is reduced by 90%; it reduces your risk of death by 99% and reduces transmission by about 50%.

Grant County is averaging 6.5 cases per day with 8% of the cases under the age of 12, 15% are 20 and younger, 43% are 40 and younger, 14% are 65 and older. Grant County is having probable cases with 0.8 cases per day and 54% are in their 30's or younger. Grant County is now listed as High. Hospitalizations are growing throughout the state with eight (8) hospitalizations in Grant County.

Carol Beals, second by Greg Fry made a motion to require all individuals to wear a mask in all County buildings. A roll call vote was taken with five (5) Yes, and twelve (12) No, therefore motion failed, Schroeder, Lieurance, Stead, Nelson, Jantzen, Splinter, Wagner, Ranum, Northouse, Keeney, Guthrie and Patcle opposing.

Discussion and Possible Action on CDBG CLOSE Administration Contracts: Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Ron Brisbois, Grant County Economic Development. Brisbois presented the submitted CDBG Contract Administration Proposals for Platteville Mining Museum and Lancaster SWOC Daycare. Of the three proposals submitted, Grant County Economic Development had the lowest bid of \$6,000.00. Porter Wagner, second by Mark Stead made a motion to approve Grant County Economic Development for \$6000 worth of administrative costs for the Platteville Mining Museum and Lancaster Southwest Opportunity Center Daycare. A roll call vote was taken with 16 Yes, and 1 Abstention, therefore motion carried with Beinborn abstaining.

579th Zoning Amendment: Justin Johnson presented the 579th Zoning Amendment filed by Douglas & Jody Cushman, Town of Clifton to the board. Gary Ranum, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on changing the Administration of the Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program from Social Services to ADRC effective January 2022: Social Services Committee has approved the change. ADRC meets Wednesday and will take action. Fred Naatz explained that Social Services have been running Alzheimer's Family Care Givers Support Program since it first started. It made sense at the time because Social Services operated the Long Term Care Program

which has now become Family Care. ADRC currently is operating a similar program. Lori Reid would like to change the state contract from DHS to GWAAR. In order to do that a resolution needs to be passed. This will ease the burden on consumers having to deal with two separate agencies within the County. Don Splinter, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the change of the administration of the Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program from Social Services to ADRC. The motion was amended by Don Splinter, second by Greg Fry to approve the change of the administration of the Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program from Social Services to ADRC pending ADRC committee approval. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on funding of Storage Facility: There has been discussion on building a storage facility near CSB with cold storage and maintenance department with future expansion. As COVID hit and prices went up, it was decided to cut back to just a cold storage facility with the hopes that WI DOT Trust Fund would cover the cost. Bids were opened in June and the bids were higher than anticipated. A joint meeting was held with ADRC and the Administrative Committee. At the joint meeting, it was determined to move forward to the full Board for approval; ADRC would use \$200,000 from the DOT Trust Fund, \$50,000 from the savings of the roof project and \$75,000 from the general fund. Dale Hood, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to move forward with the storage facility using \$200,000 from WI DOT Trust Fund, \$50,000 from savings on the Administration Building roof project and \$75,000 from general fund. A Roll Call vote was taken with 13 Yes, 3 No, 1 Abstention, therefore motion carried with Hood, Beals, Guthrie opposing and Beinborn abstaining.

Discussion and Possible Action on Sale of Tax Deed Parcels 020-00803-0020 (Town of Harrison): Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer presented the bid in the amount of \$5980. Mark Stead, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the sale of tax deed parcel 020-00803-0020 in the amount of \$5980. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on Out of Budget Spending for the Grant County Fiber Optic Loop from Lancaster to Platteville using ARPA funding: Shane Drinkwater, IT Director presented an update on the fiber loop from Lancaster to Platteville. Connection needs to be made to the Platteville Police Department for the 911 system. The estimated cost would be \$856,050.89. Mark Stead, second by John Patcle made a motion to approve out of budget spending for the Grant County fiber optic loop from Lancaster to Platteville using ARPA funding. A Roll Call Vote was taken with 16 Yes, and 1 Abstention, therefore motion carried with Beinborn abstaining.

Discussion and Possible Action on Short Term Funding for Communications Land Acquisition: Ten tower sites need to be located for the communications project. One tower site has been determined at the Platteville Highway Shop. There is an interested farm that would like to work with the County on the south tower site. There is an opportunity to exchange some land with the DNR leaving eight tower sites to be secured. Sheriff Dreckman and Chief Deputy Johnson would like to secure funding before speaking with landowners. Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to grant the authority to the Sheriff to negotiate land purchases for the placement of the communications towers and fiber loop shelters. The motion was amended by Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner to grant the authority to the Sheriff to negotiate land purchases for the placement of the communications towers and fiber optic loop shelters with reporting back to the Administrative Committee for full approval of each purchase. Roll Call Vote was taken with 16 Yes, and 1 Abstention, therefore motion carried with Beinborn abstaining.

Discussion and Possible action on the Sale of Law Enforcement Center: Chairman Keeney shared the draft RFP proposal with the Board. Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to use the dates in the draft proposal and issue the RFP immediately. Motion carried by voice vote.

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: Pat Schroeder, second by Greg Fry made a motion, contingent on the approval by the Ag, Extension and Fair Committee, to pay six (6) outstanding invoices to Grant County Humane Society in the total of \$930. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports: Mark Stead gave an update on Conservation Sanitation and Zoning Committee.
Pat Schroeder gave an update on the Fair/UW Extension Committee.
Gary Ranum gave an update on Unified Community Services and Executive Committee.
Lester Jantzen gave an update on the Veteran's Office.
Don Splinter gave an update on Orchard Manor Committee and Highway Committee.
Carol Beals gave an update on Board of Health Committee.

Discussion on the need for a County Board meeting in September: Historically, because of WCA Convention there is not a meeting in September. After discussion it was decided to not have a meeting in September.

Adjournment: Don Splinter, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next County Board meeting on October 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.