

Grant County Board of Supervisors
November 9, 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 sixteen (16) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, John Patcle, Greg Fry, Pat Schroeder, Mike Lieurance, Mark Stead, Dale Hood, Dwight Nelson, Carol Beals, Lester Jantzen, John Beinborn, Don Splinter and Porter Wagner. Bob Scallon was absent.

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

Minutes: Mark Stead, second by Don Splinter made a motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 2021 with one correction. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney explained that the Board will be using the roll call tablet system for voting to speed up the process of the meeting.

There are two public hearings during the meeting. The public hearings will be to take action on the budget and redistricting.

The Phase 3 Communications Project continues to work toward land acquisition for the Preston Road site, Muscoda site and Boscobel site. Conduit is in the ground from Muscoda south on County Road G. Next it will be bored on Cass Hollow Road and Preston Road. Conduit has also been bored through Stitzer. In the next week the work will begin from Muscoda to Boscobel. Conduit is also in the ground for Platteville and the south loop back to CSB. As the contractor has time, they will blow the fiber that is on hand into the conduit.

Open Meeting is upgrading the roll call system, so in the future we will upgrade to the latest version of Open Meeting.

Chairman Keeney and Corporation Council have been involved with the opioid litigation. It has come to the action stage. In December there will be an action item in front of the Board.

Employee Recognition(s): Chairman Keeney recognized Deb Noel for her 48 years of service to Orchard Manor.

Appointment(s): None

Grants: Jeff Kindrai, Health Department presented the DOT Child Passenger Safety Seat Grant to the Board. Carol Beals, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fred Naatz, Social Services presented the 2022 Targeted Safety Support Funds to the Board. John Beinborn, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fred Naatz, Social Services presented the Adult Protective Services Funding to the Board. Don Splinter, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the application. Motion carried by voice vote.

581st Zoning Amendment: Justin Johnson presented the 581st Zoning Amendment filed by Addison Family LLC, Town of Wingville; Jace Properties LLC, Town of Jamestown; Joy Obriecht, Town of Jamestown; Tim and Carol Hinderman, Town of Jamestown and Koeller Dairy Real Estate Holdings LLC, Town of South Lancaster. Mark Stead, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on CDBG-CLOSE Southwest Opportunity Center Adult Daycare Facility Project: Ron Brisbois presented the three bids that were opened Monday. Midwest Builders Inc. bid \$122,265.00, Tricon Construction Group bid \$168,000.00 and EPIC Construction bid \$141,608.00. The project is within the funding that is available under the Close Program. John Beinborn, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to accept the bid of Midwest Builders Inc. of \$122,265 and to award that using CDBG-CLOSE funding that is available. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, and one (1) Absent therefore motion passed.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Sale of Law Enforcement Center: Chairman Keeney does not have anything to take action on at this meeting. Corporation Council and Chairman Keeney met with Kwik Trip and discussed the offer to purchase. One concern is the tower that is on the property. Some of the logistics of having the tower removed have been worked out. Action on an offer may need to be taken at the December meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action for purchase of Multi-Factor Authentication software for the County: Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Shane Drinkwater. Drinkwater advised that Grant County's insurance carrier notified the County that in order to retain Cyber Security Insurance for next year, the County needed to implement multi-factor authentication (MFA). The cost associated with getting the MFA up and running by the end of the year is \$10,626.27. This includes the needed license upgrade and tokens. Gary Ranum, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to move forward with the out of budget spending allowing the IT Department to spend up to \$10,626.27 for multi-factor authentication. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, and one (1) Absent therefore motion carried.

COVID-19 Update: Jeff Kindrai, Health Department reported 753 confirmed cases, 103 probable cases and 10 deaths since the October meeting. Grant County is averaging 14.3 cases per day. 30% are 18 and younger, 15% are 65 and older, 31.5% are under the age of 20, 15% are in their 20's, 14.5% are in their 30's, 10% are in their 40's, 9% are in their 50's, 9.5% are in their 60's and 10 % are 70 or older.

Probable cases are averaging 4 per day. 23.2% are 18 and younger, 16.1% are 65 and older and 62.5% are in their 20's or younger.

Since the meeting in October there have been 50 hospitalizations. There were no hospitalizations in individuals 18 and younger and 18 to 19 year olds. Most of the hospitalizations were 70 and older.

So far in November there have been 22 confirmed and probable breakthrough cases ranging from 136 to 279 days after completing the series. 82% were over 200 days. In October there were 150 total ranging from 23 to 266 days. 97% were over 100 days out and 48% were over 200 days from being fully vaccinated.

Testing is being offered at the former Shopko building Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9 a.m. to Noon. There is a contract that is under review to expand testing for Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. That contract would offer rapid testing for a fee. The Health Department is encouraging schools to get rapid testing and PCR testing to help facilitate early release from quarantine and possibly a test to stay program in the future.

All three vaccines are available at the Health Department and at the former Shopko building by appointment. Contact the Health Department for appointments.

Convene to Public Hearing for 2022 Budget: John Patcle, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to convene to public hearing regarding the 2022 budget. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director. Amanda Degenhardt presented the proposed 2022 budget for Grant County. In revenue sources, 59% come from program revenue, 25% from tax levy, 8% from sales tax and the remaining 8% percent will be shared revenue, fund balance, sales tax carryover and investment earnings.

The total budget expense is \$52,206,695.00 which includes a wage increase of 1% on January 1, 2022 and 1% on July 3, 2022. The budget also includes a wage schedule change which adds two steps to the top of the schedule and drops off the bottom two steps. Health insurance premiums were increased by 6.5% and there was a need to increase the HRA contributions. Retirement contributions decreased for general employees by a quarter of a percent but increase a quarter percent for protective employees. There is a change in mileage rate proposed. Grant County currently pays the federal rate. The proposal is to change to the State rate to comply with funding issues for grants that are received. Worker's Compensation has increase by about 5%.

Reconvene to County Board Meeting: John Patcle, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to reconvene to the Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adoption of the 2022 Budget: Gary Ranum, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to adopt the 2022 budget. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Regarding General Tax Levy: Amanda Degenhardt, Finance presented the Resolution Regarding the General Tax Levy. Gary Northouse, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the resolution regarding the general tax levy. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Establishing Non-Represented Wages and Modifying Schedule for 2022: Chairman Keeney presented the resolution. Gary Ranum, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to approve the

Resolution Establishing Non-Represented Wages and Modifying Schedule for 2022. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Establishing County Board Chair Salary for 2022: Amanda Degenhardt, Finance presented the resolution. Mike Lieurance, second by Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the Resolution Establishing the County Board Chair Salary for 2022. A roll call vote was taken with twelve (12) Yes, one (1) Abstain (Keeney), three (3) No (Fry, Schroeder and Hood) and one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Regarding Mileage Reimbursement: Amanda Degenhardt, Finance presented the resolution. Lester Jantzen, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the Resolution Regarding Mileage Reimbursement. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy Revision: Chairman Keeney presented the policy revision. Gary Northouse, second by Don Splinter made a motion to approve the policy revision. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Settle in full the General Taxes for the Tax Roll Year 2021, collectable in 2022: Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer presented the resolution. Don Splinter, second by Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Settle in full the General Taxes for the Tax Roll Year 2021, collectable in 2022. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Regarding the Investment of County Funds: Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer presented the resolution. Lester Jantzen, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the Resolution Regarding the Investment of County Funds. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Regarding County Orders: Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer presented the resolution. Gary Northouse, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to approve the resolution regarding county orders. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Center 85.20 (State Aid) and 5311 (Federal Aid) to provide subsidized taxi transportation service to residents of Grant and Iowa Counties: Lori Reid, ADRC presented the resolution. Lester Jantzen, second by Dale Hood made a motion to approve Resolution Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Center 85.20 (State Aid) and 5311 (Federal Aid) to provide subsidized taxi transportation service to residents of Grant and Iowa Counties. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Relating to Aging & Disabilities Resource Center 85.21 assisting in providing specialized transportation service to elderly and disabled: Lori Reid, ADRC presented the resolution. Dale Hood, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve Resolution Relating to Aging & Disabilities Resource Center 85.21 assisting in providing specialized transportation service to elderly and disabled. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Regarding County Construction & Maintenance During the Calendar Year 2022: Jon Knautz, Highway Department presented the resolution. Mark Stead, second by John Patcle made a motion to

approve the Resolution Regarding County Construction & Maintenance During the Calendar Year 2022. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Regarding County Aid Bridge Construction: Jon Knautz, Highway Department presented the resolution. John Patcle, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve Resolution Regarding County Aid Bridge Construction. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Regarding County Road Aid – Towns: John Patcle, second by Don Splinter made a motion to approve Resolution Regarding County Road Aid – Towns. A roll call was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Regarding County Road Aid – Villages: Lester Jantzen, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve Resolution Regarding County Road Aid – Villages. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes, one (1) Abstain (Keeney), one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Regarding County Road Aid – Cities: Mark Stead, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve Resolution Regarding County Road Aid – Cities. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Dog Claim(s): Pat Schroeder, second by Greg Fry made a motion to approve two outstanding invoices to Grant County Humane Society in the total of \$310. Motion carried by voice vote. The contract for the Grant County Humane Society concludes the end of this year, so there will need to be negotiations on a contract.

Committee Reports:

Administrative – Chairman Keeney advised the committee did not meet.

Ag & Extension – Pat Schroeder advised they would be meeting in January to discuss the 2022 Fair.

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin – Dale Hood advised there was a vacancy on the committee that has been filled.

Board of Health – Carol Beals advised the committee discussed COVID, applying for the DOT grant and temporary pay.

Conservation Sanitation and Zoning Department – Mark Stead advised that the Director is working with IT to upgrade the computers and DATCP has advised that Grant County has been allocated \$123,295.00 towards staff and support and \$64,500.00 towards cost sharing.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council – Gary Ranum advised they did not meet.

Economic, Tourism and Resource – John Beinborn advised the annual meeting and election of officers will be held in December.

Executive – Gary Ranum advised that the committee discussed filling vacant positions, giving temporary pay and the resolutions discussed today.

Hidden Valley – Robert Scallon was absent.

Highway/DMATS – Don Splinter advised the county crews have been preparing for winter and have an open position.

Orchard Manor/Farm – Don Splinter advised that the committee meets this week.

Land Information Council – Lynda Schweikert advised the council has been working on the Land Information Plan and grant application.

Law Enforcement & Emergency Management – John Beinborn advised EM will have an open position, FEMA will be reimbursing the County. For the Sheriff’s Office, the Chief Deputy has announced his retirement.

Local Emergency Planning Committee – The committee did not meet.

Social Services Board – John Beinborn advised there is no update.

Southwest Community Services Board of Directors – Carol Beals advised the vaccine project has moved from Grant County to Richland County.

Unified Community Services Board of Directors – Gary Ranum advised they received a report on the 2020 financial audit and reviewed some bylaws.

Veterans – Lester Jantzen advised the office has been busy and is enjoying the new space.

Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission – Mike Lieurance advised the river rail is doing maintenance on the tracks and replacing several of the older bridges.

Convene to Public Hearing on the Final Supervisory District Plan: John Patcle, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to convene to public hearing on the final supervisory district plan. Motion carried by voice vote.

Reconvene to County Board Meeting: Pat Schroeder, second by John Beinborn made a motion to close the public hearing and reconvene to the County Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on Final Supervisory District Plan: Pat Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the tentative plan as the final supervisory district plan. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Ordinance #61 to Adopt County Supervisory District Plan for Grant County: Tonya White, County Clerk explained that the ordinance describes the new supervisory districts. Pat Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve and amend ordinance 61 to adopt the Grant County Supervisory District Plan. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) Absent, therefore motion carried.

Adjournment: Mark Stead, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to adjourn pursuant to the next County Board meeting on December 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.