

Grant County Board of Supervisors  
December 21, 2021  
Administration Building  
111 S. Jefferson Street, 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 seventeen (17) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, 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.

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

**Minutes:** Mark Stead, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2021 meeting with two corrections. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Opioid Settlement Agreement:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Attorney Phillips to give an overview of the settlement. Grant County was one of 71 counties to authorize the filing of a lawsuit in 2017. Since then, there have been thousands of other local governments join the action. The lawsuit was consolidated into the Multi District Litigation proceeding and with consolidation the case was divided into three segment; manufacturer's segment, distributor's segment and pharmacy segment. In Wisconsin, legislation was adopted this past summer that states the state of Wisconsin will be split 70% to the local governments that litigated in Wisconsin and 30% to the state. The allocation amount is \$1.4 million dollars. The amount is paid out over time depending on the defendant.

- Opioid Litigation Q & A with Attorney Andy Phillips: Jeff Lockhart, UCS explained how the settlement will be used. Jeff discussed that the settlement may be used for treatment activities and prevention activities.
- Resolution No. 51-20, Authorizing Grant County to Enter Into the Settlement Agreements with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc., Agree to the Terms of the MOU Allocating Settlement Proceeds, and Authorize Entry Into the MOU with the Attorney General: Carol Beals, second by John Beinborn made a motion to authorize Grant County to enter into the settlement agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- Settlement Participation Form "Distributor Settlement": Carol Beals, second by Don Splinter made a motion to enter into the distributor settlement. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.
- Settlement Participation Form "Janssen Settlement": Roger Guthrie, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to enter into the settlement participation form Janssen settlement. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

- Wisconsin State-Local Government Memorandum of Understanding: Pat Schroeder, second by Mark Stead made the motion to accept the Wisconsin State-Local Government Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried by voice vote.
- Wisconsin Local Government Memorandum of Understanding: Gary Ranum, second by Porter Wagner made the motion to accept the Wisconsin Local Government Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Grant County Economic Development will be moving into two offices in the Youth and Ag Building.

Wisconsin DNR did approve the use of DNR property for snowmobile trails in Grant County.

Muscoda is applying for an EDA Grant to expand the industrial park. Chairman Keeney will be sending a letter of support in favor of that project.

An extension has been signed to co-locate in the Welcome Center south of Kieler.

**Employee Recognition(s):** Chairman Keeney presented Don Parkins with a certificate for his 32 years of service to the Sheriff's Office.

**Appointment(s):** Gary Ranum, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to appoint Ashley Dickman to CJCC. Motion carried by voice vote.

Robert Scallon, second by Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve Krogen's Do It Best Store as DNR Fire Warden. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** Amy Olson, Fair Manager presented the Tourism Capital Grant offered through the Department of Administration to the Board. Porter Wagner, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

Sheriff Dreckman presented a donation that was given to the Badger State Sheriff's Association for protective gear in the amount of \$30,000. Porter Wagner, second by Mark Stead made a motion to accept the donation from Badger State Sheriff's Association for protective gear for deputies. Motion carried by voice vote.

Lynda Schweikert presented the 2022 Wisconsin Land Information Plan Grant. Dwight Nelson, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on 2022-2024 Grant County Land Information Plan:** Lynda Schweikert presented the Land Information Plan to the Board. Pat Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the plan and submit to the State. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on CSZD Out of Budget Spending Request – Replacement of CSZD County Computers and Monitors:** Lynda Schweikert presented the out of budget spending for County computers. The cost would include laptops, docking stations and larger monitors. CSZD does have \$3000 in the budget to apply toward the cost, so the remaining balance needed from the general fund would be around \$9820 depending on current prices. Greg Fry, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the out of budget spending request from the general fund in the amount of \$9820 depending on current costs for replacement of CSZD County computers and monitors. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Funding for Treatment Court due to change in TAD Grant:** Kristin Schier presented the TAD Grant change. Grant County was awarded \$119,572 which is \$25,491 less than what was submitted. The approval of the 2022 CJCC Coordinator was \$4791 so that can be applied toward the shortfall leaving around \$20,000. Kristin is estimating that there will be \$8,757 carryover from 2021 treatment courts that can be applied to the shortfall which leaves around \$12,000. Gary Ranum, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to allow use of general fund to cover treatment court budget through the first quarter of 2022 not to exceed \$5500 without further County Board action. A roll vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**RACOM Presentation on Phase 3 Radio Project:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to representatives from RACOM. The radio system will have five voice channels and fire paging. Coverage, out of date equipment and safety were the primary reasons for the new system. There is no redundancy built into the current system and parts have been purchased off e-bay. The next phase of the radio project will include four tower site locations prep, which will take around seven to nine months to complete. One tower site will need to be in Iowa to give the best coverage and each tower site will be an acre or less. The complete project will take three years in seven different phases. The cost will be \$8.727 million.

**Discussion and Possible action on Initial Resolution Authorizing Promissory Note(s) for Public Safety Communications System Enhancement not to exceed \$11,000,000:** Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the promissory note(s). A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Public Safety Communications – Phase 3 System Purchase Agreement with RACOM Corporation:** Chairman Keeney explained that Corporation Council, Sheriff Dreckman, Finance Director, IT Director and himself have reviewed the contract presented by RACOM. There are a few minor discrepancies that need to be addressed but the changes can be worked out. Porter Wagner, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to move forward and enter into a purchase agreement with RACOM Corporation over Phase 3 Public Safety Communications. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action of Designation of Project Manager(s) for Communications System/Fiber Optic Loop:** The Law Enforcement Committee discussed having co-project managers of Shane Drinkwater and Sheriff Dreckman for the radio system and fiber optic loop project. Porter Wagner, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to appoint Shane Drinkwater, Sheriff Dreckman or their designees as co-project managers for the communications/fiber optic loop. Motion carried by voice vote.

**COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action:** Jeff Kindraj, Health Department reported that the current case average is 34.9 cases per day. There have been eight deaths, 1234 confirmed cases and 149 probable cases since the November meeting. Grant County is averaging 34.9 cases. 11% of the cases are 65 and older and 29.2% of the cases are 18 and younger. Probable cases are down to 2.6 cases per day. 29.7% of the probable cases are 18 and younger, 2.7% are 65 and older and 75% are in their 20's or younger. With hospitalizations on the rise, hospitals are reporting difficulties with staffing and transporting patients to ICU beds.

Testing is being offered at the former Shopko building Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to Noon. The National Guard will not be assisting with testing after January 7, 2022. The contract with a private contractor is almost complete and they will be able to expand the testing.

All three vaccines are available at the Health Department by appointment and Royce Hall on the UW Platteville campus starting January 13, 2022.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Easement and Property Sale to WI DOT:** The WI DOT would like to purchase a little over 0.3 of an acre behind guardrail on the west side of the Highway 129 intersection and also have a temporary limited easement driveway near Larry's Welding. Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the easement and property sale to WI DOT in the amount of \$1000. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on the sale of former Law Enforcement Center:** The offer to purchase from Kwik Trip will be for the entire jail building, the parking lot to the northeast corner and the small parking lot between Grant County property and Rita Turner's house. The offer is for \$125,000. Kwik Trip also made a contingency to allow up to \$10,000 for the tower removal. The tower has already been removed. Mark Stead, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to authorize the County Clerk to sign all documents relating to the offer to purchase for the former Law Enforcement Center with Kwik Trip Corporation. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Closeout on Community Services Building:** The remaining invoice for Wiederholt Enterprise for \$25,000 and Epic Construction for \$750 which covers Zimmerman Design who submitted reports to the DNR for the burial of the 52 building. Gary Northouse, second by Dwight Nelson made a motion to approve billing #34 for the closeout of the Community Services Building in the amount of \$25,750. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Promoted or Transferred Employee policy revision:** Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the updated policy. Mike Lieurance, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the promoted or transferred employee policy revision. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on 2022 Grant County Humane Society Contract:** Chairman Keeney sent the proposed contract to the Humane Society. The Humane Society sent back a counter proposal with a change in fees. The Humane Society would like Grant County to set aside and budget for \$100,000 a year. The statute allows Grant County to appoint a pound. When a contract was entered into in 2017, the remaining funds were designated back to the pound which was the Humane Society. Carol Soden from the Humane Society Board explained that the board has some opportunities to hopefully build a facility. They are looking at how to build a budget for the facility. The Humane Society Board was not aware of the County budgeting process. Gary Ranum, second by Carol Beals made a motion to propose back to the Humane Society to sign a one-year contract at \$160 per dog, leaving the balance of the contract alone. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Pat Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve one outstanding invoice to Grant County Humane Society in the amount of \$155. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Due to the length of the meeting Committee Reports were waived.

**Adjournment:** Lester Jantzen, second by John Beinborn made a motion to adjourn pursuant to the next County Board Meeting on January 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.