

Grant County Board of Supervisors
February 15, 2022
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 thirteen (13) members present in the room: Carol Beals, John Beinborn, Roger Guthrie, Dale Hood, Lester Jantzen, Robert Keeney, Mike Lieurance, Dwight Nelson, John Patcle, Gary Ranum, Patrick Schroeder, Donald Splinter and Mark Stead. Present virtually one (1) member: Greg Fry. Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon and Porter Wagner asked to be excused.

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

Minutes: Pat Schroeder, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney gave an update on the opioid litigation. J&J may frontload the payment but the balance could be from seven to nineteen years before paid out. WCA is working on an option to secure the payments. They do recommend that the board segregate those funds so they are used for opioid issues.

Shane Drinkwater gave an update on the fiber project. There are five crews finishing up the fiber installation. They are in the process of splicing where the two cables would meet. Spools of conduit are arriving and being housed at the Lippert site. Purchasing handholds is still an issue. Soon microfiber will be blown in along Highway 129 to complete the circuit.

Chairman Keeney gave an update on the towers and radio project. There are three landowners that have yet to sign the letter of intent. The Sheriff has been working on those projects. Preliminary plans have been done for the Platteville, Muscodia, Boscobel and Fennimore towers. Edge Engineering is working on surveying the other properties. The line of credit has been secured and the 20% down payment of the contract has been paid.

Chairman Keeney advised that Youth Government Day has been set up for April 13, 2022. Mike Lieurance has been the lead on setting up Government Day. Mike explained that this year there will be two stops instead of three for the morning session. The stops will be the Administration Building and the Community Services Building. In the afternoon, the students will be able to watch a trial.

Employee Recognition(s): Chairman Keeney recognized Jay Fitzgerald for his 30 years of service. Chairman Keeney recognized Mary Bailie for her 32 years of service. Chairman Keeney recognized Rita White for her 36 years of service.

Appointment(s): Carol Beals, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to appoint Jeff Lockhart as the Agency Director of Unified Community Services. Motion carried by voice vote.

Lester Jantzen, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to appoint Dave Peterson to the Veteran's Service Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.

Gary Ranum, second by John Beinborn made a motion to reappoint Aaron Olson and Doctor Jacob Hiatt to CJCC. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grant(s): Carol Schwartz, Orchard Manor presented the West Bend Safe Resident Assistance Grant. Don Splinter, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action: Jeff Kindrai, Health Department gave an update on COVID-19. There has been a decrease in cases. There have been 23.9 confirmed cases in the past 14 days. Of the cases, in the last 14 days, 4 were less than one year old and 13 were less than four-year-old. 65 and older has trended up a little bit in the last 14 days. Probable cases have decreased also. There have been 4.9 probable cases in the last 14 days. In 2022, there have been 35 hospitalizations so far. Over half the hospitalizations are under the age of 60.

Testing hours have expanded since the last Board meeting. COVID Clinic is a private contractor that is testing at the former Shopko building. Testing is now being done Monday through Saturday. Friday's clinic is run by Emergency Management. If an individual uses the COVID Clinic there is no fee if you have been exposed or are symptomatic. The COVID Clinic does have access to rapid testing but there will be a fee. The COVID Clinic does ask individuals to register online. UW-Platteville is also offering testing during the week. There are some pharmacies and schools offering testing as well.

50.9% of residents in Grant County have completed the series. Vaccinations for six-month-old to four-year-old will be delayed until at least April. Vaccinations are available at the Health Department during the week days. The Health Department does prefer that individuals call ahead for availability. UW-Platteville has a vaccination clinic on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are also some pharmacies, clinics and hospitals that are offering vaccinations.

582nd Zoning Amendment: Justin Johnson presented the 582nd Zoning Amendments filed by Hunter Peterson in Town of Watterstown, Trapper Brown in Town of Watterstown and Kruser Construction, LLC in Town of Jamestown. Pat Schroeder, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the 582nd Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote with two negative votes.

Amendment to Chapter 3 Section 3.02(6)(b) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance: Justin Johnson presented the amendment to Chapter 3.02(6)(b). The amendment would apply to all zoned townships in Grant County. The amendment would require a conditional use permit going through the township first. That allows the township the ability to put conditions on the proposal and then forward to the CSZD Committee for public hearing. Pat Schroeder, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to postpone the Amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance until the March meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on out of Budget spending for HR, Payroll, Timekeeping, and Financial Package Software: Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Amanda Degenhardt, Shane

Drinkwater and Joyce Roling who gave a presentation on the software. Pat Schroeder, second by Mark Stead made a motion to approve the purchase of the Tyler Munis HR/Payroll/Financial/Timekeeping package with the implementation cost of \$280,170 to be used with ARPA funds and out of budget spending for the first year at \$130,758. A roll call vote was taken with twelve (12) Yes, two (2) No (Fry and Hood) and three (3) excused, therefore motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on out of Budget spending for Fiber Optic loop routers and transceivers using ARPA funding: Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Shane Drinkwater who presented the request to purchase ten routers with the needed licenses, 52 optical 10 Gbps 40 Km Bidi optics and 28 copper 1 Gbps for a total of \$221,373. Mark Stead, second by Don Splinter made a motion to approve the out of budget spending for Fiber Optic loop routers and transceivers using ARPA funding in the amount of \$221,373. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes and three (3) Excused, therefore motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for a WiscNet Connection using ARPA funding: Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Shane Drinkwater who presented the request for the WiscNet connection in Platteville. Gary Ranum, second by Mike Lieurance made a motion to approve the one-time cost of \$7,000 of ARPA funds for the WiscNet connection which includes the router and connection costs. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes and three (3) Excused, therefore motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on the renewal, extension, and/or execution of a promissory note of the existing communications project line of credit of \$1,200,000 for an additional year to extend the maturity of the loan from March 24, 2022, to March 24, 2023, as a general obligation of the county: This is the current line of credit with Royal Bank that was put into place to fund the first tower. In 2023, this will be rolled into a new line of credit with Royal Bank. Don Splinter, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the renewal, extension, and/or execution of a promissory note of the existing communications project line of credit of \$1,200,000 for an additional year to extend the maturity of the loan from March 24, 2022 to March 24, 2023 as a general obligation of the county. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes and three (3) Excused, therefore motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution establishing Elected Official Salaries for 2023 through 2026: Joyce Roling presented the resolution for the Elected Officials Salaries for the Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Coroner to the Board. Mark Stead, second by John Patcle made a motion to approve the resolution establishing Elected Official Salaries for 2023 through 2026. A roll call vote was taken with eleven (11) Yes, three (3) No (Fry, Nelson and Beinborn), and three (3) Excused, therefore motion carried.

Convene to Public Hearing on Amended Supervisory District Plan: John Patcle, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to convene to public hearing. Motion carried by voice vote. Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to County Clerk, Tonya White. White explained that the City of Boscobel had to redo their ward/aldermanic districts so there will be a slight adjustment in the County Supervisory Plan. The area that has been adjusted will not affect the election or population. All of ward 2 will now be in Supervisor District 1.

Reconvene to County Board Meeting: John Patcle, second by John Beinborn made a motion to reconvene to County Board meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on Amended Supervisory District Plan: Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the amended supervisory district plan. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes and three (3) Excused, therefore motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Ordinance #61 to Adopt County Supervisor District Plan for Grant County: Don Splinter, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the amended ordinance #61. Motion carried by voice vote.

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: Pat Schroeder, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve two outstanding invoices for 2021 to Grant County Humane Society in the amount of \$310. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Adjournment: John Beinborn, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to adjourn pursuant to the next County Board meeting on March 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.