

Grant County Board of Supervisors
March 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 sixteen (16) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Bob Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, John Patcle, Greg Fry, Pat Schroeder, Mark Stead, Dale Hood, Carol Beals, Dwight Nelson, Lester Jantzen, John Beinborn, Don Splinter and Porter Wagner. Present virtually one (1) member: Mike Lieurance who joined at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda: Chairman Keeney asked the board for approval of the agenda. Bob Scallon, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes: Pat Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney introduced Erik Heagle as the Administrator for Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning.

The Opioid Settlement is getting closer. The first round of funding could be delivered as soon as May 2022. Additional funds are expected to be received July 2022. Chairman Keeney advised that Grant County should consider forming an Ad Hoc Committee or a Task Force.

For the April County Board meeting, Chairman Keeney is asking department heads to attend the April meeting to give a brief presentation on their department and responsibilities of their committee.

Tyler Munis is having a kick off meeting Thursday morning with Amanda Degenhardt, Shane Drinkwater, Joyce Roling and Chairman Keeney.

Wisconsin State Highway Association have recognized Mark Stead, John Patcle and Dwight Nelson for their dedication to the committee.

Chairman Keeney thanked the retiring members for the years of service and cooperation.

Supervisor Stead also spoke about this being the last meeting for several Supervisors.

April 21, 2022 Brad Gingras will be speaking on Communication Strategies and on Generations.

Memoriam for Ambrose Margan: Chairman Keeney read the resolution for Ambrose Margan.

RESOLUTION #64-20

IN MEMORIAM OF AMBROSE MARGAN

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 15th day of March, 2022 issues the following commemoration:

WHEREAS, the death of Ambrose Margan from the Town of Harrison, Grant County, Wisconsin has come to the attention of this body; and

WHEREAS, Ambrose Margan served on the Grant County Board of Supervisors from April 1984 to April 2002 representing the Town of Harrison;

WHEREAS, his many friends and acquaintances will long cherish in memory his willingness to serve through public office and to assist in the interest and welfare of Grant County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Supervisors commends the life and public service of Ambrose Margan and that this memorial be set forth at length upon the minutes of the meeting and that a copy, properly attested by the signature of the Chairperson and the Clerk, be sent to the family.

/s/ Robert C. Keeney, County Board Chairman

/s/ Tonya White, Grant County Clerk

Mark Stead, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the resolution in Memoriam of Ambrose Margan. Motion carried by voice vote.

Employee Recognition(s): Chairman Keeney recognized Bruce Clauer for his 22 years of service. Chairman Keeney recognized Jack Johnson for his 34 years of service. Chairman Keeney recognized Larry Kirschbaum for his 40 years of service.

Appointments(s): There are no appointments.

Grants: There are no grants.

COVID-19 Update, Discussion and Possible Action: Jeff Kindrai, Health Department gave an update on COVID-19. In the past 14 days there has been a significant reduction in confirmed cases. Grant County is averaging 4.2 confirmed cases per day. 15.3% are 18 and younger, 35.6% are 20's and younger, 5.1% in their 30's, 16.9% in their 40's, 13.6% in their 50's and 27.1% 65 and older. For probable cases in the past 14 days they have been almost nonexistent. Hospitalizations have been significantly less with only two children and a few others in all age ranges.

Testing has dropped off quite a bit at the public sites. Testing is being offered at Shopko Monday through Saturday. Registration is done online through COVID Clinic. Friday's clinic is run by Emergency Management and there is no qualification for testing on Friday's. UW-Platteville is still doing testing at Hugunin Hall. The testing will probably continue into April. Some schools have contracted with the State to do testing. There is a lot of home testing that is being done.

In Grant County 48.2% of residents have completed the vaccination series and 27% of residence have been boosted. Vaccination is available at the Health Department, some pharmacies, clinics and hospitals. There is a spring break clinic scheduled at the old Shopko building from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on March 18th, 24th, and 31st. Unfortunately, there is a lot of waste currently throughout the Counties and State since the vials are not single dose. The Grant County Health Department is limiting ordering and scheduling as much as possible to limit the amount of waste.

Amendment to Chapter 3 Section 3.02(6)(b) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance:

Justin Johnson, CSZD presented the amendment to Chapter 3 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Delta 3 Engineering has been working with a client to create lots for residential development off of a private road. Section 3.02(6)(b) caps the number of single-family residences at four and the number of lots being proposed would exceed that cap. Delta 3 Engineering applied to amend the zoning ordinance to offer more than four single family residence being served by a private road. This information was sent to the townships, Highway Department, Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management and there were no public comments received before the public hearing. After the public hearing, there was concern from the Town of Jamestown. If this was to be approved the applicant would also need to apply for a conditional use permit which allows the township to impose conditions on the proposal. There would also need to be a private road maintenance agreement and home owner's association as conditions of the proposal. This amendment would apply to all zoned townships in Grant County. Porter Wagner, second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to approve the amendment to Chapter 3 Section 3.02(6)(b). Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Take the Tax Deed Parcels Which Have Taxes Owing on the 2018 Tax Roll (2019 Tax Certificates): Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the annual resolution. Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Take the Tax Deed Parcels Which Have Taxes Owing on the 2018 Tax Roll (2019 Tax Certificate). A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Non-Lapsing Amounts at December 31, 2021 and Amending the 2022 Budget: Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the annual resolution. Gary Ranum, second by Don Splinter made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Non-Lapsing amounts at December 31, 2021 and amend the 2022 budget. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing the sale of a \$6,250,000 General Obligation Promissory Note: Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the resolution. This is the next step in a resolution that was approved by the County Board at the December 21, 2021 meeting to borrow up to \$11,000,000 for Phase 3 communications tower project. This would be an addition to the line of credit that was taken for the invoice to RACOM. The remaining amount will be borrowed in 2023. Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the sale of a \$6,250,000 General Obligation Promissory Note. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for the fiber optic loop goals for 2022 using ARPA funding: Shane Drinkwater, IT Director presented the fiber optics loop goals for 2022 using ARPA funding. The fiber optic project will start in Platteville and work clockwise around the county. The cost per mile goes up quite a bit if there is any boring or going through rock. The first path will start at the

Platteville Airport to the South Green Field site. The cost associated with that run will be \$424,238. The next path will be from the South Green Field to Potosi tower site. This path does have very difficult with the amount of rock. The cost associated with that run will be \$768,235.50. The next path will be from the Potosi tower site to Cassville. The cost associated that run will be \$626,528.20. The next path will be from Cassville to the West Green Field site. For a short time, the two paths do run next to each other. To minimize the risk of a fiber being cut there will be a fiber on the north side of the road and one on the south side of the road. The cost associated with that run will be \$562,361.90. The next path will be from the West Green Field site to the Bloomington Fairgrounds. The cost associated with that path will be \$346,854.40. The next path will be from the Bloomington Fairgrounds to Millville. The cost associated with that path will be \$669,186.10. The last path for 2022 will be from Millville to Boscobel. The cost associated with that path will be \$670,519. After that leg is complete there will be a fully formed loop. There was also a path done in 2021 for an entity that wants to connect to Richland. This spur was done in Muscoda to an interchange near the river. The cost associated with that spur was \$50,568.70. The total for the 2022 fiber optics project spanning 99.62 miles is \$4,118,491.80. Mark Stead, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the out of budget spending for the fiber optic loop goals using ARPA funding. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for fiber optic supplies using ARPA funding: Shane Drinkwater, IT Director presented the fiber optic supplies that are needed. The items needed are splice trays, pig tails, splice tray holder, Panduit 6 port panel LC duplex and Panduit FWME8. The cost associated with the supplies needed is \$16,210.40.

Sheriff Dreckman gave an update on the tower site project. There will be a meeting with the State on the Hill Road site. That site is currently owned by Fish and Wildlife. Grant County and the State of Wisconsin currently have equipment on the tower on Hill Road. The site designs are being worked on for Platteville, Fennimore, Muscoda and Boscobel. As well as preliminary drawings for Bloomington and the West Green Field site. Inflationary costs have been noticed but it has been within the contingency. Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the out of budget spending for the fiber optic supplies using ARPA funding. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

New Employee Wage Placement – policy revision: Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the policy revision. This allows the department head and the Personnel Director the discretion to adjust the wage schedule for a new hire. The Health Department and Orchard Manor have been approved for this for hiring nurses. This is requested by Sheriff Dreckman for approval to start the non-reps with the decision of the personnel director and determine the hire rate not to exceed step 5 based on the knowledge, skills, abilities and internal equity. Gary Ranum, second by Don Splinter made the motion to approve the New Employee Wage Placement policy revision. Motion carried by voice vote with two negative votes.

Discussion on Amended Rules of the Grant County Board of Supervisors: The Administrative Committee made a few adjustments at there last meeting regarding the rules. The Board of Health does occasionally have a hard time meeting a quorum, so having Zoom option is helpful. Corporation Counsel explained that quorum means to be able to operate business, not whether your vote is counted or a supervisor receive the per diem. Corporation Counsel stated that Article 1 is only dealing with the County Board meeting not committee meetings which has its own section of the rules. Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to adopt all the rules as amended. A roll call vote was requested with fifteen (15) Yes, two (2) No (Fry and Beinborn), therefore motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on participation in meetings using electronic means: Pat Schroeder, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to allow participation via Zoom for all meeting to save the mileage. Corporation Counsel pointed out that the rules would not be relevant because there would never be a quorum. Pat Schroeder and Gary Ranum withdrew the motion and second from the floor. Corporation Counsel will update the policy so committees are allowed to use Zoom. John Beinborn, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to postpone action on the participation in meetings using electronic means, until Corporation Counsel can draft new language. Motion carried by voice vote.

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: Pat Schroeder, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the one outstanding invoice in the amount of \$160. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports: John Patcle, second by Don Splinter made a motion to suspend committee reports due to the length of the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment pursuant to the next County Board Meeting on April 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.: Mark Stead, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to adjourn pursuant to the next County Board meeting on April 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for reorganization of the Grant County Board. Motion carried by voice vote.