

Grant County Board of Supervisors  
April 19, 2022  
Administration Building  
111 S. Jefferson Street, Room 264  
Lancaster, WI 53813

The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:05 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, county website and in the Herald Independent.

Roll call was taken with seventeen (17) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Adam Day, Patrick Schroeder, Elias Cox, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Brandon Snyder, Porter Wagner, John Beinborn, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey.

**Oath of Office for the Grant County Board of Supervisors:** Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel administered the Oath of Office to the Board of Supervisors for their next two-year term.

**Q&A with Corporation Counsel:** Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel had all the County Board members do a short introduction. Wood explained that all members should try and talk into the microphone so that those attending in person or via Zoom can hear. Wood then went over the procedures of the board and encouraged members to use the Official Directory. The County Board uses Robert Rules, therefore there should be a motion and a second and then further discussion. You are able to make a motion and a second via the tablet. Any supervisor can ask for a roll call vote. Per State Statute there are certain times when the board has to do a roll call vote such as out of budget spending and budget amendments. The roll call vote is done via the tablet. Wood also explained that a conflict of interest means that you cannot vote in a way that would be unbiased. Wood also went on to explain about pecuniary interest for board members, how agenda items can be placed on an agenda and closed sessions. Wood then went on to explain the secret ballot process that will be used for the election of County Board Chair, First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair.

**Election for County Board Chair:** Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel opened the floor for nominations for County Board Chair. Roger Guthrie nominated Robert Keeney second by Robert Scallon. Wood repeated the nominations three times and there were no other nominations. Gary Ranum made a motion to close nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Robert Keeney for Grant County Board Chair, second by Porter Wagner. Wood called the motion and asked all those in favor of casting a unanimous ballot for Robert Keeney Grant County Board Chair. All stated aye. Therefore, motion carried.

**Election for First Vice Chair:** Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel opened the floor for nominations for First Vice Chair. Patrick Schroeder, second by Robert Scallon nominated Donald Splinter. John Beinborn, second by Brandon Snyder nominated Gary Ranum. Don Splinter withdrew his name for First Vice Chair. Patrick Schroeder nominated Roger Guthrie. Roger Guthrie declined the nomination. Adam Day, second by Brandon Snyder nominated Porter Wagner. Ben Wood repeated the nominations three times, hearing no other nominations, Wood closed the nominations. Ben Wood instructed the members not to indicate on the ballot who they are. The votes resulted in Gary Ranum receiving eight votes, Porter Wagner receiving nine votes; therefore, Porter Wagner was awarded the position of First Vice Chair.

Election of Second Vice Chair: Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel asked for nominations for the position of Second Vice Chair. John Beinborn, second by Robert Scallon nominated Donald Splinter. Brandon Snyder nominated Gary Ranum. Wood repeated the nominations three times, hearing no other nominations, Wood closed the nominations. The votes resulted in Gary Ranum receiving four votes, Donald Splinter receiving thirteen votes.

**Approval of Agenda:** Robert Scallon, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve the second amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** Donald Splinter, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction made. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney welcomed the new Supervisors to the board and thanked the former members.

Chairman Keeney congratulated the Grant County Child Support for receiving the 2021 Certificate of Excellence.

Erik Heagle, CSZD spoke about the planning on Clean Sweep. He also advised the SWIGG study meeting will be held May 16, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Youth & Ag Building.

Chairman Keeney gave an update on the Opioid Litigation.

**Employee Recognition(s):** Chairman Keeney recognized Mareeta Kolman for her 21 years of service.

**Grants:** Amy Olson, Fair Manager presented the Lancaster Community Foundation Grant for the purchase of trees at the fairgrounds in the amount of \$7470. Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

Steve Braun, Emergency Management presented the Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant in the amount of \$51,610. There is a 12.5% local match. Gary Ranum, second by Brandon Snyder made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

Steve Braun, Emergency Management was asked to write a grant for the courthouse AED. Steve has decided to wait until the next opportunity with the Lancaster Community Foundation so they are not competing against the fairground grant.

**Discussion and Possible Action on WisMAC Mutual Assistance Compact:** Steve Braun presented the WisMAC mutual aid agreement to the Board. This will allow Emergency Management departments to work together with other counties during an emergency. Patrick Schroeder, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Convene to Public Hearing for CDBG CLOSE Project:** Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Ron Brisbois for the public hearing. Ron Brisbois presented the CLOSE program. One project was for the new roof on the Platteville Mining Museum and the other was for Southwest Opportunity Center. The new roof is on the Mining Museum. There is still some masonry work, new gutters and painting to be done. There is \$103,994 left to be spent on the Mining Museum project. Southwest Opportunity Center's

project is continuing and nearing completion. \$156,217 was allocated for the project and \$87,205 has been spent. Both projects are on budget and task with completion late spring or early summer.

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

**Discussion and Possible Action on Participation in Meetings Using Electronic Means:** Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel gave an update on the new edits for the board members. Gary Ranum, second by Carol Beals made a motion to adopt the policy for participation in meetings by telephone, conference call or other electronic means. Motion carried by voice vote with one negative vote (Schroeder).

**Discussion and Possible Action on ending the Emergency Resolution:** Jeff Kindrai, Health Director feels that we are now in a better place and that it is time to end the emergency. Steve Braun, Emergency Management stated that it will not impact any funding that will be received. Donald Splinter, second by Elias Cox made a motion to terminate resolution 70-18 as of May 12, 2022. Motion carried by voice vote.

**584<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment:** Justin Johnson, CSZD presented the 584<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment for Kim and Ervin Carpenter in Town of Wingville and Steven Jantzen in Town of Harrison. Patrick Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the 584<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Update of Fiber Optics/Communications Project:** Shane Drinkwater, IT gave an update on the 2021 goals for the fiber optics project. The bulk of the 2021 fiber optics have been completed. The goal was to get from Platteville to Boscobel. The buildings that the equipment will sit in still need to be set and in place. For 2022, most of the materials have been received. Not all of the handholds have been received. Splicing has been completed from Lancaster to Platteville with the exception of Union and Hickory. Fiber has been done to Woodman. The Platteville Highway Shop will be the starting point once all the tower sites have been established on the west side of the county.

Sheriff Dreckman gave an update on the communications project. Ten sites have currently been locked in and there are three that are still being worked on. Once the sites are secured then the tower design can begin. Right now, there are four sites (Platteville, Fennimore, Boscobel and Muscoda) that are in progress.

**Update on Strategic Plan:** James Schneider, UW Extension gave an update on the strategic plan.

**Discussion and Possible Action as it relates to ATV/UTV State and Federal Highway Usage in Grant County:** Jon Knautz, Highway Commissioner gave a brief overview of the ATV/UTV proposed highway usage. Jon advised that there is one route that is fairly dangerous on Highway 18 at County C. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will make the final decision on which routes will be allowed. The Highway Committee did not make a decision on the proposed routes. The proposed usage has not been presented to the Traffic Safety Committee. Gary Ranum, second by Carol Beals made a motion to refer the proposed highway usage back to the Traffic Safety Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for Results, Tally and Reporting System:** Tonya White, County Clerk presented the RTR System. Gary Ranum, second by Brandon Snyder made a motion to approve the out of budget spending from the general fund not to exceed \$21,800 for Results, Tally and Reporting System. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes therefore, motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Grant County Resolution 01-22 to Eliminate the Badger Care**

**Eligibility Cliff:** Fred Naatz, Social Services presented the Resolution to Eliminate the Badger Care Eligibility Cliff. John Beinborn, second by Carol Beals made the motion to adopt Resolution 01-22 to Eliminate the Badger Care Eligibility Cliff. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Request to use \$78,074 from General Fund for Institute Supplement Payment Unified Community**

**Services:** Jeff Lockhart, Unified Community Services explained that Counties are required to provide mental health, AODA and developmental disability services to the residents. Under Chapter 51 Counties are responsible for the cost involuntary psychiatric hospitalizations for their county residents which are not covered by insurance. In 1984, there was a resolution that stated once someone is in the institute for an extended stay, when it has reached \$40,000 the County assumes the next \$30,000 in which time it reverts back to Unified Community Services. Donald Splinter, second by Brandon Snyder made a motion to approve the out of budget spending from the general fund in the amount of \$78,074. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending of \$88,000 for the Unified Community**

**Services Electronic Health Records software using ARPA funding:** Jeff Lockhart, Unified Community Services presented the out of budget spending to purchase electronic health records software. Carol Beals, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the out of budget spending of \$88,000 to Unified Community Services for the implementation of the electronic health records software. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Drug and Alcohol Testing policy for CDL Drivers governed by FMCSA:** Joyce Roling, Personnel presented the policy. Donald Splinter, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the Drug and Alcohol testing policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Liberty National – Globe Life employee paid supplemental**

**insurance:** Joyce Roling, Personnel presented the supplemental insurance. Carol Beals, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve and move forward with Liberty National – Globe Life insurance. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Election for Elected Committees**

- a. *Administrative Committee:* Chairman Keeney opened the nominations for the Administrative Committee members, six members are needed. Patrick Schroeder nominated Roger Guthrie, Roger declined the nominations. Porter Wagner nominated Patrick Schroeder, Porter Wagner nominated Adam Day, John Beinborn nominated Robert Scallon, Carol Beals nominated John Beinborn, Adam Day nominated Brian Lucey, Carol Beals nominated Gary Ranum, Gary declined the nomination, Brandon Snyder nominated himself, Roger Guthrie nominated Gary Northouse, Gary declined the nomination, Patrick Schroeder nominated Elias Cox, Donald Splinter nominated Kathy Kopp, Patrick Schroeder nominated Joe Mumm. Chairman Keeney repeated the call of nominations three times. Hearing no other nominations Chairman Keeney closed nominations. A paper ballot was handed out to supervisors.

Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel read the votes resulting in Adam Day receiving 12, Robert Scallon receiving 13, Elias Cox receiving 12, Kathy Kopp receiving 13, Joe Mumm receiving 14, Patrick Schroeder receiving 11, John Beinborn receiving 11, Brian Lucey receiving 9, Brandon Snyder receiving 4.

There was a tie between Patrick Schroeder and John Beinborn, therefore ballots were handed out again and supervisors were told to vote for one supervisor.

Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel read the votes resulting in:  
Patrick Schroeder receiving 9, John Beinborn receiving 7

Chairman Keeney announced that the Administrative Committee will consist of:  
Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Joseph Mumm, Adam Day, Patrick Schroeder, Elias Cox and  
Kathy Kopp.

- b. *Social Services Committee*: Chairman Keeney asked for nominations for the five vacancies. Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to nominate to fill the five open positions with two highest vote getters receiving the three-year term, the next two receiving the two-year term and the last will get one-year term. Roger Guthrie nominated John Beinborn, Gary Northouse nominated Diane Nelson, Porter Wagner nominated Brian Lucey, Patrick Schroeder nominated Kathy Kopp, Kathy Kopp declined the nomination, Adam Day nominated Brandon Snyder, Roger Guthrie nominated Carol Beals, Carol Beals declined the nomination, Porter Wagner nominated Gary Northouse, Gary Northouse declined the nomination, Porter Wagner nominated Adam Day, Gary Ranum nominated Patrick Schroeder, Patrick Schroeder declined the nomination, Robert Keeney nominated Gary Ranum. Chairman Keeney repeated the call of nominations three times. Hearing no other nominations Chairman Keeney closed nominations. A paper ballot was handed out to the supervisors.

Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel read the votes resulting in Gary Ranum receiving 8, Adam Day receiving 14, Diane Nelson receiving 17, Brandon Snyder receiving 14, John Beinborn receiving 15 and Brian Lucey receiving 16.

Ben Wood, Corporation Counsel announced that the Social Services Committee will consist of:  
Diane Nelson 3-year term, Brian Lucey 3-year term, John Beinborn 2-year term, Brandon Snyder 2-year term, Adam Day 1-year term.

- c. *Agriculture and Extension/Fair Committee*: Chairman Keeney asked for nominations for the six committee members. Brandon Snyder nominated Joe Mumm, Carol Beals nominated Kathy Kopp, Roger Guthrie nominated Pat Schroeder, John Beinborn nominated Gary Northouse, Gary Northouse nominated Roger Guthrie, Robert Scallon nominated Gary Ranum, Patrick Schroeder nominated Porter Wagner. Chairman Keeney repeated the call of nominations three times. Hearing no other nominations Chairman Keeney closed nominations. A paper ballot was handed out to the supervisors.

The vote results were, Gary Ranum receiving 5, Gary Northouse receiving 17, Roger Guthrie receiving 17, Joe Mumm receiving 17, Patrick Schroeder receiving 16, Kathy Kopp receiving 15 and Porter Wagner receiving 15.

Chairman Keeney announced that the Ag & Extension/Fair Committee will consist of Gary Northouse, Roger Guthrie, Joe Mumm, Pat Schroeder, Kathy Kopp and Porter Wagner.

- d. Highway/DMATS Committee: Chairman Keeney asked for nominations for five committee members. John Beinborn nominated Donald Splinter, Porter Wagner nominated Patrick Schroeder, Porter Wagner nominated Gary Northouse, Patrick Schroeder nominated Roger Guthrie, Brandon Snyder nominated Gary Ranum, Donald Splinter nominated Diane Nelson, Brandon Snyder nominated Adam Day, Adam Day declined the nomination, Roger Guthrie nomination Joe Mumm, Joe Mumm declined the nomination. Chairman Keeney repeated the call of nominations three times. Hearing no other nominations Chairman Keeney closed the nominations. A paper ballot was handed out to the supervisors.

The vote results were, Gary Ranum receiving 10, Gary Northouse receiving 17, Roger Guthrie receiving 15, Patrick Schroeder receiving 14, Diane Nelson receiving 11, Donald Splinter receiving 16.

Chairman Keeney announced that the Highway/DMATS Committee will consist of Gary Northouse, Roger Guthrie, Patrick Schroeder, Diane Nelson and Donald Splinter.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Patrick Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to pay \$320 to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Recess for Administrative Committee meeting:** Chairman Keeney recessed the County Board of Supervisor meeting so the Administrative Committee can meet to work on committee assignments.

**Reconvene to County Board Meeting:** The Grant County Board of Supervisors was reconvened to present the committee assignments to the full County Board. Gary Northouse and Roger Guthrie asked to be excused for the rest of the meeting.

**Appointment(s):**

- a. *Committee Assignment:* The Administrative Committee worked through the list of committees. There was little interest in the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Committee. The Administrative Committee has left the 2024 term vacant. Per the Rules of the Grant County Board of Supervisors those three positions need to be filled by Grant County Board Supervisors. The County Board of Supervisors can choose to change the rules to allow a citizen member fill the vacancy. Chairman Keeney asked if there was any discussion regarding the committee assignments that were handed out. Gary Ranum, second by Brandon Snyder made a motion to accept the committee assignments as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote.
- b. *Southwest Library System Representative:* Elias Cox will be the Southwest Library System Representative.
- c. *ADRC Regional Board:* Brandon Snyder, second by Adam Day made a motion to postpone the appointment of ADRC Regional Board until the May meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Adjournment:** Brian Lucey, second by John Beinborn made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next meeting on May 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.