

Grant County Board of Supervisors
October 4, 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 fifteen 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, Kathy Kopp, Porter Wagner, John Beinborn, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Present virtually one (1) member: Diane Nelson. Brandon Snyder was absent. Chairman Keeney asked the Board to approve Diane Nelson to participate and vote by Zoom per Board rules. Patrick Schroeder, second by Adam Day made a motion to approve Diane Nelson to participate by Zoom. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Agenda: Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2022 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney introduced Alesha Erdenberger, the new Administrator at Orchard Manor.

Chairman Keeney thanked all the members that attended WCA Conference in Wisconsin Dells.

Chairman Keeney gave an update on the close of the former jail with Kwik Trip. The close occurred several weeks ago and has been paid in full.

Chairman Keeney gave an update on the Opioid Settlement. There are some companies that have filed bankruptcy but the attorneys who are handling the settlement will take care of the bankruptcies. WCA is working on plans for use of the settlement and securitization. There will be another summit in November to give an update on how to better use the funds.

Memoriam for Marlin Carl: Chairman Keeney read the resolution for Marlin Carl.

**RESOLUTION #05-22
IN MEMORIAM OF MARLIN CARL**

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 4th day of October, 2022 issues the following commemoration:

WHEREAS, the death of Marlin Carl from the Town of Liberty, Grant County, Wisconsin has come to the attention of this body; and

WHEREAS, Marlin Carl served on the Grant County Board of Supervisors from April 1996 to April 2000 representing the Town of Ellenboro, Town of Liberty, Town of Fennimore Ward 2; and

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 Marlin Carl 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, County Clerk

Patrick Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the resolution in Memoriam of Marlin Carl. Motion carried by voice vote.

Appointments: Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve Kevin Lange on the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve Jeff Erickson to the CJCC. Motion carried by voice vote.

Update on Fiber Optics/Communications Project: Sheriff Dreckman and Shane Drinkwater, IT Director gave an update on the project.

Grants: Jeff Kindrai, Health Department Director presented the DOT Child Passenger Safety Seat Grant. John Beinborn, second by Brian Lucey made a motion to approve the grant contingent on the approval from the Board of Health. Motion carried by voice vote.

588th Zoning Amendment: Justin Johnson, CSZD presented the 588th Amendment for George Lazarus in Town of Liberty, John and Karen Wasserburger in Town of Watterstown and Andrew Drewry in Town of Clifton. Adam Day, second by Elias Cox made a motion to approve the 588th Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

2023 Budget Workshop: Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the 2023 budget requests. Degenhardt outlined a few major items that were included by departments. The budget reflects a 3% wage increase for employees starting January 1, 2023. There is an 8% increase in health insurance premiums. There is also an increase in HRA contributions charged to each department. An increase of 5% in workers' compensation premiums. There is an increase of retirement rates and an estimated 1% increase in sales tax and requested use of sales tax carryover of \$460,196. There is a small increase in shared revenue. The levy limit for 2023 is 1.058% which amounts to \$120,000 increase in the levy limit.

As presented the shortfall for 2023 budget is \$937,939. Degenhardt explained the options to balance the 2023 budget. One option is to utilize the general fund but is not recommended because it can affect the bond rating. Another option would be to utilize the \$779,625 in debt that is not currently being used toward the levy limit. This option can increase the levy and mill rate if the Board decides to pay off the \$1.2 million note. Another option to balance the budget would be to utilize the fund balance of proprietary funds. Another option would be to postpone or cancel capital purchases for 2023. Porter Wagner, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to send the 2023 budget back to the Executive Committee for balancing. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on 2022 Budget Amendment: Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the 2022 budget amendments to the Board. The Executive Committee approved the amendments with the monies to be taken out of the general fund. Patrick Schroeder, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to go with the recommendation from the Executive Committee of \$134,213 out of the general fund to make the budget amendments. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes and one (1) absent, therefore motion passed.

Resolution for Designated Public Safety Answering Point for Grant County: Adam Day, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the resolution Designating Public Service Answering Point for Grant County. Motion carried by voice vote.

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 County: Lori Reid, ADRC Director presented the resolution. Porter Wagner, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the 85.20 and 5311 Resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Center 85.21 assisting in providing specialized transportation services to elderly and disabled: Lori Reid, ADRC Director presented to resolution. Robert Scallon, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the 85.21 Resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action to designate Unified Community Services as the Intoxicated Driver Assessment Agency for Grant County: Chairman Keeney explained that the State of Wisconsin has changed the requirements for funding. Adam Day, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to designate Unified Community Services as Grant County's Intoxicated Driver Assessment Agency. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on WI DOT Temporary Limited Easement in the Village of Patch Grove: Chairman Keeney explained that WI DOT would like to utilize the property in the Village of Patch Grove that the County owns to move some dirt. Gary Northouse, second by John Beinborn made a motion to allow the County Clerk to sign the documents for the temporary limited easement for the DOT in the Village of Patch Grove. Motion carried by voice vote.

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: Patrick Schroeder, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to pay Grant County Humane Society \$2240. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports: Administrative – Patrick Schroeder gave a report.
Ag & Extension – Patrick Schroeder gave a report.
ADRC – Nothing to report.
Board of Health – Diane Nelson gave a report.
CSZD – Gary Northouse gave a report.
CJCC – Gary Ranum gave a report.
Economic, Tourism and Resource – John Beinborn gave a report.
Executive – Gary Ranum gave a report.
Hidden Valley – Robert Scallon gave a report.
Railroad – Robert Scallon and Gary Ranum gave a report.
Library – Nothing to report.
Orchard Manor – Elias Cox gave a report.
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management – Adam Day gave a report.
Social Services – Donald Splinter gave a report.
Highway – Donald Splinter gave a report.
SWCAP – Carol Beals gave a report.
UCS – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Adjournment: Robert Scallon, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. pursuant to the next meeting on November 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.