

Grant County Board of Supervisors  
February 21, 2023  
Youth & Ag Building  
916 E. Elm Street  
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, County Courthouse, on the website and in the Herald Independent.

Chairman Keeney introduced John McHugh the current Director of Corporate Communications, Leadership Development and Training at Kwik Trip who gave a presentation on Purpose and Compassion at Work.

After the presentation by John McHugh the Board recessed to move to the South Room. The meeting was called back to order at 10:59 a.m.

Roll Call was taken with fourteen (14) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Adam Day, Patrick Schroeder, Elias Cox, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, John Beinborn, Brian Lucey and Donald Splinter. Present virtually three (3) members: Carol Beals, Brandon Snyder and Porter Wagner. Chairman Keeney asked the Board to approve Carol Beals, Brandon Snyder and Porter Wagner to participate and vote by Zoom per Board rules. Elias Cox, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve Carol Beals, Brandon Snyder and Porter Wagner to participate by Zoom. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Agenda:** Joseph Mumm, second by Donald Splinter made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** Kathy Kopp, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney advised the Board that work is being done on the waterline from Roosevelt Street out to Highway 129 and then to the county farm. They are waiting on a response from a landowner regarding an easement.

Work is continuing on the radio and fiber optic project. The first four towers and the Lancaster tower are in the air. The hope is to bid the next six towers this spring. The Potosi and Cassville sites still need to be confirmed. The fiber loop should be completed by fall.

Supervisor Roger Guthrie spoke about Grant County hosting Farm Technology Days in 2026. In order for Grant County to host Farm Technology Days, there will be a lot of volunteers that are needed. There will need to be 1,500 shifts filled with volunteers.

**Memoriam for Gregory Fry:** Chairman Keeney read the memoriam for Gregory Fry.

RESOLUTION #22-22

IN MEMORIAM OF GREGORY FRY

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023 issues the following commemoration:

WHEREAS, the death of Gregory Fry from the City of Fennimore, Grant County, Wisconsin has come to the attention of this body; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Fry served on the Grant County Board of Supervisors from July 2017 to April 2022 representing the City of Fennimore and Town of Fennimore;

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 Gregory Fry 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

John Beinborn, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the resolution in Memoriam of Gregory Fry. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Employee Recognition(s):** Chairman Keeney recognized Kenneth Kirschbaum.

**Appointments:** There were no appointments.

**Grants:** Debra Reukauf presented the Teen Court Grant through Wisconsin Law Foundation. Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the Teen Court Grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

James Schneider presented the Snowmobile Bridge Grant to replace a snowmobile structure near Arthur on County A. Robert Scallon, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve the snowmobile grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

**591<sup>st</sup> Zoning Amendment:** Carol Beals requested that the zoning amendments be acted on separately. Justin Johnson presented the 591<sup>st</sup> Zoning Amendment for Wisconsin Badger Camp Inc. in Town of Millville. John Beinborn, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve RZ23-02. Motion carried by voice vote with one (1) abstention (Beals). Justin Johnson presented the 591<sup>st</sup> Zoning Amendment for Steve and Delores Bollant in Town of Clifton. Joseph Mumm, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve RZ23-03. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Resolution Authorizing Non-Lapsing Amounts at December 31, 2022 and Amending the 2023 Budget:**

Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the resolution. Brandon Snyder, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing non-lapsing amounts at December 31, 2022 and amending the 2023 budget. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action on Orchard Manor out of budget request to increase in coverage limits for Professional Liability from Orchard Manor Fund Balance:** Alesha Erdenberger, Orchard Manor Administrator presented the request to increase coverage limits for Professional Liability with the out of budget amount being \$19,002.00. Donald Splinter, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve \$19,002 in out of budget spending coming from Orchard Manor fund balance to increase the coverage limits for Professional Liability. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action on Orchard Manor out of budget request for additional door project costs of \$15,499.92 from the farm account:** Garry Pluemer, Facilities and Maintenance Manager presented the request for the door project. Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve \$15,499.92 in out of budget spending coming from the farm account for the additional costs for the door project at Orchard Manor. A roll call vote was taken with seventeen (17) Yes, therefore motion carried.

**Vacation policy revisions:** Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the vacation policy revision. Gary Ranum, second by Donald Splinter made a motion to approve the vacation policy revision. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Separation of Employment policy revision:** Joseph Mumm, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the separation of employment policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Highway Department Hours of Work:** Joyce Roling, Personnel Director and Jon Knautz, Highway Commissioner presented the 10-hour schedule change to start in April instead of May. Patrick Schroeder, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the Highway Department hours of work to start in April and go through October. Motion carried by voice vote with one opposed (Keeney).

**Committee Reports:**

Fair, 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.  
Economic Development – John Beinborn gave a report.  
Executive – Gary Ranum gave a report.  
Hidden Valley – Robert Scallon gave a report.  
Railroad – Gary Ranum gave a report.  
Highway – Donald Splinter gave a report.  
Social Services – Donald Splinter gave a report.  
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management – Adam Day gave a report.  
Orchard Manor/Farm – Elias Cox gave a report.  
Library – Elias Cox gave a report.  
SWCAP – Carol Beals gave a report.  
UCS – Gary Ranum gave a report.  
Veterans – Gary Ranum gave a report.

**Adjournment:** Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to adjourn to March 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.