

Grant County Board of Supervisors
March 21, 2023
Administration Building
111 S. Jefferson 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, Courthouse, on the website and in the Herald Independent.

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, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Porter Wagner, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Present virtually three (3) members: Elias Cox, Brandon Snyder and John Beinborn. Chairman Keeney asked the Board to approve Elias Cox, Brandon Snyder and John Beinborn to participate and vote by Zoom per Board rules. Porter Wagner, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the three (3) members to participate by Zoom. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Approval of Minutes: Diane Nelson, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes on the February 21, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney stated that there was a public meeting Monday night on the Dickeyville to Lancaster DOT project. The project will add seven miles of passing lanes and adding a roundabout at 61 & 81 near Larry's Welding. The project started Monday.

Chairman Keeney read excerpts of an email he received from ITC regarding mats that were displaced during the rain storm in February. ITC has hired an aviation contractor to retrieve the mats starting on April 3rd.

Wisconsin Counties Association Ambassador program will be April 12th with the topic being mental health, adult protective services, child support and birth to 3. That is also the date of Youth Government Day in Grant County.

Tony Hoffman story will be presented on April 19th in Dodgeville at the Dodgeville High School. Tony Hoffman will talk about mental health and substance abuse.

Employee Recognition(s): Chairman Keeney recognized Rachel Bohringer for her 25 years of service.

Appointment(s): The Administrative Committee met and gave recommendations for each committee appointment. The Administrative Committee recommended Kathy Kopp for the Board of Health but Kathy has a conflict with the meeting night for the Board of Health. Chairman Keeney opened the floor for nominations for the Board of Health. Elias Cox nominated Porter Wagner. Robert Keeney nominated Gary Ranum. Patrick Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to close nominations. A roll

call vote was taken with thirteen (13) members (Keeney, Guthrie, Mumm, Day, Schroeder, Beals, Snyder, Kopp, Wagner, Beinborn and Splinter) for Gary Ranum and four (4) members (Ranum, Cox, Nelson and Lucey) for Porter Wagner. Therefore Gary Ranum was elected to fill the open position on Board of Health.

Unified Community Services: The Administrative Committee has recommended Elias Cox. Pat Schroeder, second by John Beinborn nominated Elias Cox. Chairman Keeney asked three times for any other nomination. Diane Nelson, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to elect Elias Cox. Motion carried by voice vote.

Law Enforcement/Emergency Management: The Administrative Committee has recommended Joseph Mumm. Adam Day nominated Joseph Mumm. Chairman Keeney asked three times for any other nominations. Adam Day, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to elect Joseph Mumm. Motion carried by voice vote.

Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program: The Administrative Committee has recommended John Beinborn. Robert Scallon nominated John Beinborn. Chairman Keeney asked three times for any other nominations. Patrick Schroeder, second by Donald Splinter made a motion to elect John Beinborn. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grants: There were no grants to discuss.

Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project: Sheriff Dreckman gave an update on the tower sites. They are trying to narrow down the site in Cassville. The area is challenging with the bluffs. A letter of intent was signed with the Village of Potosi for a tower sight near Lovers Lane and County U. Two of the four tower sites that are up are ready for inspection. Shane Drinkwater spoke about the fiber goals for this year. They are working on a remap of the Potosi site since the tower site has changed. They are also working with the Village of Potosi to get internet to the downtown area. With the four towers ready to be powered up, that will make the fiber online and there will be signal from Lancaster to Boscobel.

Memoriam for Coletta Wegmann: Chairman Keeney read the memoriam for Coletta Wegmann.

RESOLUTION #26-22
IN MEMORIAM OF COLETTA WEGMANN

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 21st day of March, 2023 issues the following commemoration:

WHEREAS, the death of Coletta Wegmann from the Town of Bloomington, Grant County, Wisconsin has come to the attention of this body; and

WHEREAS, Coletta Wegmann served on the Grant County Board of Supervisors from April 1982 to April 1996 representing the Town of Bloomington, Town of Little Grant and Village of Bloomington;

WHEREAS, her many friends and acquaintances will long cherish in memory her 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 Coletta Wegmann 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

Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the resolution in Memoriam of Coletta Wegmann. Motion carried by voice vote.

592nd Zoning Amendment: Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the 592nd Zoning Amendment for Kathy Hottenstein in Town of Ellenboro and Leon Mark Loy in Town of Clifton. Patrick Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the 592nd Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and possible action on Hazard Mitigation Plan Contract: Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director presented the contract. Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan Contract with one modification, change city to county. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and possible Action on Funding Consent Agreement: Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director presented the agreement. Adam Day, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the funding consent agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.

Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director presented the Hazardous Materials Response System Contract. Brian Lucey, second by Adam Day made the motion to approve the Hazardous Materials Response System contingent on the approval from the Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Opioid Settlement Presentation – Misty Molzof, SWWRPC: Misty Molzof gave a presentation on the Opioid Use Assessment. Donald Splinter, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to accept and finalize the assessment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution and MOU pertaining to Opioid Settlement: Corporation Counsel spoke regarding the documents pertaining to the settlement. Gary Northouse, second by Adam Day made a motion to allow for the signature by the authorize persons needed, per the settlements coming through regarding the opioid litigation. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on WEDC Idle Sites Grant Resolution related to Sinsinawa Dominican Project: Ron Brisbois and Sister Quincy Howard presented the resolution. Patrick Schroeder, second by Adam Day made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing participation in WEDC idle sites redevelopment grant with one modification. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution Authorizing Participation in Law Enforcement Support Office Program for Law Enforcement Equipment: Sheriff Dreckman presented the resolution. Gary Ranum, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in Law Enforcement Support Office Program for Law Enforcement Equipment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution of Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week April 9-15, 2023:

Sheriff Dreckman presented the proclamation. Adam Day, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week April 9-15, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Take the Deed Parcels Which Have Taxes Owing on the 2019 Tax Rolls (2020 Tax Certificate): Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the resolution. Roger Guthrie, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Take the Deed Parcels Which Have Taxes Owing on the 2019 Tax Rolls (2020 Tax Certificate). Motion carried by voice vote.

Brandon Snyder left the meeting at 11: 02 a.m.

Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for Team Engineering to do a drainage study at Orchard Manor for \$8,645: Garry Pluemer, Facilities and Maintenance Manager presented the request. Robert Scallon, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve out of budget spending in the amount of \$8,645 to come from Orchard Manor fund balance. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) absent, therefore motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for County Government Month County Employee Appreciation: Porter Wagner presented the request for each committee to promote and show appreciation to employees by having a cookout at each campus. Kathy Kopp, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to use up to \$5,000 of ARPA funding for County Employee Appreciation Days. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, one (1) absent, therefore motion carried.

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: Patrick Schroeder, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion contingent on the approval of Ag & Extension Fair Committee to pay \$320 in dog claims to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports: Ag & Extension Fair Committee – Patrick Schroeder gave a report.

ADRC – Kathy Kopp gave a report.

Board of Health – Diane Nelson gave a report.

CSZD – Gary Northouse gave a report.

Economic Development – John Beinborn gave a report.

Executive Committee – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Hidden Valley – Robert Scallon gave a report.

Highway Committee – Donald Splinter gave a report.

Social Services Committee – Donald Splinter gave a report.

Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee – Adam Day gave a report.

Orchard Manor/Farm Committee – Elias Cox gave a report.

Library – Elias Cox gave a report.

SWCAP – Carol Beals gave a report.

Unified Community Services – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Veteran's – Gary Ranum gave a report.

River Rail Transit – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Adjournment: Robert Scallon, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to adjourn to April 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.