

Grant County Board of Supervisors  
April 18, 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 Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Patrick Schroeder, Elias Cox, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Porter Wagner, John Beinborn, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Robert Scallon and Adam Day asked to be excused. Brandon Snyder was absent.

**Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Keeney asked to remove item 13, the Tourism Council Presentation and item 18, there are no dog claims. Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the agenda with those two deletions. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** John Beinborn, second by Elias Cox made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney advised that the Grant County Transportation Public Forum will be held today at the Community Services Building.

Tony Hoffman will be speaking about mental health. The presentation will be at the Dodgeville High School tomorrow afternoon.

Chairman Keeney advised that the Grant County Fairest of the Fair and Junior Fairest will be held at the Youth & Ag Building Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. social and 6:30 p.m. for the crowning. There are five candidates for the Junior and one candidate for the Fairest.

The American Legion presented a plaque to Grant County in appreciation for years of support to veterans and the American Legion organization. Chairman Keeney also recognized Mike Lieurance and the other Legionnaires who helped with Youth Government Day which was held Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

WCA Annual Conference will be September 17-19 in Sauk County. Room reservations open May 1 so let Tonya know if you plan to attend so she can reserve a room.

Chairman Keeney thanked those Supervisors that were at the staff appreciation cookout last week for the Highway Department and Fair/Extension staff. This week will be at CSB and Orchard Manor. Next week will be CSZD, Unified, Courthouse and Administration Building.

**Election to fill expired terms on Department of Social Services Board:** Chairman Keeney opened nominations for the expired terms. Patrick Schroeder, second by John Beinborn nominated Donald Splinter and Adam Day. Chairman Keeney asked three times for nominations. Patrick Schroeder, second

by John Beinborn made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Donald Splinter and Adam Day. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Appointment(s):**

Board of Adjustment – Porter Wagner, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve Jay Adams to the board and David Reuter as an alternate to the board. Motion carried by voice vote.

CJCC- Gary Ranum, second by Elias Cox made a motion to approve Aaron Olson as the school representative. Motion carried by voice vote.

Wisconsin River Rail Transit – Gary Northouse, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve Gary Ranum. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** Alesha Erdenberger, Orchard Manor Administrator presented the DRA grant in the amount of \$50,000. Roger Guthrie, second by Donald Splinter made a motion to approve the Orchard Manor grant application to Dubuque Racing Association. Motion carried by voice vote.

**593<sup>rd</sup> Zoning Amendment:** Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the 593<sup>rd</sup> Zoning Amendment for Sertle Enterprises LLC in Town of Platteville, Woodland Terrace MHC LLC in Town of Platteville and Tory and Lisa Henkel in Town of Liberty. Patrick Schroeder, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the 593<sup>rd</sup> Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communications Project:** Sheriff Dreckman gave an update on the communications tower project. The punch list is being created for the Muscoda, Boscobel, Fennimore and Platteville sites. The other six sites are still a work in progress. All but one of those sites have been locked in with land acquisition. The Cassville site has been challenging. As new squad cars are being changed over, new mobile radios are being installed. The current system is up and down and they are doing what they can to get by until the new system is up and running. Shane Drinkwater, IT Director gave an update on the fiber optics project. Conduit is being buried throughout the County. The run between Dickeyville and Potosi is almost complete. A possible new path to the brewery has been determined for the Potosi run. Once the Potosi run is complete, then the run to Cassville will take place. The shelters at Boscobel, Muscoda and Fennimore will soon be in use.

**Public Hearing on Grant County Library Plan of Library Services:** Chairman Keeney opened the public hearing for the Grant County Library Plan. Jessie Lee-Jones presented the Library plan. The plan will be for five years with an increase of one percent each year. The pay is based off actual usage. Grant County is required to pay 70% to the Library for usage in areas where there is not a library. Chairman Keeney closed the public hearing on the Grant County Library Plan.

**Discussion and possible action on Grant County Library Plan for Library Services:** Carol Beals, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the five-year Grant County Library Plan with a one percent increase each year. A roll call vote was taken with ten (10) Yes, one (1) did not vote (Nelson), three (3) No (Ranum, Schroeder and Cox) and three (3) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action on tax deed property 066-00442-0000:** Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the request to sell the tax deed property. Gary Ranum, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the sale per Grant County Ordinance. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Non-represented pay policy revision:** Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the pay policy revision. Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the pay policy revision. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Request for market review of wage schedules: \$25,000 using ARPA funds:** Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the market review. Carol Beals, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the market review of wage schedules using ARPA funds to cover the expense up to \$25,000. A roll call vote was taken with four (4) Yes (Ranum, Northouse, Beals, Nelson), ten (10) No and three (3) absent. Therefore, motion failed.

**Committee Reports:** 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 – Gary Ranum gave a report.  
Highway – Don Splinter gave a report.  
Social Services – Don Splinter gave a report.  
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management – Gary Northouse gave a report.  
Orchard Manor – Elias Cox gave a report.  
SWCAP – Carol Beals gave a report.  
UCS – Gary Ranum gave a report.  
Railroad Transit – Gary Ranum gave a report.

**Adjournment:** Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to adjourn to May 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.