

Grant County Board of Supervisors
May 16, 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 sixteen (16) 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, John Beinborn, Porter Wagner, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Present virtually one (1) member: Brandon Snyder. Chairman Keeney asked the Board for approval for Brandon Snyder to participate by Zoom per Board rules. Patrick Schroeder, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to deny participation. Chairman Keeney clarified the motion; a yes vote is to deny Zoom participation. Carol Beals asked for a roll call vote. A roll call vote was taken with nine (9) Yes (Northouse, Guthrie, Mumm, Day, Schroeder, Cox, Kopp, Wagner and Lucey and six (6) No (Ranum, Scallon, Beals, Nelson, Beinborn and Splinter) and two (2) Abstain (Keeney and Snyder) therefore motion carried.

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

Approval of Minute: Joseph Mumm, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney announced that the bread in the back of the room was from Sinsinawa Dominicans.

This week is National Police Week. Grant County has a memorial planned at CSB for Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at Noon. The Sheriff welcomes anyone to attend.

COMET training will be held at Grant Regional Health Center this afternoon.

Grant County Tourism Council Presentation: James Schneider and Amy Olson gave a presentation on the Tourism Council. The organization is made up of volunteers who meet ten times a year. The Tourism Council website has tourism and events listed. The Tourism Council sent a guide to each household in Grant County. New things are coming with a bicycle route along the Mississippi River.

Appointment(s): There were no appointments.

Grants: Fred Naatz, Social Services Director presented a grant to support foster parents in Grant County. There is no local match. Robert Scallon, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

Election to fill vacancy on Social Services Board: Adam Day nominated Gary Ranum. Don Splinter nominated Kathy Kopp. Kathy Kopp withdrew the nomination. Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Gary Ranum to fill the one-year vacancy on Social Services Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

594th Zoning Amendment: Justin Johnson, CSZD presented the 594th Zoning Amendment for Glass & Myers Land LLC in Town of Ellenboro. Porter Wagner, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve the 594th Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ordinance Amendment request to Chapter 315 Section 3.23(3)(a) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance: Two Kieler residents are applying for zoning permits. To be eligible for a zoning permit the current structures or homes need to meet all the setbacks. The setbacks are to the center of the road, property lines and vision corner. The homes are in the vision corner so they are not considered eligible for a zoning permit. The current ordinance is stricter than the DOT standards. The proposed amendment would align with current DOT standards. Roger Guthrie, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment. Motion carried by voice vote with one negative vote (Beals).

Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project: Shane Drinkwater did not have any updates on the fiber optic portion of the project. Sheriff Dreckman advised that they inspected the four sites. They are still working on finding a location for the Cassville tower site.

Unified Community Services request to use \$30,000 from General Fund for Institute Supplement Payment: Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the request. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes, one (1) Abstain (Scallon) and one (1) Absent (Snyder) therefore motion carried.

Vacation policy revision: Joyce Roling, Personnel Director presented the policy revision. Gary Northouse, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the vacation policy revision. Motion carried by voice vote.

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: Patrick Schroeder, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the payment of \$960 for six dogs to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports: Administrative – Patrick Schroeder gave a report.

Ag Extension & Fair – Patrick Schroeder gave a report.

ADRC – Kathy Kopp gave a report.

CSZD – Gary Northouse gave a report.

CJCC – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Economic Development – John Beinborn gave a report.

Executive – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Board of Health – Diane Nelson gave a report.

Social Services – Donald Splinter gave a report.

Highway – Donald Splinter gave a report.

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

Library – Elias Cox advised that the committee did not meet this month.

Orchard Manor/Farm – Elias Cox gave a report.

SWCAP – Carol Beals gave a report.

UCS – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Railroad – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Veteran's – Gary Ranum advised the next meeting is in June.

Porter Wagner thanked everyone who helped with the employee appreciation cookouts.

Discussion on June County Board meeting: It was determined that the June 20, 2023 meeting will be contingent on any items that may need action taken on.

Adjournment: John Beinborn, second by Adam Day made a motion to adjourn until June 20, 2023 contingent on any action items. Motion carried by voice vote.