

Grant County Board of Supervisors
July 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 fifteen (15) 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, John Beinborn, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Elias Cox asked to be excused and Brandon Snyder was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes: Kathy Kopp, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney thanked all the volunteers and sponsors for Rural Safety Day that was held June 13, 2023.

Registration is due to the County Clerk's Office this week for WCA Conference in September.

Employee Recognition(s): Chairman Keeney recognized Marla Thill for her 36 years of service.

Appointment(s): Patrick Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to appoint Mark Stead to the ADRC Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grants: 2023 Absentee Ballot Envelope Subgrant – Tonya White, County Clerk presented the grant request. Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

Lancaster Community Fund – lighting of Nelson Dewey statue, Veterans Memorial Monument and the flag pole grant. Dave Peterson presented the grant that was given to the Historical Society for the lighting and new flag poles for the courthouse yard.

596th Zoning Amendment: Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the 596th Amendment for John & Leanna Gingerich in Town of Clifton and Rock Church Cemetery Association & Larry Klaas in Town of Clifton. Porter Wagner, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the 596th Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Legislative Update from Molly Bohn, Field Representative for Congressman Van Orden: Molly Bohn explained how the Congressman's office can help with federal agency issues. Molly also holds public

office hours around Grant County. Molly also gave an update on what Congressman Van Orden has been involved with in each committee.

Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project: Sheriff Dreckman advised the Board that they are still working on the Cassville tower site. The civil bids package is being worked on for five of the six sites; with the understanding that the Cassville site will need to be added. They are currently having issues with the current radio system. Shane Drinkwater stated that Information Technology is starting the preparation of installation of communication equipment for the tower sites that have been constructed. Information Technology is currently burning in the equipment to make sure that the equipment is stable. Then IT will configure the equipment and deploy it to the proper tower site and start lighting up the fiber optics. IT is also testing new equipment to help support public WIFI. The Village of Potosi will be having a public hearing on August 14, 2023 for Conditional Use Permit and the height variance that is needed for the Potosi tower site. The Town of Potosi will allow access through their property to the tower site.

Sale of Tax Deeds Parcel #054-00740-0020: Carrie Eastlick, Treasurer presented the request. Porter Wagner, second Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the sale of tax deed parcel #054-00740-0020. Motion carried by voice vote.

Policy Revisions: Joyce Roling presented the policy revisions. Carol Beals, second by Donald Splinter made a motion to approve the Bereavement Leave policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Gary Northouse, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the Day After Thanksgiving as a County paid holiday. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on request for market review of wage schedules using \$25,000 from ARPA Funds: Chairman Keeney explained that the scope on the request has been tightened up a bit. Chairman Keeney further explain that having the market review done would give a baseline on wages. Carol Beals, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the market review of wage schedules of \$25,000 using ARPA funds. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, two (2) No (Scallon and Lucey), one (1) excused and one (1) absent therefore motion carried.

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: Patrick Schroeder, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the payment of \$160 for one dog to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Report: Administrative – Nothing to report.

Ag, Extension & Fair – Patrick Schroeder gave a report.

ADRC – Kathy Kopp gave a report.

CSZD – Gary Northouse gave a report.

Economic Development – John Beinborn gave a report.

Law Enforcement/Emergency Management – Nothing to report.

Board of Health – Diane Nelson gave a report.

Highway – Donald Splinter gave a report.

Social Services – Donald Splinter gave a report.

CJCC – Gary Ranum gave a report.

SWCAP – Carol Beals gave a report.

UCS – Gary Ranum gave a report.

WI River Transit – Gary Ranum gave a report.
Hidden Valley – Robert Scallon gave a report.

Adjournment: Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to adjourn until August 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.