

Grant County Board of Supervisors  
October 3, 2023  
Administration Building  
111 S. Jefferson Street  
Lancaster, WI 53813

The Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 10:02 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 the open meeting law. White verified the meeting was posted at the Grant County Administration Building, Courthouse and on the website.

Roll Call was taken with fourteen (14) members present in the room and two (2) vacancies: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Patrick Schroeder, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Porter Wagner, John Beinborn, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Adam Day asked to be excused.

**Approval of Amended Agenda:** Donald Splinter, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023 minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney made the Board aware that Wisconsin Counties County Ambassador Program will be held October 18, 2023. Issues to be discussed will be out soon.

Chairman Keeney received a letter regarding a public notice for an air pollution control permit application. The notice is for AY McDonald, which will be located in the annexed portion of the Village of Dickeyville.

Chairman Keeney explained information he received from Pattern Energy. Pattern Energy is working on two - 300 megawatt wind projects which will make up Uplands Wind in Grant, Lafayette and Iowa Counties.

The worker adjustment and retraining act letter was received regarding the closure of the Energizer plant at the end of the year.

Chairman Keeney also reminded the Board that they all signed the Board Code of Conduct and are expected to abide by the policy.

**Action to fill vacancy of County Board District 9 Supervisor:** Joseph Mumm, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to appoint Rick Sanson to fill the vacancy of District 9. Motion carried by voice vote. Corporation Counsel gave the Oath of Office.

**Appointments:** Gary Northouse, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to appoint Steve Adrian to the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Joseph Mumm, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to appoint Larry Jerrett as the Citizen Engaged in Ag Use on the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Porter Wagner, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to appoint Dawn Kendrick and Steve Obershaw as citizen members to the Unified Community Services Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

Donald Splinter, second by Brian Lucey made a motion to appoint John Beinborn as the Grant County Board of Supervisors member to Unified Community Services Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

Porter Wagner, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to appoint Dr. Richard Dhyanchand to the Board of Health. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** There were no grants.

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project:** Sheriff Dreckman gave an update on finalizing the sites in Cassville and Potosi. Shane Drinkwater, IT Director gave an update on the fiber optics portion of the project. RACOM would like to schedule placing the IT equipment at the tower sites of Fennimore, Boscobel, Muscoda and Platteville. They will also be installing IT equipment at the Platteville Police Department so they can connect to the fiber loop.

**598<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendments:** Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the 598<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendments for Terry Lyght in Town of Harrison and Sam and Paul Stoltzfus in Town of Hickory Grove. Porter Wagner, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve RZ23-19 and RZ23-20. Motion carried by voice vote.

**2024 Budget Workshop:** Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the 2024 budget requests. Degenhardt outlined a few major items that were included by departments. The budget reflects a 4% wage increase for employees starting in January 2024. There is a 14.5% increase in health insurance premiums so the draft budget still needs to be adjusted. There was a small decrease in HRA contributions charged to each department. An increase of 5% in workers' compensation premiums. There is an increase in retirement rate and protective rate. There is an estimated 13% increase in sales tax revenue over budgeted 2023. There is an increase in shared revenue. The levy limit for 2024 is 1.142%. The mill rate may be decreasing this year to approximately \$2.96. Orchard Manor will be funding all their capital outlay items with the fund balance. The shortfall right now is around \$400,000. Patrick Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to refer the 2024 budget back to the Executive Committee for final review. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Easement for Alliant Energy:** Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to postpone action until the December meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Resolution Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Center 85.20 (State Aid) and 5311 (Federal Aid) to provide subsidized taxi transportation service to residents of Grant County:** Lori Reid, ADRC Director presented the resolution. Robert Scallon, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Resolution Relating to Aging & Disability Resource Center 85.21 assisting in providing specialized transportation service to elderly and disabled:** Lori Reid, ADRC Director presented the resolution. John Beinborn, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Huber Resolution:** Sheriff Dreckman presented the Huber resolution. Gary Northouse, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the Huber Resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for Prepared Live – Dispatch Software Program:** Chris Johll, Communications Supervisor presented the request. Porter Wagner, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the out of budget spending for Prepared Live - Dispatch Software Program. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes, one (1) Excused (Day) and one (1) vacancy, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Hazard Mitigation Resolution:** Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director presented the resolution. Donald Splinter, second by Kathy Kopp made the motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending for Mass Notification System:** Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director presented the request. Carol Beals, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the out of budget spending for the mass notification system with the first year cost to come from the PHEP Health Department carryover fund; if that does not materialize then the cost would be recovered through the general fund contingent on MFA being included in the software. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes, one (1) Excused (Day) and one (1) vacancy, therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on IWT letter:** Patrick Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to send the IWT letter on Grant County letterhead and forward to state representation, PSC and WCA. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Patrick Schroeder, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the payment of \$480 to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Admin – 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  
Economic Development – John Beinborn gave a report  
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management – Action taken on items today  
Executive – Gary Ranum gave a report  
Board of Health – Diane Nelson gave a report  
Highway – Don Splinter gave a report  
Social Services – Nothing to report  
Orchard Manor/Farm – Robert Keeney gave a report  
SWCAP – Carol Beals gave a report  
UCS – Gary Ranum gave a report  
Veterans – Nothing to report  
Railroad – Gary Ranum gave a report

**Adjournment:** Robert Scallon, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to adjourn until November 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.