

Grant County Board of Supervisors
November 14, 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 the 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 and one (1) vacancy: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Rick Sanson, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Porter Wagner, John Beinborn, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Adam Day and Patrick Schroeder asked to be excused.

Approval of Agenda: John Beinborn, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the agenda with one correction. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: Gary Northouse, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney made the Board aware that Governor Evers has announced the winners of 2023 Vets Ready Employer Awards. Grant County was listed under the small employers. Keeney thanked the Veteran's Office and employers in Grant County for the recognition.

The Alliant easements are not part of this month's agenda because it was tabled for a later meeting. There have been some addition requests that need to be collected before action can be taken.

Per recommendation of the Executive and Administrative Committees next month there will be discussion on the Administration of Grant County. Information was sent to all Board members about a presentation done by Andy Phillips and WCA called in The Board Room. There is also information in the May 2023 WCA magazine pertaining to that subject. If there are any other resources that any board member would like to have for the meeting let Chairman Keeney know.

Chairman Keeney announced that all candidacy packets were ready. Nomination papers cannot be circulated until December 1st and need to be returned January 2, 2024. For those Board members that do not plan to run again, the Non Candidacy paper needs to be filled out by December 22, 2023.

Appointments: Porter Wagner, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to appoint Eileen Nickels to a three-year term on Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grants: DOT Child Passenger Safety Seat Grant – Amy Miller, Director of Nursing presented the request for the Health Department. Gary Ranum, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

EMPG & EPCRA – Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director presented the request. Gary Northouse, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

HMEP – Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director presented the request. Joseph Mumm, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

Kinship Grant – Fred Naatz, Social Services Director presented the request. Robert Scallon, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ray & Kay Eckstein Charitable Trust Grant – Alesha Erdenberger, Orchard Manor Administrator presented the request. Donald Splinter, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project: Sheriff Dreckman spoke about the last six sites being locked in. The bid packages are being put together with advertising to be done next week with a turnaround date of December 19th. The work should begin in January 2024 with completion in November 2024. Shane Drinkwater, IT Director explained that IT team members have been working at the current five sites. They have been installing routers, Wi-Fi access points, surveillance cameras, along with temperature and humidity sensors at each tower site. IT is also working with the Village of Potosi for Wi-Fi in the downtown area and starting the project of Wi-Fi for the Village of Muscoda.

Update on Opioid Settlement Task Force: Chairman Keeney explained that the Task Force has met numerous times and have made good progress. Funding was allocated for the 2024 budget from the opioid settlement funding. Currently there is around \$300,000 in that account. The Task Force is working through some guidelines using other counties templates. The Task Force is hoping to have guidelines done in the near future so dispersal of funds can be done in 2024.

599th Zoning Amendment: Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the 599th Zoning Amendments for William Inter Vivos Trust & Goke Evelyn Trust in the Town of South Lancaster, Casey Roelli in the Town of Clifton and Timothy Piparo in the Town of Hickory Grove. Porter Wagner, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve RZ23-21, RZ23-22 and RZ23-23. Motion carried by voice vote with one Abstaining (Mumm).

CSM for Potosi property: Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the CSM for the Potosi tower site property. Motion carried by voice vote.

Convene to Public Hearing for 2024 Budget: Gary Northouse, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to convene to the public hearing for the 2024 budget. Motion carried by voice vote.

Reconvene to County Board meeting: Diane Nelson, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to reconvene to the County Board meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adoption of the 2024 Budget: Gary Ranum, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the 2024 budget. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

Resolution #37-22 Authorizing the County Treasurer to Settle in full the General Taxes for the Tax Roll Year 2023, Collectable in 2024: Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the resolution. Porter

Wagner, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve resolution #37-22. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

Resolution #38-22 Regarding the Investment of County Funds: Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the resolution. John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve resolution #38-22. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

Resolution #39-22 Regarding County Orders: Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the resolution. Robert Scallon, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve resolution #39-22. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

Resolution #40-22 Authorizing Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$1,350,000: Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the resolution. Roger Guthrie, second by Donald Splinter made a motion be it resolved that Grant County shall borrow the sum of \$1,350,000 at 6% interest from Royal Bank with a maturity of 03/29/2024 as a general obligation of the County, and that the Chairperson of the County Board and County Clerk shall execute the necessary customary and usual documents to effect such borrowing. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

Resolution #41-22 Regarding General Tax Levy: Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director presented the resolution. Porter Wagner, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve resolution #41-22. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

Resolution #42-22 Establishing Non-Represented Wages for 2024: Joyce Roling, Human Resources Director presented the resolution. Gary Northouse, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

Resolution #43-22 Establishing Grant County Board Chair Salary for 2024: Joyce Roling, Human resources Director presented the resolution. Porter Wagner, second by Donald Splinter made a motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, one (1) Abstain (Keeney), two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

Resolution #44-22 County Construction & Maintenance during the calendar year 2024: Jon Knautz, Highway Commissioner presented the resolution. Donald Splinter, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

Resolution #45-22 Regarding County Road Aid – Townships: Jon Knautz, Highway Commissioner presented the resolution. Porter Wagner, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

Resolution #46-22 Regarding County Road Aid- Villages: Jon Knautz, Highway Commissioner presented the resolution. Diane Nelson, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the resolution. A roll

call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

Resolution #47-22 Regarding County Road Aid – Cities: Jon Knautz, Highway Commissioner presented the resolution. John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made the motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

Resolution #48-22 County Aid Bridge Construction: Jon Knautz, Highway Commissioner presented the resolution. Diane Nelson, second by Gary Northouse made the motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, two (2) Excused and one (1) Vacancy, therefore motion passed.

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: Roger Guthrie, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the payment of \$640 contingent on approval from the Fair/Extension Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports: Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to forego the committee reports. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment: Robert Scallon, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to adjourn until December 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.