

Grant County Board of Supervisors
February 20, 2024
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, on the county website and in the Herald Independent.

Roll Call was taken with thirteen present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Keeney, Joseph Mumm, Adam Day, Patrick Schroeder, Rick Sanson, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Porter Wagner, John Beinborn, Donald Splinter and Brian Lucey. Robert Scallon and Roger Guthrie asked to be excused. Carol Beals was absent and there is one vacancy.

Approval of Agenda: Rick Sanson, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: Donald Splinter, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney received a letter from the DNR advising that a grant was given to the DNR to purchase land in the Town of Woodman and the Town of Marion.

Chairman Keeney thanked Unified Community Services for the Gold Award as a Veteran Ready employer.

Appointments: There were no appointments.

Grants: There were no grants.

Legislative update from Molly Bohn Field Representative for Congressman Derrick Van Orden: Molly Bohn advised that Congressman Van Orden closed over 800 cases and returned over \$500,000 back to the constituents. Voting on the 24 appropriation bills will be happening in the next few weeks. Congressman Van Orden is hoping to secure funding for the Lancaster Fire Department. Congressman Van Orden is continuing to work on the Farm Bill. Congressman Van Orden is a co-sponsor for the Transportation Infrastructure. Molly Bohn advised that if there are any questions to reach out to her.

Carol Beals arrived at 10:07 a.m.

Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project: Sheriff Dreckman advised that there were seven bids that were submitted. The Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee recommended giving the award to Finish Excavating. The goal is to complete the Bloomington tower site before the Blake's Prairie Fair in July and then proceed to the Millville tower site. Shane Drinkwater, IT Director advised that the reason they are looking at the Bloomington and Millville tower sites is for the Wi-Fi capabilities. IT had to make wiring harnesses to install at the shelters. Once all five shelters are live there will be

environmental monitoring, video monitoring and Wi-Fi in the area. IT is talking to other Grant County entities and Iowa County about projects for the fiber loop. RACOM is working on how to connect the fiber to the radio towers.

600th Zoning Amendment: Erik Heagle, CSZD Administrator presented the 600th Zoning Amendments for Gary and Joyce Burkholder in the Town of Lima and Karen Jensen in the Town of Paris. Patrick Schroeder, second by Porter Wagner made a motion to approve RZ24-01 and RZ24-02. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and possible action on Rules of the Board: Patrick Schroeder, second by Adam Day made the motion to change the verbiage as described; removal of, in the absence of 2nd Vice Chair under Article I, change the verbiage under Section B to total membership, Section C add information to match the agenda, under Section H, Education, change the word urged to strongly recommend, add an “L” to Rail and Transit and in the second paragraph on the first page, remove the Administrative Committee and replace with the full County Board discussing the written changes at one meeting and a decision taking place at a second meeting. Motion carried by voice vote with two negative votes (Beinborn and Beals).

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

Committee Reports: Ag & Extension Committee – Patrick Schroeder gave a report.

Social Services – Donald Splinter gave a report.

Highway – Donald Splinter 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 – Adam Day gave a report.

Board of Health – Carol Beals gave a report.

Library – Rick Sanson gave a report.

Orchard Manor/Farm – Diane Nelson gave a report.

SWCAP – Carol Beals gave a report.

Unified Community Services – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Executive – Gary Ranum gave a report.

River Rail Transit – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Veterans – Gary Ranum gave a report.

Adjournment: John Beinborn, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to adjourn until March 19, 2024. Motion carried by voice vote.