

Grant County Board of Supervisors
May 21, 2024
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 County Board Chairman Robert Keeney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Robert 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 fourteen (14) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Patrick Schroeder, Rick Sanson, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Kelly Fredrickson, Lester Jantzen, John Beinborn and Mark Vosberg. Present virtually one (1) member: Joseph Mumm. Adam Day and Brian Lucey asked to be excused. Chairman Keeney asked the Board to approve Joseph Mumm to participate and vote by Zoom per Board rules. Kathy Kopp, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve Joseph Mumm to participate by Zoom. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Approval of Minutes: Rick Sanson, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney introduced Kelly Fredrickson to the Board and had Kelly give a brief introduction of himself. The board members gave a brief introduction of themselves.

Kathy Kopp gave a report on the COWS training that four members attended.

WCA Conference will be held in La Crosse on September 22-24. Room and registration opens June 3rd. If you plan to attend let Tonya know.

If any Board member is interested in serving on any of the WCA Steering Committees, applications are currently open. There are six steering committees that are available.

Chairman Keeney thanked the Sheriff and his law enforcement staff for their service and dedication to the public. Assistant District Attorney Tony Pozorski was the keynote speaker and gave an excellent speech.

Stacy Hach was hired as the Finance Director. Her first day on the job was April 30, 2024. She is currently in Indianapolis at Tyler Munis training.

Employee Recognition: Chairman Keeney recognized Joe Kaiser for his 26 years of service.

Appointments: Chairman Keeney explained that there was a clerical error on information that was passed out at the April meeting regarding the Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee.

Brian Lucy was supposed to be on Law Enforcement. Corporation Counsel advised that the action needs to be reversed because during the election of officers Chairman Keeney read Lester Jantzen as part of the committee. Gary Ranum, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to appoint Brian Lucey on the Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission has three members from Grant County. Robert Scallon has one year left to his term, Gary Ranum has two years left of his term but has decided to relinquish his appointment and Mike Lieurance term has ended. Patrick Schroeder, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to appoint citizen member Mike Lieurance to a three-year term. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Keeney asked the Board if there are any members that would be interested in the position. The Board decided it would be best to ask Dave Wiederholt if he would be interested and wait until the June meeting to make the appointment.

Grants: Amy Olson, Fairgrounds and Operations Director presented the grant for a set of bleachers through Community Betterment, in the amount of \$2,000. Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the Community Betterment grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

603rd Zoning Amendment: Lucas Finley, CSZD presented the 603rd Zoning Amendments for Jay C. Frazier in the Town of Jamestown and Leaser Living Trust in the Town of Harrison. Gary Northouse, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve RZ24-06 and RZ24-07. Motion carried by voice vote.

Update on Fiber Optics/Communications project: Sheriff Dreckman advised that they are in the process of constructing the last sites. Millville and Bloomington are in process right now. Shane Drinkwater, IT Director explained that the County has constructed roughly 180 miles of fiber optic to support communications between the new communications towers. IT is in the process of trying to get Millville and Bloomington online in order to maintain the goal of being online in July. IT is working on scheduling fiber splicing. Each radio tower has an NCS540 which passes information from one tower to the next. IT is prepping two of those for the Bloomington and Millville tower. IT has also been in communications with the City of Boscobel, Village of Muscoda and the Village of Potosi on various projects in regard to the fiber optic loop. The current way of checking and monitoring generators at the tower sites is very limited. Right now if there is an issue at a tower site a relay sends a notification to RACOM. IT is currently trying to configure remote communications and monitoring for all the generator sites that will allow IT to run diagnostics, keep tabs on what the generators are doing and allow remote start and stop.

Update on Annex building project: Garry Pluemer, Maintenance Manager gave an update on the Annex Building. The teller area and ceiling have been removed. In the next week or so cable trays will be installed and walls built for the IT closet.

Discussion and possible action on out of budget spending for standardization and other updates as it pertains to the Annex building using available ARPA funds: Garry Pluemer, Maintenance Manager presented to request. Gary Ranum, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve up to \$100,000 from ARPA funding for updates at the Annex building including HVAC, security, door controls, electrical and IT. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, one (1) No, one (1) abstain and two (2) excused therefore motion passed.

Resolution 2024-06 authorizing application to the WI DNR Wisconsin Assessment Monies (WAM)

Program: Carrie Eastlick, County Treasurer presented the resolution. Patrick Schroeder, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the WAM resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and possible action on out of budget spending for Veteran's Office construction of wall for reception area; fiscal impact \$5,000 Veteran's ARPA Funding: Robert Scallon, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the out of budget spending using ARPA funds for the construction of a reception area. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes and two (2) excused therefore motion carried.

Consideration to rescind motion pertaining to the Unified Community Services Carlson Dettman

Project: Gary Ranum, second by Carol Beals made a motion to rescind the action on Carlson Dettman project for Unified Community Services. Motion carried by voice vote with one negative vote.

Discussion and possible action on previously rescinded motion for UCS out of budget spending on

Carlson Dettman Project: Holly Knapp, UCS Director explained the history of Unified Community Services, the services they provide, the statutory structure and how they are funded. Carol Beals, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the out of budget spending of \$18, 950 from Unified Community Services unassigned fund balance for the Carlson Dettman project. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes and three (3) excused, therefore motion passed.

Joseph Mumm asked to be excused at 11:39 a.m.

Convene to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conduction other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding the purchase of property: Patrick Schroeder, second by John Beinborn made a motion to convene to closed session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Return to open session: Patrick Schroeder, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to return to open session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and possible action on closed session item, if any: Patrick Schroeder, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to authorize the County Clerk to sign and submit and offer to purchase on the property discussed in closed session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion on County Administrator Selection Committee: Chairman Keeney asked if the Board is ready to take action on pursuing the process of the Administrator. The consensus of the Board is to repost the position in the next few weeks and move forward.

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: Roger Guthrie, second by Mark Vosberg made a motion to approve the payment of \$320 to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Adjournment: Rick Sanson, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to adjourn to June 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.