

Grant County Board of Supervisors  
July 16, 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 thirteen (13) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Adam Day, Kathy Kopp, John Beinborn, Lester Jantzen, Mark Vosberg and Brian Lucey. Present virtually two (2) members: Carol Beals and Patrick Schroeder. Diane Nelson asked to be excused and Kelly Fredrickson was absent. Chairman Keeney asked the Board to approve Carol Beals and Patrick Schroeder to participate by Zoom per the Board rules. John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to allow Carol Beals and Patrick Schroeder to participate by Zoom. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Amended Agenda:** Gary Northouse, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** Robert Scallon, second by Adam Day made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2024 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney reminded the Board that the WCA Conference is September 22-24 in LaCrosse. There are several good breakout sessions this year.

Diane Nelson joined the meeting. Adam Day, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to allow Diane Nelson to participate by Zoom. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Keeney advised that the Executive Committee has discussed parameters of the 2025 budget. The Executive Committee would like all capital purchases to be identified but not included in the operational budget. The wage increase will follow the previous resolution, along with a 3% cost of living increase. Insurance premium is projected to increase 8 to 15% so the Executive Committee would like departments to consider 10%. There will be an HRA contribution to replenish the fund. There is an anticipated increase of 5% in the worker's compensation premium. The general retirement rates are going up half of a percent. The shared revenue payments should increase based on the law passed last year. There is some carryover from sales tax that could be used. There are also some debt service payments to be made in 2025.

Chairman Keeney also went over the management vacancies. The Administrator recruitment is moving forward. So far there have been ten applicants. The applications close on Friday, July 19, 2024 and PAA will work through the applications. The committee will meet again July 30, 2024 and are planning to have the interview and meet and greet August 9, 2024. The Finance Director position has been posted. Action will be taken today on Health Director and Social Services retirement. The Human Resources Director is retiring in August. The position will be left unfilled dependent on the Administrator

recruitment. Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Committee is interviewing three applicants for the Administrator position.

**Appointments:** John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to appoint Lester Jantzen as ADRC Regional board representative. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Confirmation of the appointment of Interim Director of Social Services:** Gary Ranum, second by John Beinborn made a motion to appoint CeCe Fishnick as the Interim Director of Social Services effective August 9, 2024. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Confirmation of the appointment of Health Officer:** Adam Day, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to appoint Kessa Klaas as the Grant County Health Officer. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** Sheriff Dreckman presented the Wisconsin Safety Enforcement Grant for speed enforcement, in the amount of \$7,500. The match will be applied with equipment purchases. Robert Scallon, second by Brian Lucey made a motion to approve the Speed Enforcement Grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

**605<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment:** Lucas Finley, CSZD presented the 605<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment for Jeffrey Danz in the Town of Clifton. Joseph Mumm, second by Adam Day made a motion to approve petition RZ24-15 which is the 605<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**SWWRPC Annual Presentation:** Troy Maggied, Executive Director of Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission gave a yearly update.

**Amend Ordinance 206-2, Entitled Unlawful use of telephone:** Sheriff Dreckman presented the amendment to Ordinance 206-2. Adam Day, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to amend ordinance 206-2, Entitled Unlawful Use of Telephone. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and possible action on Sheriff's Office request for out of budget spending to upgrade handguns and related equipment:** Sheriff Dreckman presented the request for new handguns and equipment in the amount of \$27,247.16. The Sheriff's Office will be selling some excess equipment in order to cover the cost of the request. Gary Ranum, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the sale of excess equipment to offset the cost of the upgraded handguns and equipment in the amount of \$27,247.16. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes and two (2) Absent, therefore motion carried.

**Request to approve and implement tentative agreement for 2025-2026 WPPA Union Contract:** Chairman Keeney presented the WPPA agreement to the Board. John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the WPPA Union Contract agreement for 2025-2026. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communications project:** Sheriff Dreckman advised that the Bloomington site has some final items to be done, but will not take place until after the fair. The Potosi tower site foundation has been dug and poured. The Millville tower site has a power pole that needs to be moved before they can dig for the foundation. At the Cassville tower site they did the samples and it looks like there may be no issues. The South tower site there are some easement issues that need to be worked out.

Shane Drinkwater, IT Director advised that the Highway Shop in Platteville has been connected to the fiber optic loop. IT has ordered optics for the 911 system and once those optics arrive a fiber path from Lancaster to Platteville will be done for the migration of 911 to the fiber loop. IT has been working with Racom to configure the radios on the fiber loop.

**Discussion and possible action on renewal of current fiber optic NCS540 support contract using ARPA funds:** Shane Drinkwater, IT Director presented the request with updated numbers for the support contract. The support contract can only go out five years. The current subscription for a five-year contract is \$116,881.48. Kathy Kopp, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the NCS540 five-year subscription and maintenance contract in the amount of \$116,881.48 using ARPA funding. A roll call vote was taken with fourteen (14) Yes, one (1) No (Lucey) and two (2) absent (Schroeder and Fredrickson), therefore motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action on purchase of NCS540 router for a hot spare using ARPA funds for out of budget spending:** Shane Drinkwater, IT Director presented the request for a spare router. The router would be plugged in and ready to go in case a tower site lost a router. The cost would be \$19,422.12. Adam Day, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the purchase of the NCS540 as a hot spare in the amount of \$19,422.12 using ARPA funding. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes and two (2) Absent (Schroeder and Fredrickson), therefore motion carried.

**Network Device Policy:** Shane Drinkwater, IT Director presented the Network Device Policy. This policy will better the cybersecurity. Roger Guthrie, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the Network Device Policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Update on Annex Building project:** Garry Pluemer, Facilities and Maintenance Manager advised that the IT closet has been painted. The floor, ceiling and cabling trays should be completed by the end of next week. The carpet needs to be patched but that will be done towards the end of the project.

**Assignment of Annex Building:** Chairman Keeney gave an update on the Annex Building. No action will need to be taken on this item. At the March County Board meeting it was decided that UCS needed to work with Maintenance and IT to come up with a plan to repurpose the BMO building. UCS will be using the main floor as an overflow with continued discussion on a long term plan.

**Resolution Authorizing Grant County to Enter into Settlement Agreement with Kroger Co:** Corporation Counsel presented the resolution regarding the opioid settlement. The proposed plan is to approve this resolution to become part of the settlement by August 12, 2024. Roger Guthrie, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to adopt the Resolution with Kroger Company. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Amend Ordinance Chapter 63, Section 2Q Minimum retention periods for Health Department:** Jeff Kindrai, Health Director presented the amended ordinance for records retention. John Beinborn, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to amend ordinance chapter 63, section 2Q relating to the Health Department. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and possible action on out of budget spending for Combi-Oven from Orchard Manor fund balance:** Alesha Erdenberger, Orchard Manor Administrator presented the request. The request is for a double stacked combi-oven in the amount of \$42,360.45. Roger Guthrie, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the purchase of combi-ovens in the amount of \$42,360.45 using Orchard Manor fund

balance. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, one (1) No (Lucey), three (3) Absent (Beals, Fredrickson and Schroeder), therefore motion carried.

**Dog Claim(s):** Adam Day, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the payment of \$320 to the Grant County Humane Society and ask the Humane Society to take legal action on the other three dog claims. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Ag, Extension and Fair – Roger Guthrie gave a report.

ADRC – There was no meeting in June.

CSZD – Joseph Mumm gave a report.

Executive – Robert Keeney gave a report.

DMATS – Brian Lucey has not met with them.

Highway – Meeting will be Thursday.

Hidden Valley – Bob Scallon gave a report.

Railroad – Bob Scallon gave a report.

HHS – Gary Ranum gave a report.

GCEDC- John Beinborn gave a report.

LE/EM – Kathy Kopp gave a report.

Orchard Manor/Farm – Rick Sanson gave a report.

Unified Community Services – Meeting will take place Wednesday night.

Veterans – Lester Jantzen gave a report.

**Adjournment:** Bob Scallon, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to adjourn until August 20, 2024. Motion carried by voice vote.