

Grant County Board of Supervisors
August 20, 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 fifteen (15) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Adam Day, Patrick Schroeder, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Lester Jantzen, John Beinborn, Mark Vosberg and Brian Lucey. Rick Sanson asked to be excused and Kelly Fredrickson was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes: Patrick Schroeder, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2024 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Brandon Davis, Project Manager for Inenergy gave a presentation on the Badger Hollow Wind Farm Project.

Chairman Keeney congratulated Alesha Erdenberger, Nate Gallagher, Jenna Hill, Erik Heagle and Justin Johnson on the completion of NACo High Performance Leadership graduation.

Chairman Keeney congratulated Craig Reukauf on his graduation from Wisconsin Law Enforcement Command College.

Finance interviews will take place Wednesday, August 21, 2024. The Executive Committee will be interviewing four individuals.

The 2025 budget process has been started. There will be a workshop on wages and benefits Thursday.

Appointments: Gary Ranum, second by John Beinborn made a motion to appoint Norma Grinnell to CJCC. Motion carried by voice vote.

Diane Nelson, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to appoint Mark Stead as an ADRC Regional representative. Motion carried by voice vote.

Employee Recognition: Chairman Keeney presented a certificate of appreciation to Rick Place for his 33 years of service to Grant County.

Chairman Keeney recognized Jamie Scholl for his 30 years of service to Grant County.

Grants: Holly Knapp, Unified Community Services presented the capital projects grant. There is no match for the grant and the amount can be up to \$5,000,000. Carol Beals, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the capital project grant up to \$5,000,000. Motion carried by voice vote.

606th Zoning Amendment: Lucas Finley, CSZD presented the 606th Zoning Amendment for Amos Fisher in the Town of Wingville, Ivan Lutz in the Town of Liberty, Justin Lange in the Town of Jamestown and Hinderman Revocable Trust in the Town of Paris. Patrick Schroeder, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the 606th Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Update on Fiber Optics/Communications project: Sheriff Dreckman advised the board that the project is a week behind because of weather conditions. The Bloomington site is in the final stages of completion. The Potosi site is close to completion as well. Currently, work is being done on the Millville site and South site. The West site and Cassville site have not been started. There are some easement issues that need to be worked out. The majority of the fiber optic loop is complete.

Update on the Annex Building project: Garry Pluemer, Facilities and Maintenance Manager advised the board that electrical and duct work is almost complete. The HVAC controls have been started. The cable trays have been completed and the cat9 wiring will be ran soon. The door controls have also been started. The ceiling has been a challenge to find a vendor to complete the ceiling project.

County Administrator Selection Update: Chairman Keeney gave an overview of the process and advised the board that the committee has come forward with a candidate. Chairman Keeney turned the meeting over to Dave Bretl from PAA to describe the process, explain the contract and answer any questions. Roger Guthrie, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the contract that was presented to the board for Nate Dreckman as the Grant County Administrator. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, two (2) No (Schroeder and Beinborn) and two (2) absent (Sanson and Fredrickson), therefore motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on out of budget spending for Wander/Door Alarm System out of Orchard Manor fund balance: Garry Pluemer, Facilities and Maintenance Manager presented the request. Robert Scallon, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the out of budget spending using Orchard Manor fund balance to purchase the wander alarm system with an approximate cost of \$20,000. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes and two (2) absent, therefore motion carried.

Resolution relating to Aging & Disability Resource Center 85.20 (State Aid) and 5311 (Federal Aid) to provide subsidized taxi transportation service to residents in Grant County: Lori Reid, ADRC Director presented the resolution. Adam Day, second by Brian Lucey made a motion to approve the resolution for 85.20 and 5311. 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 for 85.21. Motion carried by voice vote.

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: Patrick Schroeder, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the dog claims in the amount of \$1440. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

ADRC: Meeting will be held tomorrow.

CSZD: Joseph Mumm introduced Keith Lane as the Administrator.

Executive: Robert Keeney gave a report.

DMATS: Meeting was canceled.

Highway: Gary Northouse gave a report.

Hidden Valley: Robert Scallon gave a report.

Railroad: Robert Scallon gave a report.

HHS: Gary Ranum gave a report.

Economic Development: John Beinborn gave a report.

Law Enforcement/Emergency Management: Kathy Kopp advised they did not have a meeting.

Orchard Manor/Farm: Rick Sanson was absent.

UCS: Carol Beals gave a report.

Veteran's: Lester Jantzen gave a report.

Traffic Safety: Robert Keeney gave a report.

Ag, Extension and Fair: Roger Guthrie gave a report.

CJCC: Gary Ranum gave a report.

Library: Kelly Fredrickson was absent.

Adjournment: Robert Scallon, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to adjourn until October 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.