

Grant County Board of Supervisors
October 1, 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 and on the county website.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Roger Guthrie, second by Brian Lucey made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2024 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney welcomed Nate Dreckman as the new Administrator.

Chairman Keeney advised the Board that next month the Executive Committee and the County Board will take action on ending the Administrative Coordinator position along with an updated job description for the County Board Chair.

Chairman Keeney gave an update on the 2023 audit. Keeney has been working with Baker Tilley and Amanda Degenhardt on reviewing materials. Baker Tilley will be on site next week to work with departments.

Molly Bohn Field Representative for Congressman Van Orden gave a Legislative update.

James Schneider and Tracy Fishnick gave an update on Grant County Tourism.

Melodie Betts addressed the Board regarding a citizen concern.

Appointments: There were no appointments.

Employee Recognitions: Chairman Keeney recognized Jeff Kindrai for his 20 years of service.

Chairman Keeney recognized Joyce Roling for her 30 years of service.

Chairman Keeney presented a certificate of appreciation to Fred Naatz for his 31 years of service.

Chairman Keeney recognized Lisa Meyers for her 38 years of service.

Grants: Chairman Keeney presented the DNR grant for E- Recycling in the amount of \$4,000. Robert Scallon, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the DNR E-Recycling grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

607th Zoning Amendment: Lucas Finley, CSZD presented the 607th Zoning Amendment for Lisa Womack in the Town of Lima, Chad Hugill in the Town of Wingville and Swain Living Trust Dated July 28, 2016 in the Town of Muscoda. Joseph Mumm, second by Mark Vosberg made a motion to approve the 607th Zoning Amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

Memoriam for Stephen Freese: Chairman Keeney read the memoriam for Stephen J. Freese.

RESOLUTION #2024-11
IN MEMORIAM OF STEPHEN J. FREESE

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 1st day of October, 2024 issues the following commemoration:

WHEREAS, the death of Stephen J. Freese from the Town of Jamestown, Grant County, Wisconsin has come to the attention of this body; and

WHEREAS, Stephen J. Freese served on the Grant County Board of Supervisors from April 1982 to April 1992 representing the Town of Jamestown, Town of Hazel Green and Village of Hazel Green; and

WHEREAS, his many friends and acquaintances will long cherish in memory his willingness to serve through public office and to assist in the interest and welfare of Grant County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Supervisors commends the life and public service of Stephen J. Freese and that this memorial be set forth at length upon the minutes of the meeting and that a copy, properly attested by the signature of the Chairperson and the Clerk, be sent to the family.

/s/ Robert C. Keeney, County Board Chair

/s/ Tonya White, Grant County Clerk

Kathy Kopp, second by Mark Vosberg made a motion to approve resolution 202-11 in Memoriam for Stephen J. Freese. Motion carried by voice vote.

Update on Fiber Optics/Communications project: Nate Dreckman advised that the easement for the Cassville tower has been signed. Millville tower site has the base completed and shelter set but the tower is not stacked. At the Potosi site a few items are being finalized before completion. A fence was moved in order to give the Town of Potosi enough room at the well head. The South tower site driveway needs to be widened.

Shane Drinkwater discussed the fiber optics portion of the project. As shelters have been installed IT has been connecting the radio tower shelters to the loop. IT has also been looking at additional areas where fiber optics need to be connected. Drinkwater has been compiling a list of items that will be needed in

2025 to complete the loop. Racom has been working with the County on building out the radio portion of the network that runs on top of the fiber loop.

Update on Annex Building project: Garry Pluemer advised that the ceiling grid has been installed. Most of the HVAC components are installed above the ceiling on the main floor. About half of the HVAC is complete upstairs with work to be done in the downstairs yet. By the end of the week the flooring should be completed.

Discussion and possible action on Amendment to Ordinance 206-16.3 Public Nuisance: Nate Dreckman presented the ordinance. This would allow law enforcement to hold the individual doing the activity accountable. Gary Ranum, second by John Beinborn made a motion to table the amended ordinance until the November county board meeting with the Law Enforcement Committee reviewing the ordinance first. Motion carried by voice vote.

2025 Budget Workshop: Chairman Keeney went over the guidelines that were given to department heads. Health insurance increase came in at 16% increase. TriCor is hoping to negotiate that down. The budget included a .5% general retirement increase and .65% increase for protected status. Sales tax was increased along with shared revenue and utility aid. John Beinborn, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to refer the budget back to the Executive Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society: Roger Guthrie, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the dog claim in the amount of \$160. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

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

ADRC: Nothing to report

CJCC: Gary Ranum gave a report.

CSZD: Joseph Mumm gave a report.

DMATS: Nothing to report.

Executive: Robert Keeney gave a report.

GCED: John Beinborn gave a report.

Highway: Gary Northouse gave a report.

Hidden Valleys: Bob Scallon gave a report.

WI River Rail: Bob Scallon gave a report.

Law Enforcement/Emergency Management: Kathy Kopp gave a report.

HHS: Gary Ranum gave a report.

Orchard Manor: Rick Sanson gave a report.

SWCAP: Carol Beals gave a report.

Unified Community Services: Carol Beals gave a report.

Veterans: Lester Jantzen gave a report.

Adjournment: Roger Guthrie, second by Bob Scallon made a motion to adjourn until November 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.