

Grant County Board of Supervisors  
November 12, 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 twelve (12) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Adam Day, Pat Schroeder, Rick Sanson, Carol Beals, Kathy Kopp, Lester Jantzen and Brian Lucey. Present virtually one (1) member: John Beinborn. Diane Nelson and Mark Vosberg asked to be excused. Kelly Fredrickson and Robert Scallon were absent. Chairman Robert Keeney asked the Board to approve John Beinborn to participate by Zoom per the board rules. Pat Schroeder, second by Brian Lucey made a motion to allow John Beinborn to participate by Zoom. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Rick Sanson, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2024 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** WCA Legislative Exchange is February 25-26 in Madison. WCA Steering Committee and UW Extension have agreed to an MOU.

**Appointments:** There were no appointments.

**Grants:** CeCe Fishnick presented the Caregiver Grant for Social Services. Gary Ranum, second by Adam Day made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Keeney presented the EPCRA and EMPG Grant for Emergency Management. Gary Northouse, second by Brian Lucey made a motion to approve the grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project:** Administrator Dreckman advised that the west side tower site had to be redesigned because of encroachment issues. The Cassville site bid packet is being worked through. The Millville and South tower sites are being worked on right now. In Richland County there is paging equipment that needed to be moved to another area. IT is looking to complete the project by year end. IT would like to temporarily wire Cassville tower site so the loop can be active before the tower is completed. IT is working on completing the fiber to municipalities and the Fennimore Highway Shop.

**608<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment:** Lucas Finley, Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning presented the 608<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment for Acts 29, LLC in the Town of Harrison. Rick Sanson, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the zoning amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Amend Ordinance 206-16.3 Public Nuisance:** Administrator Dreckman presented the ordinance amendment. Adam Day, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the amendment with the change in the first paragraph to say 'no person shall, cause initiative, or be party to, calls for law enforcement service, frequently reporting any of the following nuisances.' Motion carried by voice vote.

**Update on the Annex Building:** Garry Pluemer, Maintenance and Facilities Manager informed the Board that the first floor is complete and ready for move in. The door controls will be started very soon. There is still work that needs to be completed in the basement.

**Discussion and possible action on out of budget spending for engineering design cost for humidification at Orchard Manor:** Garry Pluemer, Facilities and Maintenance Manager presented the request. Pat Schroder, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve \$19,500 from Orchard Manor fund balance for design of the humidification system. A roll call vote was taken with twelve (12) Yes, one (1) No (Lucey) and four absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action on out of budget spending for Administration Building Chiller:** Garry Pluemer, Facilities and Maintenance Manager presented the request. Gary Ranum, second by Carol Beals made a motion to approve the Johnson Controls proposal in the amount of \$2,500 coming from the general fund. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action on Courthouse fire alarm system:** Garry Pluemer, Facilities and Maintenance Manager presented the request. Pat Schroeder, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve Johnson Control bid at \$8934.48 and Sweet Hill bid at \$2890 for a total of \$11824.48 using ARPA funds. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action on out of budget spending for Jail Bosch operating system to be taken from the Jail Assessment Fund:** Sheriff Reukauf and Shane Drinkwater, IT Director presented the request. Kathy Kopp, second by Carol Beals made a motion to approve the upgrade to the jail operating system totaling \$45,800 with IT purchasing storage unit at \$23,100 and Accurate Controls bid at \$22,700 to come from the jail assessment fund. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action on out of budget spending for Courthouse security:** Shane Drinkwater, IT Director presented the request. Roger Guthrie, second by Carol Beals made a motion to approve the use of ARPA funding for the upgraded courthouse camera system and polycom system including the jail polycom in the amount of \$44899.12. A roll call vote was taken with ten (10) Yes, one (1) No (Lucey), two (2) Abstain (Day and Northouse) and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action on sale of Bloomington Highway Shop property:** Jon Knautz, Highway Commissioner presented the request. Pat Schroeder, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to authorize the County Clerk to sign all documentation needed for the sale of the Bloomington Highway Shop to the Town of Bloomington. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**County Board Chair summary of duties:** Chairman Keeney explained the updated duties of the County Board Chair with the hiring of an Administrator. The job duties could change in the next legislative

session. Carol Beals, second by Adam Day made a motion to approve the County Board Chair summary of duties with the exception of the County Board Chair assigning the Committee Chairs. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Elected Official Sick Leave Policy:** Administrator Dreckman presented the policy. Rick Sanson, second by Carol Beals made a motion to postpone action on the policy until January 2025. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Non-Rep Pay Policy and Evaluation Policy:** Administrator Dreckman presented the policy. Adam Day, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the Non-Rep Policy and Evaluation Policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Pat Schroeder asked to be excused from the meeting and to be able to join by Zoom.

The meeting was recessed until 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 12:02 p.m.

**Convene to Public Hearing for 2025 budget:** Patrick Montgomery, Administrator Dreckman and Chairman Keeney presented the 2025 budget.

**Reconvene to County Board Meeting:** Adam Day, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to reconvene to the County Board meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adam Day, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve Pat Schroeder to participate by Zoom on his phone per the board rules. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Adoption of 2025 budget:** Roger Guthrie, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the 2025 budget. A roll call vote was taken with twelve (12) Yes, one (1) No (Jantzen) and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-12 eliminating the Grant County Information Technology Director as Grant County Administrative Coordinator with Limited Authority:** Rick Sanson, second by John Beinborn made the motion to approve resolution 2024-12. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-13 Operation Green Light:** Roger Guthrie, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve resolution 2024-13. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Resolution 2024-14 Authorizing the County Treasurer to Settle in full the General Taxes for the Tax Roll Year 2024, Collectable in 2025:** Adam Day, second by Brian Lucey made a motion to approve resolution 2024-14. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-15 Regarding County Orders:** Joseph Mumm, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve resolution 2024-15. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-16 Regarding the Investment of County Funds:** Kathy Kopp, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve resolution 2024-17. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-17 Regarding General Tax Levy:** Adam Day, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve resolution 2024-17 regarding general tax levy of \$16,408,919.85. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-18 Establishing Non-Represented Wages for 2025:** Gary Northouse, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve resolution 2024-18. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-19 Establishing Grant County Board Chair Salary for 2025:** Kathy Kopp, second by Carol Beals made a motion to approve resolution 2024-19. A roll call vote was taken with ten (10) Yes, two (2) No (Schroeder and Jantzen), one (1) abstain (Keeney) and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-20 Authorizing Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$970,000:** Adam Day, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve resolution 2024-20. A roll call vote was taken with twelve (12) Yes, zero (0) No, and five (5) absent (Schroeder did not respond when asked his vote). Therefore, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-21 County Construction and Maintenance during the calendar year of 2025:** Gary Northouse, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve resolution 2024-21. A roll call vote was taken with twelve (12) Yes, zero (0) No, and five (5) absent (Schroeder did not respond when asked his vote). Therefore, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-22 Regarding County Road Aid – Townships:** John Beinborn, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve resolution 2024-22. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-23 Regarding County Road Aid – Villages:** Carol Beals, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve resolution 2024-23. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-24 Regarding County Road Aid – Cities:** Gary Northouse, second by Brian Lucey made a motion to approve resolution 2024-25. A roll call vote was taken with eleven (11) Yes, zero (0) No, two (2) abstain (Kopp and Day) and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-25 County Aid Bridge Construction:** Joseph Mumm, second by Carol Beals made a motion to approve resolution 2024-25. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, and four (4) absent. Therefore, motion carried.

**Dog Claim(s) Grant County Humane Society:** Roger Guthrie, second by Adam Day made a motion to approve the payment of \$160 to Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Gary Northouse, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to forego committee reports. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Adjourn:** Joseph Mumm, second by Adam Day made a motion to adjourn until December 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.