

Grant County Board of Supervisors
February 18, 2025
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 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 fifteen (15) members present in the room: Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Adam Day, Patrick Schroeder, Rick Sanson, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Lester Jantzen, John Beinborn, Mark Vosberg and Brian Lucey. Present virtually one (1) member: Gary Ranum. Chairman Keeney asked the Board to approve Gary Ranum to participate by Zoom per the Board rules. Joseph Mumm, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to allow Gary Ranum 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: Patrick Schroeder, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2025 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: WCA Legislative Exchange is next week. The Governor will be presenting his budget this evening. There is a citizen from District 13 who may be interested in the vacant position. Forward Analytics has been placed on your desk.

Grants

Compeer Financial – County Fair Facility Upgrade Grant: Amy Olson presented the grant request for \$4,000 with no match. Roger Guthrie, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the Compeer Financial grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fury Friends Project: Alesha Erdenberger presented the grant request with no match. John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the Fury Friends Project grant application. Motion carried by voice vote.

611th Zoning Amendment: Joseph Mumm, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the 611th Zoning Amendment for Kaleb Pfol in the Town of Paris, Leibold North Properties LLC in the Town of Jamestown and DAS Sanctuary LLC in the Town of Platteville. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and possible action on amendment to the ATV/UTV Ordinance: Gary Northouse, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the amendment to the ATV/UTV Ordinance. Motion carried by voice vote.

ADRC Vacancy and Restructure Plan: Robert Scallon second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the creation of the ADRC Coordinator position. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and possible action on out of budget spending of up to \$30,000 to hire additional assistance for the 2023 audit: Patrick Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to use up to \$30,000 to take care of the 2023 audit and move as far in 2024 as possible. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes, one (1) No, and one (1) vacancy. Therefore, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on out of budget spending for a badge printer: Robert Scallon, second by Kathy Kopp to approve the out of budget spending of \$1,848.51 for the purchase of a badge printer. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, and one (1) vacancy. Therefore, motion carried.

Update on Fiber Optics/Communications Project: Nate Dreckman advised that the punch list on the various sites is being completed. Cassville site work will start in March. The Dickeyville tower site has been deemed an administrative site and now we will go to the next step of the process to get that turned over to Grant County. RACOM is starting to program the equipment. Shane Drinkwater advised that all but two sites have routers. IT can start adding those sites to the loop. The west site does not have power yet. RACOM is starting to use the fiber loop for redundant dispatch between Lancaster and Platteville.

Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Resolutions: Patrick Schroeder, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve resolutions 2025-01 and 2025-02 in support of the BEAD project. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and possible action on out of budget spending of \$2,500 in attorney fees for agreement development with Iowa County: Rick Sanson, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the out of budget spending of \$2,500 in attorney fees for agreement development with Iowa County for Unified board of Grant and Iowa Counties. A roll call vote was taken with sixteen (16) Yes, and one (1) vacancy. Therefore, motion carried.

Policy Updates

Employee Handbook Introduction: Roger Guthrie, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Administrative Manual Section 5.12 Vacancy Replacement and 5.13 Classification Review and New Position Creation: Patrick Schroeder, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the policy. Motion carried by voice vote with two negative votes (Beals and Beinborn).

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) Use Policy: Adam Day, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Employee Handbook – Performance Reviews: Gary Northouse, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Employee Handbook – Sick Leave (Section 6): Adam Day, second by Brian Lucey made a motion to approve the policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Employee Handbook – Mileage Reimbursement and Vehicle Use: Patrick Schroeder, second by Mark Vosberg made a motion to approve the policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Computer Technology Acquisitions and Verification of Security Protocols: Joseph Mumm, second by Robert Scallon made a motion to approve the policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Annual Motor Vehicle License Checks: Gary Northouse, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grant County Property and Building Use policy/form: Adam Day, second by Mark Vosberg made a motion to approve the policy and form. Motion carried by voice vote.

Addition to Grant County 4.15 Procurement Policy – added section 3: Rick Sanson, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Cost Allowability for Charges Against Federal Awards: Adam Day, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Elected Official Sick Leave Policy: Joseph Mumm, second by Brian Lucey made a motion to approve the policy. Motion carried by voice vote with one negative vote (Keeney).

Vacation – Section 4: Diane Nelson, second by Adam Day made a motion to approve the policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Disclosure and Reporting Suspected Unlawful Conduct: Patrick Schroeder, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fleet Safety Review Committee: Adam Day, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the policy with the word change of deer to the word animals. Motion carried by voice vote.

Employee Handbook – Section II Promoted or Transferred Employee: Brian Lucey, second by Mark Vosberg made a motion to approve the policy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and possible action on the creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee on County Board Rules: Adam Day, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to have the Executive Committee work on the Board Rules and present to the County Board at a future meeting. Motion carried by voice vote with three negative votes (Beals, Beinborn and Jantzen).

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

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

Adjournment: Adam Day, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to adjourn until March 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.