

GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
Lancaster, WI 53813
May 14, 2025

The Grant County Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Disaster Services Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Kathy Kopp. The following members and personnel were present:

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE: Gary Ranum, Adam Day, John Beinborn, Brian Lucey, Rick Sanson and Bob Keeney.

GUESTS: Sheriff Craig Reukauf; Chief Deputy Travis Klaas; Coroner Phyllis Fuerstenberg; Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director; and Tonya White, County Clerk.

Craig Reukauf verified the agenda had been posted at the County Clerk's Office, Community Services Building, courthouse and on the county website. John Beinborn second by Adam Day approved the agenda with a notation that the Law Enforcement Memorial service will follow. Adam Day second by Gary Ranum approved the minutes from the April 14 meeting. All above motions carried.

There is no Public Forum to discuss.

Sheriff's Briefing:

The monthly activity report was reviewed. Sheriff Reukauf stated the total calls for service were up probably due to the nice weather. Contract inmates from Scott County are up. There was a fatal accident in Fennimore on April 26 involving a stolen vehicle. The Lancaster Pharmacy is still working on issues with Sapphire which is the electronic medical records system for the inmates. Chief Deputy Travis Klaas turned in 11 squads that had hail damage on them. They will not be fixing all of the squad cars so there will be some extra money in the budget.

Sheriff Reukauf reviewed proposals for contracts from Rivers and Bluff's Animal Shelter and Dubuque Regional Humane Society for stray dogs. Sheriff Reukauf also talked about the idea of having a temporary shelter near the Community Services Building for emergency situations for animals. The initial estimate for the temporary shelter was between \$2,000.00 and \$3,000.00. The Executive Committee approved up to \$3,000.00 for this. It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Gary Ranum to approve the proposals and the temporary shelter. Motion carried with Adam Day voting no.

Under the Radio Project Update, all towers are up and built and things are moving forward.

Under Personnel, there is a new Part-Time Dispatcher that started. We are still looking for more Part-Time Jailers.

Under training, Sheriff Reukauf attended Badger State Sheriff's Spring Conference in Wisconsin Dells. Grant County hosted a Postvention training in the EOC Training Room. This training helps individuals and communities learn to deal with the aftermath of suicides. There were representatives from schools, Law Enforcement and Social Services and it was well attended. Nate Dreckman organized this before he took the position of County Administrator. Ethan Bodway graduated from the Jail Academy at Western Wisconsin Technical College. There

will be three Full-Time Female Jailers and one Part-Time Male Jailer attending the Jail Academy at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College beginning May 19.

Under Grants, the Sheriff's Office has been approached to do a feasibility study to combine Platteville Dispatch with Grant County Dispatch. There is a grant available to help with the cost of this. The grant is in the amount of \$50,000.00 with a 10% match. Platteville is willing to split the match with Grant County. We can incorporate upgrades in the Grant County 911 system with this Grant Money. It was motioned by Bob Keeney and seconded by John Beinborn to table this until next month. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's Office Invoices and Financials were presented. Adam Day second by John Beinborn made a motion to accept the Financials and Invoices. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 11:27 for the Law Enforcement Memorial.

The meeting was recalled at 12:15.

Coroner:

Coroner Phyllis Fuerstenberg released the records to New York University in regards to deaths in children 18 months or younger where the cause is due to seizures. Phyllis was notified of family members who had a skull in their basement they wanted to turn over for her. She turned it over to the Anthropology Department and they verified it was an older Native American male. State Historic Preservations were in contact with Phyllis. They will send her paperwork to complete to ensure there is a proper burial of the skull. The family has been notified.

Phyllis passed around a report of deaths she has had for the months of April and May as well as the cause of death.

Coroner Invoices were presented. Adam Day second by Bob Keeney made a motion to accept the invoices. Motion carried.

Emergency Management:

Emergency Management Director's Report was presented by Steve Braun. He updated the committee on projects, trainings and grants Emergency Government has been working on. Steve has been working with communities who were impacted by the hail storm.

Emergency Government invoices and financials were presented. Rick Sanson seconded by Adam Day made a motion to accept the Financials and Invoices. Motion carried.

County Administrator wanted to address the idea of possibly building a new facility for the Highway Department at the County Farm.

It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Adam Day to adjourn to Monday, June 9, 2025 at 9:00am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Sanson, Secretary

Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary
