

Grant County Board of Supervisors
May 20, 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 in the 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, Patrick Schroeder, Rick Sanson, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Roger Lange and Lester Jantzen. Present virtually three (3) members: Adam Day, John Beinborn and Brian Lucey. Robert Scallon asked to be excused and there is one vacancy. Gary Northouse, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve Adam Day, John Beinborn and Brian Lucey to participate by Zoom per the Board rules. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Agenda: Rick Sanson, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: Roger Guthrie, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2025 meeting with two additions. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications: Chairman Keeney advised the Board that the WCA Conference will take place in Wisconsin Dells September 21-23. Completed forms need to be to the County Clerk by the end of the May. An advertisement has been placed for the vacant supervisor position. Applications are due back by June 10th so action to fill the position will be done at the June County Board meeting. Chairman Keeney thanked IT and Maintenance Department for lighting the dome in recognition of fallen firefighters and Law Enforcement. The Executive Committee next month will be discussing committees, rules and compensation. If you have any ideas, share them with committee members. Uniquely Wisconsin and Grant County Tourism Council will be presenting at the June County Board meeting.

Lori Reid, ADRC Director, informed the Board that Green County will be withdrawing from the region. Green County currently holds the regional grant for the four counties. With that notice of intent, Grant County must make a decision fairly quickly. The options moving forward are: continue as a three county region, form a new regional alliance or stand alone. The State requires a six-month notice and Green County intends to withdraw at the end of the year. Any decision must be finalized as a County Board resolution.

Patrick Montgomery, Finance Director gave an update on the 2023 audit. Baker Tilly started the re-engagement and they are close to finishing the field work and then will work on the draft report.

Administrator Dreckman reported that he has been working on several documents that will be a tool while preparing future budgets. The documents are: mandated versus non-mandated and the five-year capital improvement plan. The capital improvement plans will be reviewed by the committees in the coming weeks to help prioritize the 2026 budget. Dreckman has also been working on organizational department structures.

Appointments: Patrick Schroeder, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to appoint Michael Kehl to the ADRC Regional Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

Gary Northouse, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to appoint John Beinborn for a three-year term to the Health and Human Services committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Carol Beals, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to appoint Robert Scallon for a three-year term to the Wisconsin River Rail Transit. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mississippi River Trail Presentation and Resolution: Francis Schelfhout from the Wisconsin DOT spoke to the Board regarding the bike trail. Patrick Schroeder, second by Roger Lange made a motion to approve resolution 2025-05 as a designation of the Mississippi River trail through Grant County. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grants: Amy Olson, Fair Manager presented the Compeer Financial grant. Roger Guthrie, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the Compeer Financial grant in the amount of \$10,000. Motion carried by voice vote.

614th Zoning Amendment: Gary Northouse, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the 614th Zoning Amendment for Frey Real Estate Holding, LLC in the Town of Boscobel. Motion carried by voice vote.

Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project: Depending on the weather, the antennas will be installed on the northern towers. Testing has been done on some of the radio equipment with different scenarios presented during the testing. The fiber optic loop is completely lite. Testing and verification will be done on the loop to make sure it will perform as needed. Once testing and verification are complete, equipment will be connected to the loop with continued testing until everything is ready to go live.

Discussion and possible action on purchasing a new Electronic Health Record system for Grant County Health Department: Kessa Klaas, Health Director presented the request for the purchase of a new electronic health record system. The Health Department would use ARPA funding that they have available. Gary Ranum, second by Carol Beals made a motion to allocate \$187,000 for the purpose of purchasing an electronic health record system contingent on IT approval. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes, one (1) vacancy and one (1) excused, therefore motion carried.

Stray Dog Proposal: Sheriff Reukauf presented the stray dog proposals. Agreements have been obtained from the Dubuque Regional Humane Society and Rivers and Bluffs Animal Shelter. With both of the shelters being out of the county, the Sheriff's Office would like to build a temporary dog shelter in order to try and locate an owner before transporting the animal to the shelter. Dubuque Regional Humane Society will charge Grant County \$145 per animal. They are willing to collect a fee on behalf of the County. The fee recommended through the committees is \$195 to help offset costs. Rivers and Bluffs is \$12 per day. Both facilities accept animals after hours from law enforcement. Gary Northouse, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the proposals from the Dubuque Regional Humane Society and Rivers and Bluffs Animal Shelter. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and possible action on out of budget spending from the general fund to create a temporary dog shelter at the Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Reukauf would also like to purchase an ID scanner. The cost of the scanner is between \$200 and \$400. Kathy Kopp, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the out of budget spending from the general fund of up to \$3,000 to create a temporary dog shelter and the purchase of an RFID scanner contingent on liability insurance. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, two (2) No (Day and Nelson), one (1) vacancy and one (1) excused, therefore motion carried.

Exceeding Tax Levy Limit: Roger Guthrie, second by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to accept the decrease in shared revenue penalty of \$387,000. A roll call vote was taken with fifteen (15) Yes, one (1) vacancy and one (1) excused, therefore motion carried.

Committee Reports: Ag, Extension & 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.

Economic Development – John Beinborn gave a report.

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

Executive – Robert Keeney gave a report.

Highway – Patrick Schroeder gave a report.

Library – Nothing to report.

Orchard Manor/Farm – Rick Sanson gave a report.

HHS – Gary Ranum gave a report.

SWCAP – Nothing to report.

UCS – Nothing to report.

Veterans – Lester Jantzen gave a report.

Adjournment: Joseph Mumm, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to adjourn to June 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.