

Grant County Board of Supervisors

June 17, 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 Deputy County Clerk, Tammy Hampton, to verify that the meeting was held in compliance with the open meeting law. Hampton verified the meeting was posted on the county website, in the Administration Building, Courthouse, and the Herald Independent.

Roll Call was taken with thirteen (13) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Patrick Schroeder, Rick Sanson, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Roger Lange, Lester Jantzen, John Beinborn and Brian Lucey. Gary Northouse, Robert Scallon and Adam Day asked to be excused and there is one vacancy.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Gary Ranum, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2025 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Communications:** Chairman Keeney recognized the challenging times that many Staff are going through with the loss of loved ones.

Amy Olson, Fairgrounds & Operations Director, presented on promotional material for the Grant County Fair. The fair this year runs from August 13 – August 17. In keeping with the theme this year, Harvest Hoedown, there will be country line dancing. New this year, in the Entertainment Tent, will be a puzzle competition and Brew City Wrestling. Grandstand events will be held in same tradition. Brochures and posters are available for distribution. Anyone looking to volunteer should reach out to Amy at the Fair Office.

Nate Dreckman, Administrator, presented briefly they are still working on agreement between Grant and Iowa County for Unified. They are taking a draft agreement to the Unified Board this week with hopes of bringing to County Board next month for approval.

**Action to fill vacancy of County Board District 16 Supervisor:** There was one (1) interested individual who resides in that district – Mike Timmerman. John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to appoint Mike Timmerman to fill vacancy in District 16. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Appointments:** Patrick Schroeder, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to appoint Russ Raeder and Kevin Lange for three-year terms to Board of Adjustment. Motion carried by voice vote.

John Beinborn, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to appoint Roger Lange to the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Committee, which was previously held by Mark Vosberg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Patrick Schroeder, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to appoint Mike Timmerman to the Orchard Manor/Farm Committee and to the Ag, Extension & Fair Committee, both previously held by Mark Vosberg. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grants:** Craig Reukauf, Grant County Sheriff, presented the WE Energies grant. Joseph Mumm, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the application to WE Energies for \$2000 grant for two refurbished AEDs. Motion carried by voice vote.

Lori Reid, ADRC Director, presented the 5310 grant. Lester Jantzen, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve 5310 grant submitted by ADRC on behalf of Orchard Manor. Motion carried by voice vote.

CeCe Fishnick, Social Services Director, presented the Eckstein Charitable Trust grant. John Beinborn, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve application by Social Services to Eckstein Trust for a vehicle. Motion carried by voice vote.

CeCe Fishnick, Social Services Director, presented the Foster Parent grant. Diane Nelson, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to allow for application of the Foster Parent grant by Social Services. Motion carried by voice vote.

Holly Knapp, Unified Community Services Director, presented. Gary Ranum, second by Carol Beals made a motion to authorize Unified Community Services to apply for \$250,000 annual grant for up to five (5) years for prevention use staffing. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Grant County Tourism Council Presentation:** James Schneider and Tracy Fishnick presented for Grant County Tourism. They recognized the Grant County Board as being an amazing partner for tourism. The Wisconsin Department of Tourism released their numbers on direct visitor spending. In Grant County, that has increased by 52.8% over 9 years. Wisconsin increased by 36.4% over the same period. Nine hundred and sixty-five (965) jobs in Grant County are directly related to tourism-related business. Partnerships are vital for tourism opportunities. Focus is being placed on target markets – where people are coming from, what they are interested in doing – and showcasing the opportunities available in Grant County. Partnering with Grant County Economic Development, new approaches are being utilized to advertise what Grant County has to offer. This year's Visitor Guide included eighty-two (82) local advertisers.

Supervisor Patrick Schroeder left meeting after the Grant County Tourism Council presentation.

**Uniquely Wisconsin Presentation:** Josh Ostermann of Discover Mediaworks presented. Discover Mediaworks has Discover Wisconsin. They have partnered with Grant County on Great River Road, funded through the DOT. Numbers recently released show that Grant County is only ranked behind LaCrosse County on direct visitor spending along the Great River Road. Collaboration and partnership between Uniquely Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Counties Association to showcase economic development, tourism and vision for the future. Goal is to show the culture within the county. They work with five (5) counties per year per season.

**615<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment:** Joseph Mumm, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the 615<sup>th</sup> Zoning Amendment for MAJK Corporation in the Town of Jamestown, for Dennis Lamere in the Town of South Lancaster, and for Marlin Shirk in the Town of Lima. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project:** Nate Dreckman, Administrator, gave update that the North Tower is done and they will be moving on to Bloomington. Continuing with line and antennas being put up. Shane Drinkwater, IT Director, gave update that fiber optics loop is lit. They are working to connect other projects such as the Highway Department. Grant County has received a new deliverable from Raycom. They have requested that their communication channel for the radios be limited to twenty (20) Gig; and we are working on programming our equipment to align with that.

**Discussion and possible action on Wisconsin Hazardous Materials Response System Services renewal contract:** Steve Braun, Emergency Management, presented regarding contract from State of Wisconsin, which is a continuance of an agreement that has been in place for about 8 years now where the HazMat team responds as a State resource. Corporation Counsel reviewed with no concerns. John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve updated agreement. Address will be corrected when contract signed. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Resolution to Dissolve a Regional Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and Approving the Application to become a Single County ADRC:** Lori Reid, ADRC Director, presented for a resolution to approve moving ahead with application to the State to become a single county ADRC. Funding with Regional Office will be split amongst the counties with Grant County having a little higher share of that. A letter of support will be signed to go along with the resolution. Roger Guthrie, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Resolution in Support of a Grant Application to Fund a Feasibility Study on the Future of the Delivery of Emergency Communications for County of Grant and the City of Platteville:** Craig Reukauf, Grant County Sheriff, discussed a grant available to fund a study to see if it's feasible and works with both entities. Most hardware needs would be covered under this grant. Resolution isn't necessarily needed, but support from County Board will lend credibility to application with a current due date of August 1. John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve resolution 2025-7 in support of grant application to fund a feasibility study on the future of the delivery of emergency communications for County of Grant and the City of Platteville. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 255 Sections 225-8 and 225-22 of the Grant County Private Onsite Waste Treatment Systems Ordinance to allow for the issuance of emergency repair permits:** Keith Lane, CSZD Administrator, presented ordinance amendment that would allow landowner to immediately respond to issue. Joseph Mumm, second by Brian Lucey made a motion for ordinance amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 315 Section 3.05 of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to set the minimum acreage requirement of the Farmland Preservation District to three acres:** Keith Lane, CSZD Administrator, presented ordinance amendment for three (3) acreage minimum County would require for landowners to have for applying and being approved through the Farmland Preservation program. Rick Sanson, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion for ordinance amendment. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Finance Department staffing proposal:** Discussion was had on the two (2) motions made and carried at the June 17, 2025 Executive Committee meeting to be taken to County Board. Roger Guthrie, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to create the full-time Assistant

Finance Director position moving forward and included in 2026 budget. A roll call vote was taken with ten (10) Yes, two (2) No (Keeney and Beals) and five (5) Excused, therefore motion carried.

Joseph Mumm, second by Kathy Kopp, made a motion to continue the arrangement with the contracted employee for up to four (4) weeks using funding from the 2025 budget appropriated to audits. Motion carried by voice vote, with two (2) negative votes (Keeney and Beals).

**Policy Updates:**

**Bereavement Leave:** Nate Dreckman, Administrator, presented clarification language added – paid at scheduled shift hours. Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Jury Duty:** Nate Dreckman, Administrator, presented clarification language added – in lieu of returning to work during regular scheduled work day. Rick Sanson, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Department Head Vacation Carryover:** Nate Dreckman, Administrator, presented – requests will now go to County Administrator. Gary Ranum, second by Roger Lange made a motion to approve. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D):** Angela Gerndt, HR Manager, presented – Life AD&D not going to be offered to retirees in future. Joseph Mumm, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Non-Lapsing Funds:** Nate Dreckman, Administrator, presented – change from January 31 to March 31 of new year for requesting non-lapsing funds by different departments. Rick Sanson, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Orchard Manor Personnel Policies and Procedures:** Angela Gerndt, HR Manager, presented – move all employees to consistent and fair pay practices. Rick Sanson, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Roger Guthrie, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to forego committee reports at this time. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Joseph Mumm, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to adjourn to July 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.