

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 26, 2009

The Strategic Planning Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors met in the Room 266 of the Administration Building, Lancaster, WI on Friday, June 26, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Tony Runde. Larry Wolf, seconded by John Patcle, moved the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law. Motion carried unanimously.

The following committee members were present: Tony Runde, Larry Wolf, Mark A. Stead, Robert C. Keeney, John Patcle and Lynn Moris. UW-Extension Community Resource Development Agent Paul Thares was also present at the meeting.

Lynn Moris, seconded by Mark Stead moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Stead, seconded by Robert Keeney moved to approve the minutes of the May 18th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

UW-Extension Community Resource Development Agent Paul Thares opened up the discussion on the goal strategies.

Goal #1:

Contact UWP Center for Public Engagement to request that Engineering students conduct a "cost analysis of several county facilities: Building 52, 3rd floor Administration Building, Farm Services and Unified Building and Highway Department Facilities.

Further discussion on Goal #1 centered on other buildings that may need to be looked at. Mark Stead stated he felt the Highway Department's Engineer team could handle the needs of the Highway buildings. John Patcle commented that in view of the possible relocation of some of the current buildings and properties of the Highway, maybe it would be feasible for the Highway Engineers to work with the Student Engineers of UWP to put a cost analysis together. Bob Keeney suggested that the students could do a cost effective analysis on the current leasing situation in the Unified/Farm Services Building. The committee felt that the jail buildings were fine at this point.

Goal #2:

- Created policies for County Departments to assist with purchasing computers, computer programs and finances
- Computers throughout county need to be compatible
- Sharing of inventory (resources)

Further discussion on Goal #2 continued. The committee felt that by implementing a policy would help in keeping the County as a whole on the same level when it comes to purchasing computer systems; they need to be compatible throughout the county and cost effective. It was questioned as to what committee should set these policies. Some of the committee felt that the committee that was representing the issue at hand should be the one to set the policy. For example, if a computer issue was addressed, the Computer Committee should set policy. Once the policy is in place, it would have to be brought before the full county board for approval. It was stated by Robert Keeney that in order for the process to be equal among all the departments, the budgets would have to be equalized and more uniform. More discussion included the overlap of duties among departments, was there a way to combine some of the services offered by Departments to offer a better service to the public. Paul Thares suggested bringing these concerns up before the monthly Department Head meetings. The Department Heads can then discuss these issues within their own department employees.

Discussion took place on installation of a new computer system for the Health Department; Mark Stead suggested that Larry Wolf, Chairman of the Computer Committee, discuss this issue with Jeff Kindrai.

Goal #3:

- Work toward recognizing beneficial savings by sharing resources.
- Combining road salt purchases with all Grant County Municipalities

It was agreed by the committee that sharing resources with other county entities would be beneficial to the County as a whole to combine needs of the community. Bringing in key people to help educate and combine in purchasing items that the county as a whole needs.

Goal #4: Actions taken.

- UWP Student is working on Grant County Web site throughout summer of 2009
- Deputy County Clerk is responsible for updating county web site
- Only approved minutes will be displayed on county web site and sent out to stakeholders and public
- Use of micro wave communications by all county departments within county seat

Goal # 5:

Allow opportunity for businesses to bid on projects that are paid for with government tax dollars

In conclusion, Paul Thares will put together a rough draft of the suggestions discussed at this meeting to be reviewed by the Strategic Committee members at a short meeting on July 21st at 5:15 p.m. before the full County Board Meeting that evening. Then the committee will bring before the full County Board.

Paul Thares went on to say that the implementation phase of the Strategic Planning for Grant County has now begun and the process of action will be an on going situation for the county. Once the Strategic Planning document has been passed by the full County Board, the Committee will have the control as to how the plan of action will continue. The time and number of meetings needed to continue these goals and solutions for the county will be controlled by the Committee.

Adjourn: Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle made a motion to adjourn the meeting until July 21, 2009, 5:15 p.m. in room 266. Motion carried unanimously.