

GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MAY 19, 2009

The Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Offices, Lancaster, Wisconsin pursuant to the adjournment of the April 21, 2009 meeting.

Chair John Patcle called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Verification of compliance with the open meeting law was a notice in the Herald Independent stating the date, time and place of the County Board Meeting. Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Paul Landon, moved that the meeting is in compliance with the open meeting law. Motion carried.

INSERT ROLL CALL #1

		ROLL CALL	
		Present	Absent
		Present	Absent
Linda Adrian	X	Paul Landon	X
Stephen Adrian	X	Vern Lewison	X
Eugene Bartels	X	Vincent Loeffelholz	X
Carol Beals	X	Grant Loy	excused
Maynard Behncke	X	Lynn Moris	X
William Biefer.	X	Dwight Nelson	X
John Beinborn	X	John Patcle	X
DuWayne Carlin	X	Magaret Ruf	X
Julia Clark		Tony Runde	X
Ivan Farness		Robert Scallon	X
Allan Jansen	X	Patrick Schroeder	X
Lester Jantzen	X	Donald Splinter	X
Rodney Johnson	X	Mark Stead	X
Robert Keeney	X	Kyle Vesperman	X
David Klar	X	Larry Wolf	X
Joachim Hans Kostrau	X		

The clerk took roll call, resulting in 28 present. Julia Clark, Ivan Farness and Grant Loy were excused. Margaret Ruf asked to be excused early.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Eugene Bartels, moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Patrick Schroeder, seconded by Stephen Adrian moved to approve the minutes. Lynn Moris asked that a correction be made on the appointment of Mary Yager, not Edgar. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: John Patcle gave an update of the Strategic Planning Committee. He reminded the board members to remember to sign up for the Lodging assignments for the WCA Convention in LaCrosse, WI to be held in September, 2009.

APPOINTMENTS: Chair John Patcle appointed John Drury to the Southwest Wisconsin Library System Board. Linda Adrian, seconded by Margaret Ruf moved to approve the appointment. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: None

PRESENTATION, NUTRITION PROGRAM: Ione Meoska, Nutrition Program Coordinator Associate Lecturer, UW-Extension, and Cindy Busch, Educator Instructional Specialist, UW-Extension, conducted a presentation on WNEP, Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program. The Program partners with the Family Living Education UW-Extension. WNEP is Nutrition Education associated with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/formerly called food stamps) currently in 67 Wisconsin counties. It is funded by federal dollars bringing in \$97,612 this year for salaries, benefits, travel and supplies. No direct cost to the county. WNEP educates families and individuals who are participants in the FoodShare Program or who are income eligible for the FoodShare program. The Program teaches families and individuals how to eat better for less. Topics include choosing healthy snacks and meals, food safety, stretching food budget and using community resources. They teach children, young parents and senior citizen. Grant County WNEP collaborates with 19 different agencies including Head Start, Southwest Opportunities Center, Family Advocates, WIC clinics, schools and senior meal sites.

ELECTION SOCIAL SERVICES POSITIONS: Al Jansen, seconded by Robert Scallon, nominated Mark Stead to fill a three year term on the Social Services Committee. Motion carried. John Beinborn, seconded by Rodney Johnson, nominated Larry Wolf to fill a three year term on the Social Services Committee. Motion carried. Rodney Johnson, seconded by Eugene Bartels, nominated Linda Adrian to fill a three year term on the Social Services Committee. Question was asked by Paul Landon that if these three members did not get elected back on the County Board in April 2010, what would happen to their positions. Mark Stead explained that the 7 members on the committee have staggered three year terms. If Larry, Linda or Mark do not get re-elected to the County Board in April 2010, the new Board would elect someone new to fill the unexpired two year terms remaining for Larry, Linda and Mark's positions. Motion carried.

REVOLVING LOAN: Ron Brisbois, Grant County Economic Development Corp.

Re: Revolving Loan Fund Application for Kid's Stuff Daycare - Boscobel

We have received an application to the Grant County Revolving Loan Fund from the Kid's Stuff Daycare, requesting \$30,000. Debra Lynch will be the new owner. Southwest Wisconsin CAP (SWCAP) and the City of Boscobel are directly involved in the project as well.

The Daycare has essentially shut down due to poor previous management. Deb Lynch has committed to creating at least 5 new full-time jobs, with plans to increase to 10 full-time when the facility is at capacity.

Deb Lynch has extensive experience in the operation and management of daycares and daycare businesses. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Childhood/Special Education, a Master's in Early

Childhood Administration, and has been accredited by SWTC in the Infant and Toddler program. She has owned and operated Kid's Stuff Childcare in Richland Center since 1998, and the facility in Boscobel will be another location for her business.

Her Federal Tax Returns for 2008 showed that she had a net profit of over \$36,000 from her Richland Center operations. The Richland Center facility has about 45 children enrolled.

Kid's Stuff Daycare is located in Boscobel's Industry Park and is a new facility that opened in 2008 and is next door to the *Head Start* facility.

The Revolving Loan Fund Committee reviewed the application.

Here is what the consensus of the RLF committee is:

A \$30,000 loan at 3% interest rate, for a term of 5 years. We will have a personal guarantee and an equipment lien.

This Loan was approved by the Economic Development Board. Hans Kostrau, seconded by Dwight Nelson, moved to approve the Revolving Loan for Kid's Stuff Daycare, Boscobel. Motion carried.

Re: Revolving Loan Fund Application for Potosi Brewery Foundation, Inc.

We have received an application to the Grant County Revolving Loan Fund from the Potosi Brewery Foundation, Inc., requesting \$50,000. I think we all know about the Potosi Brewery and museums, restaurant and bar that is houses.

The Revolving Loan Fund Committee reviewed the application.

Here is what the consensus of the RLF committee is:

A \$50,000 loan at 2% interest rate, a 3 year term amortized over 5 years, with a balloon payment at the end of 3 years, this would be a monthly payment of \$876.40 for the first 3 years, and the balloon payment would be \$20,601. Now if the loan is in current and good standing at the end of year 3, then we can renew the remaining \$20,601 for 2 more years. We would require a mortgage lien on the property, and though the property is already leveraged by the bank there is enough collateral that exceeds the liens on the property to give us protection.

At peak operations, the Potosi Brewery will employ approximately 40. Though there will be some job creation, this loan project is focused mostly on retention.

It is very common for businesses to need additional capital for the initial two to three years of operation, and that is the purpose of the loan to invest in the business to help it get to the point of full self-sustainability.

The loan will be used for working capital for the day to day operations of the facility. Loans for working capital cannot exceed a 5 year term.

Our current loan balance is approximately \$230,000.

This Loan was approved by the Economic Development Board. Larry Wolf, seconded by Paul Landon, moved to approve the Revolving Loan for the Revolving Loan for Potosi Brewery Foundation, Inc. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION INSERT #2 "Weekend Voting Act" and "2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 2"

RESOLUTION # 37-08

TO: The Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Grant County Board of Supervisors
RE: Opposition to S.149 "Weekend Voting Act" and "2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 2"

WHEREAS, US Congress has before it, a proposed bill, S.149 supporting weekend voting; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Legislature has before it, a draft bill, entitled "2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 2;" and

WHEREAS, S.149 will, among other things, result in increased expense to Grant County and all other counties in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, 2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 2 will, among other things, eliminate the Spring election for nonpartisan offices so that all regularly scheduled elections will be held in November; and

WHEREAS, the current successful practices in Grant County for Absentee voting procedures currently meet objectives of existing Federal and State election practices; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin County Clerks Association have expressed opposition to the specific provisions set forth in S.149 and 2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 2 as being costly, difficult for compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grant County Board of Supervisors that it hereby expresses its opposition to the provisions set forth in bill S149 and draft 2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 2; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Jim Doyle, legislative representative of Grant County; State Senator, 17th District, Dale Schultz; 49th District Assemblyman, Phil Garthwaite; Senator Herbert H. Kohl and Senator Russell Feingold and other Wisconsin counties.

Submitted this 19th day of May, 2009

BY: THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

/s/ Chairperson, Rodney Johnson
/s/William Biefer
Julia Clark

/s/Robert Scallon
/s/Carol Beals
/s/Linda Adrian

ATTEST: I, Linda Gebhard, hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors on the 19th day of May , 2009.

/s/Linda Gebhard, County Clerk

/s/Grant County Board Chairman

Pursuant to last months County Board meeting, this resolution was brought before the Board on recommendation of the Legislative Committee with the understanding the resolution could be split to oppose the Weekend Voting section but to support the elimination of Spring elections. It was later determined that the Resolution could not be split. In view of this finding, on recommendation of the Legislative Committee, Rodney Johnson, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz, made a motion to approve the Resolution as written and maintain our current election cycle and absentee voting practices as they stand today. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION INSERT #3: "Proposed Prevailing Wage Provisions in the State Budget".

RESOLUTION NO. 38-08
RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES TO
WISCONSIN'S PREVAILING WAGE LAW

WHEREAS, Governor Jim Doyle's 2009 Executive Budget Bill (2009 Assembly Bill 75) proposes to make the prevailing wage law applicable to any public works contract over \$2,000; and,

WHEREAS, under current law the prevailing wage requirements only apply to multiple-trade public works projects over \$234,000 and single-trade public works projects over \$48,000; and,

WHEREAS, reducing the threshold to \$2,000 will increase the cost of small public works projects previously exempted from the prevailing wage requirement in many communities; and,

WHEREAS, the cost increase to pay prevailing wages on all public works projects over \$2,000 will force counties and other local governments to reduce the number and/or size of public works projects or raise taxes to meet the increased costs, which would further burden property taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed budget also for the first time proposes to make the prevailing wage law applicable to private projects that receive public financing; and,

WHEREAS, the requirement to pay prevailing wages on all public works projects over \$2,000 will take away the competitive advantage that many smaller local contractors have on smaller public works projects over larger contractors from outside a local community, thus hurting the local economy in these communities while still increasing the costs of these projects; and,

WHEREAS, these proposed changes to the prevailing wage law will substantially increase costs to Grant County over the next two years at a time when Grant County is operating under numerous financial constraints including proposed levy limits and tax rate limits; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to the prevailing wage law in the budget are non-fiscal policy items that should be addressed as separate legislation so that lawmakers can give more thoughtful consideration to changing the cost threshold for public works projects and clarifying statutory language to distinguish between routine maintenance and construction projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Grant County Board of Supervisors opposes the changes to the prevailing wage law proposed in AB 75, and urges the Legislature and the Governor to remove these items from the Budget Bill; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:

That the Grant County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all Wisconsin State Legislators with a constituency within Dodge County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin counties.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 19th day of May, 2009.

ATTEST: I, Linda K. Gebhard hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors on the 19th day of May, 2009.

/s/ John Patcle, Grant County Board Chair /s/ Linda Gebhard, Grant County Clerk

Highway Committee recommended approval of the Resolution. Patrick Schroeder, seconded by Don Splinter made a motion to approve the Resolution opposing the proposed changes to Wisconsin's Prevailing Wage Law. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION INSERT #4: "2009-2011 State Biennial Budget and Senate Bill 20".

RESOLUTION NO. #39-08

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO INSURANCE LAWS AND 2009 SENATE BILL 20

WHEREAS, Governor Jim Doyle's 2009 Executive Budget Bill (2009 Assembly Bill 75) contains several anti-tort reform proposals including, but not limited to:

Changing comparative negligence laws to force a defendant to pay one hundred percent of the damages when they have as little as one percent of liability;

Forcing individuals, companies and local governments to pay for higher levels of insurance by increasing mandatory minimum auto liability insurance limits;

Changing the definition of an "underinsured motorist" in a way that increases insurance

claims;

Requiring insurance companies to cover “uninsured motorist” insurance claims when no contact was made between the insured’s car and another car, thereby increasing the risk of fraudulent claims;

Allowing “stacking” of coverage for “underinsured motorists” such that the coverage limits for an accident are not limited to the policy relating to the particular vehicle involved in the accident;

Forcing excess or umbrella insurers to offer to cover certain claims when the coverage was not requested by the insured; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned anti-tort reform proposals would significantly increase the cost of providing insurance in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Grant County would see a substantial increase in its liability insurance premiums if the governor’s anti-tort reform proposals are enacted; and

WHEREAS, 2009 Senate Bill 20 is currently pending before the Senate Labor, Election and Urban Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 20 would have a dramatic financial impact on counties by changing employment discrimination laws as follows:

Allowing claimants to collect unlimited punitive damages against counties contrary to current state and federal law;

Forcing counties to pay a punitive 10% surcharge to the court system in addition to unlimited damages;

Forcing counties to litigate issues of compensatory and punitive damages years after the initial discrimination complaint was filed.

Creating an irrational and inefficient complaint process where both parties have an incentive to litigate claims to the fullest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, Grant County faces significant budgetary challenges related to the provision of critical state and county services at a time when state and federal financial support for such services is decreasing and the burden placed on Grant County taxpayers is growing; and

WHEREAS, adding new costs for counties and forcing counties to increase their tax levies during our current economic downturn would be devastating to property taxpayers who can ill afford increased taxes or increased insurance costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Supervisors hereby opposes the Governor's proposed changes to insurance laws included in his 2009 Executive Budget and the proposed changes to employment discrimination laws in 2009 Senate Bill 20 and strongly encourages its senators and representatives in the Wisconsin State Legislature to reject the Governor's proposals and Senate Bill 20.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2009.

ATTEST: I, Linda Gebhard, hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors on the 19th day of May, 2009.

/s/John Patcle, Grant County Board Chair

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk

William Biefer, seconded by Lester Jantzen, made a motion to approve the Resolution opposing changes to insurance laws included in the Governor's 2009 Executive Budget and the Proposed changes to employment discrimination laws in 2009 Senate Bill 20. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION INSERT #5: "Amended Mileage Resolution".

**AMENDED RESOLUTION #40-08
RESOLUTION REGARDING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Grant County Board approved the Grant County Professional Employees Union, Local 3377-A Collective Bargaining Agreement for 1993-1994 which included Article 23.01 (A) which changes the mileage reimbursement effective December 31, 1994 at 11:59 p.m. to the IRS rate; and

WHEREAS, the IRS has announced a decrease in the mileage reimbursement rate to 55 cents per mile for operating a vehicle for business purposes for 2009. Note: "Vehicle" as used here, refers to an automobile, van, pickup truck or panel truck; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate for all Grant County Board of Supervisors, elected officials, represented and non-represented employees, bailiffs, court commissioners, jury commissioners, and condemnation commissioners to receive mileage at the current IRS business mileage rate which is in effect at the time payment is made; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above mentioned County Board of Supervisors, elected officials, represented and non-represented employees, bailiffs, court commissioners, jury

commissioners, and condemnation commissioners receive mileage reimbursement at the business mileage rate set by the IRS which is in effect at the time that the payment is made.

Recommended this 19th day of May, 2009 by the Finance/Executive Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors.

/s/ Mark Stead, Chairman

/s/ Lynn Moris

/s/ John Patcle

/s/ Hans Kostrau

/s/ Stephen Adrian

/s/ Eugene Bartels

/s/ Robert C. Keeney

ATTEST: I, Linda Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that this amended resolution was adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors on the 19th day of May, 2009.

/s/ Linda Gebhard, Grant County Clerk

Hans Kostrau, seconded by Linda Adrian, made a motion to approve the Amended Mileage Resolution. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION INSERT #6: "Resolution on the Census of Population".

RESOLUTION # 41-08

CENSUS OF THE POPULATION FOR GRANT COUNTY

TO: The Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Grant County Board of Supervisors

RE: Census of the Population of our nation in Grant County every ten years.

WHEREAS, our United States Constitution requires a Census of the population of our nation every ten years, AND,

WHEREAS, Census information is used to determine how many members our state has in the United States House of Representatives and is also used to determine districts in our state legislature and local governing bodies, AND,

WHEREAS, having an accurate and complete Census count is important to our community in determining Federal and state aids and grants, economic development, housing assistance, transportation improvements and many other uses, AND,

WHEREAS, every resident of our community counts and deserves to be counted, NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Supervisors of Grant County recognizes the importance of the 2010 Census and agrees to form a Complete Count Committee, with appropriate sub-committees as needed, and to promote the Census to assure that all residents of our community are counted.

Submitted this 19th day of May, 2009

/s/ John Patcle, County Board Chairman

/s/ Linda Gebhard, County Clerk

ATTEST: I, Linda K. Gebhard, hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors on the 19th day of May , 2009.

Lynn Moris, seconded by Lester Jantzen, made a motion to approve the Resolution on the Census of Population for Grant County. Motion carried.

GRANTS: Rose Key, Tax Description Office, was present to make a request for the Wisconsin Land Information Program Grants-In-Aid to Local Governmental Units for the amount of \$14,164.00. Land Information is looking at purchasing an HP Plotter/Scanner. The Base budget grant can be used to develop, maintain and operate a basic land information system. Allan Jansen, seconded by William Biefer, made a motion to approve this grant application. Motion carried.

Fred Naatz, Social Services Director, was present to inform the board on a grant he is interested in applying for in the future. DSS is looking at a possible grant that is part of the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, and the area DSS is interested in looking at is a research project aimed at improving engagement with families. The focus DSS is looking at is in the area of Family Decision Making, and we have some very good ideas. We will be looking at how this might fit the department, as well as any match that might be required. We would take it to the DSS Committee first, and then bring it to the full county Board in June. The Grant is for at least \$450,000/yr for three years, with some match requirements. The grant is due July 6th.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION: None to present.

REZONING PETITIONS: None to present.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE: John Patcle addressed the board in regard to the recommendations of Public Property Committee and Committee-On-Committee on the following changes made in the existing committees:

Combine Ag & Extension/Fair and Land Conservation meeting monthly.	Elected	6 Board Members
ADRC meeting monthly	Appointed	3 Board Members
Executive Board (combining Committee-On- Committees/Legislative/Strategic Planning and Re-Districting Committee) meeting monthly.	Elected	7 Board Members
Community Options Program meeting quarterly. (4 times per year)	Appointed	4 Board Members

Administrative Committee. (Employee Relations/ Finance)	Appointed	7 Board Members
Health meeting monthly. (State Stat. Mandated)	Appointed	5 Board Members
Highway/DMATS-Highway meeting monthly. (State Stat. Mandated)	Elected	5 Board Members
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management meeting monthly.	Appointed	7 Board Members
Library meeting monthly.	Appointed	1 Board Member
Orchard Manor meeting monthly.	Appointed	5 Board Members
Park Commission, Call of the Chair. (Possibly meeting 4 times)	Appointed	5 Board Members
Planning & Zoning meeting monthly.	Appointed	7 Board Members
Public Property and Technology Committee meeting monthly,(Combining Public Property and Computer).	Appointed	6 Board Members
Social Services meeting monthly. (State Stat. Mandated)	Elected	7 Board Members
Southwest Community Action Cap meeting monthly.	Appointed	3 Board Members
Economic Tourism & Resource Committee meeting monthly.(Combine Economic Development, Tourism/Resource Committee and Hidden Valley Committees)	Appointed	5 Board Members
Unified meeting monthly.	Appointed	3 Board Members
Veterans, Call of the Chair. (Possibly 4 times per year)	Appointed	3 Board Members
WI River Transit Railroad meeting monthly.	Appointed	3 Board Members

Discussion followed with a suggestion that decreasing the number of committee members on committees may be beneficial. Furthermore, combining Ag and Extension and Land Conservation Committees may result in too large of a committee. It may take too long to conduct a proper meeting and address all the issues that these two committees handle. Vince Loeffelholz asked the question if the perspective committees had been consulted on this issue, John Patcle answered, "No they had not."

A few board members suggested that it would be better if the newly elected board in 2010 should form their own committee structure and address the times and amount of members that would work best for them. Other concerns included budgeting and if some of the existing committees were really needed. Bylaws would need to be changed as well as when the meetings would occur, such as day or night meetings as well as the 2 hour interval time between two meetings.

Citizen Members were discussed and decided that they should receive the same payment of per Diem that the Board Members receive. There were concerns that if the board went with these changes and found that the committee structures were not working could they be changed. JoAnn Millhouse, Corporation Counsel, stated that it could be changed with a 2/3 vote by the board members.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Hans Kostrau, made a motion to accept the recommended restructure changes made by the Committee-On-Committees. Roll call vote was called.

INSERT ROLL CALL VOTE #7

DATE May 19, 2009

QUESTION Restructure of Committees

	YES	NO	ABSENT
1. IVAN FARNES			X
2. WILLIAM BIEFER	X		
3. RODNEY JOHNSON	X		
4. ROBERT SCALLON	X		
5. DUWAYNE CARLIN	X		
6. ROBERT KEENEY	X		
7. JOACHIM HANS KOSTRAU	X		
8. LYNN MORIS	X		
9. MAYNARD BEHNCKE	X		
10. PAUL LANDON	X		
11. LARRY WOLF	X		
12. VERN LEWISON	X		
13. GRANT LOY			X
14. STEPHEN ADRIAN	X		

15. JOHN PATCLE	X		
16. LESTER JANTZEN	X		
17. KYLE VESPERMAN	X		
18. PATRICK SCHROEDER	X		
19. DAVE KLAR	X		
20. JOHN BEINBORN	X		
21. EUGENE BARTELS	X		
22. VINCENT LOEFFELHOLZ		X	
23. MARK STEAD	X		
24. MARGARET RUF			X
25. JULIA CLARK			X
26. DWIGHT NELSON	X		
27. LINDA ADRIAN	X		
28. CAROL BEALS		X	
29. DONALD SPLINTER	X		
30. ALLAN JANSEN	X		
31. TONY RUNDE	X		

VOTES: YES 25 NO 2 ABSENT 4

Clerk took a roll call vote resulting in 25 yes votes, 2 no votes and 4 absent. Motion carried.

With the vote being done, Robert Keeney informed the board that duties of each committee as they stand now may have to change in the future. Lester Jantzen stated that each committee should study their bylaws and make appropriate changes to be brought before the full county board. Stephen Adrian felt that if the newly organized committees were not working to the benefit of the majority, and then those committees should come before the full county board and not refer the decision to one particular committee, but decide as a whole. Another possible Bylaw change would be the wording that one chair person could now be the chair of more than one committee.

COUNTY BOARD COMPENSATION PACKAGE: Larry Bowden, TriCor Insurance, presented answers to the questions the Board had regarding coverage for the board members. Bowden explained that both Medical Associates and Dean Health Plan would allow current board members to elect coverage after the election in 2010, if there is a qualifying event. For example, if an existing board member has coverage through another insurance company and does not elect coverage through the county's insurance during a normal open enrollment, they can choose to get on the county's plan after the April election as long as they drop their current coverage, because losing their current coverage is a qualifying event. However; if the re-elected board member did not have prior insurance coverage, then, there would not be a qualifying event and they will have to wait until the normal open enrollment.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Rodney Johnson, made a motion to approve the \$90.00 per meeting/mileage at the current IRS Rate/County Board members to pay their own Health Insurance cost at no % paid by the county. Chair John Patcle asked for discussion, Robert Keeney asked the two hour interval between meetings be clarified and that the Citizen Members would receive the same per Diem

benefit. The \$90.00 amount was debated that it may be too high when the economy is in the state that it is in. Roll call vote was called.

INSERT ROLL CALL VOTE #8 DATE: May 19, 2009

QUESTION: Package Compensation \$90.00/Health/Mileage

	YES	NO	ABSENT
1. IVAN FARNESS			X
2. WILLIAM BIEFER	X		
3. RODNEY JOHNSON	X		
4. ROBERT SCALLON	X		
5. DUWAYNE CARLIN		X	
6. ROBERT KEENEY		X	
7. JOACHIM HANS KOSTRAU	X		
8. LYNN MORIS	X		
9. MAYNARD BEHNCKE	X		
10. PAUL LANDON		X	
11. LARRY WOLF	X		
12. VERN LEWISON	X		
13. GRANT LOY			X
14. STEPHEN ADRIAN	X		
15. JOHN PATCLE	X		
16. LESTER JANTZEN		X	
17. KYLE VESPERMAN	X		
18. PATRICK SCHROEDER	X		
19. DAVE KLAR		X	
20. JOHN BEINBORN	X		
21. EUGENE BARTELS		X	
22. VINCENT LOEFFELHOLZ	X		
23. MARK STEAD		X	
24. MARGARET RUF			X
25. JULIA CLARK			X
26. DWIGHT NELSON	X		
27. LINDA ADRIAN	X		
28. CAROL BEALS		X	
29. DONALD SPLINTER		X	
30. ALLAN JANSEN	X		
31. TONY RUNDE	X		

VOTES: YES 18 NO 9 ABSENT 3

Clerk took a roll call vote resulting in 18 yes votes, 9 no votes and 4 absent. Therefore; motion carried by a 2/3 margin.

TOURISM AND RESOURCE REPORT: Kyle Vesperman gave an update on the progress the Tourism and Resource Committee was making. Kyle explained the reasons for creating the grant program; the Tourism Resource Committee was trying to get the money to go farther and give organizations that never received money from this committee the opportunity to apply and receive money.

Kyle also mentioned that the way the committee gave out money prior to the grant program there was no accountability from the organizations that received this money. Kyle went on to explain that the committee was trying to create a standard system for distributing the money and be accountable – treat everyone the same.

Kyle explained how the Committee discussed the following grant applications and how they all meet the grant criteria: promotion and attraction of visitors and that they were all approved by a motion that passed.

\$2,000.00 for the Moving Wall Exhibit grant application
\$1,200.00 for the Stonefield (field trips) grant application
\$1,200.00 for the Railroad Days grant application
\$2,500.00 for the Potosi Bike Race grant application
\$1,000.00 the Badger Camp grant application

Kyle explained the Hidden Valleys dues request for 2009 (\$2,479.000), which is a .05 cent per capita charge for Grant County. Kyle mentioned how Hidden Valleys grant request does not fall into the grant program and Hidden Valleys should submit to the Grant County Boards' membership line item.

Kyle explained how a motion by Carol Beals, seconded by Hans Kostrau, and was passed to pay the 2009 Hidden Valley member dues out the Tourism Resource Committee budget and request that Finance Committee to incorporate these dues into the appropriate line item for future years.

Kyle explained how no action was taken on the Grant County Tourism Council's grant request of \$15,000.00 or grant requests from Point of Beginnings \$5,000.00 or the Grant County Historical Society \$3,659.00. The committee felt that these grant applications need to reassess their exact needs for financial support within reason of the total available grant monies of \$20,000.00. Along with this request for information these organizations should be strongly encouraged to reapply for the July grant cycle.

Kyle also explained how the committee members encouraged the Grant County Historical Society to reapply for the second grant cycle because some of their events meet the grant requirement.

Lastly, Kyle explained how the committee has taken a look at the grant program and incorporated different categories such as events and projects to make the grant program more flexible for organizations applying for grant money.

FAMILY CARE: Larry Wolf, Neal Blackburn, Unified Director, and Fred Naatz, Social Service Director gave an update on the progress of the Family Care Program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Don Splinter gave a report on the Highway Department.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS – AL PROBST: Al Probst, Community Natural Resource Economic Development Specialist with UW-Extension Local Government Center, gave a presentation on the roles and responsibilities that are expected of County Board Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mark Stead thanked Dave Klar for bringing baked treats and chocolate milk in honor of Dave's birthday that day.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob Scallon, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to adjourn the meeting to June 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.