

PUBLIC PROPERTY SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 6, 2009

The Public Property Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors met in the Grant County Administration Building, Room 266, in Lancaster, WI on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. for a special meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dwight Nelson. Maynard Behncke, seconded by John Patcle moved that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law. Motion carried.

The members present were Dwight Nelson, Maynard Behncke, Linda S. Adrian, Stephen Adrian, John Beinborn and Pat Schroeder, therefore a quorum was present.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by John Beinborn, moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Midwest Business Products: The Representatives from Midwest Business Products, Cindy Hintermeister and Mark Wallace, were present to voice concerns regarding the newspaper article that was printed in the Telegraph Herald on February 26, 2009. They felt the article put a negative outlook of their company with the public and potential customers. They do not blame the newspaper for any misrepresentation as they were only reporting the facts. Midwest they sold the machine with the options that were quoted in the original bid. They were up-front as to what options could be added. The machine has networking abilities and they would be willing to work with us on that. If there was a communication misunderstanding, it was on the County level. Midwest requested that the newspaper write another article and explain more clearly that it was no fault of Midwest Business Products that the County did not receive the machine that they thought was ordered. Dave Timmerman, editor from the Telegraph Herald, was also present; per John Patcle, County Board Chairman's request. It is understood that another article will be published in a future publication of the Herald Independent to clear up this matter.

County Board Compensation/Health Insurance: Committee Chair Dwight Nelson presented the statistics of the county board and current costs to the county for meetings, per diem, and health insurance. He also provided an outlook of costs using several scenarios. This information was useful for the committee when making their recommendation.

Larry Bowden, TRICOR, and Greg Hermiston, Medical Associates, presented the following options that both Medical Associates and Dean were willing to provide:

Option #1 – Effective April 1, 2010, make no changes, Elected Officials remain as included segment on health plans. Officials not re-elected are issued Cobra letters.

Option #2 – Effective April 1, 2010, eliminate all elected officials from health plans, all enrolled Supervisors are issued Cobra letters.

Option #3 – Effective April 1, 2010, all current enrolled Supervisors are allowed to remain on health plans) enrolled Supervisors become part of a “grandfathered group”). Officials not re-elected are issued Cobra letters.

After discussion, Pat Schroeder, seconded by Maynard Behncke, made a motion to list the following recommendations to bring before the full County Board:

1. Health Insurance:
 - Effective January 1, 2010, County Board Supervisors will no longer be classified as an “employee” of Grant County for health insurance purposes. However, effective January 1, 2010, County Board Supervisors will continue to be eligible for health insurance coverage as an included segment under the county’s group health plan at 100% cost paid by the recipient (Supervisor).
2. County Board Compensation and Mileage Reimbursement:
 - The Board members will receive \$90.00 per meeting attended and receive the IRS rate per mileage.
 - No food allowance will be paid unless a meal is included in a registration cost.
 - Lodging will be arranged by the County Clerk and paid in advance for any conferences attended by the Board.
 - Advancements will not be allowed.
3. County Board Rules/By-Law Changes
 - Update to reflect a self-organized government
 - Each County Board member will be offered an equal amount of committees to serve on.
 - The Committee on Committee will serve as a Steering Committee to help newly elected members.
 - More time will be assigned to the Committee on Committees to make a decision on who will serve on the different committees, possibly 2 – 3 days to make the final decision.
 - The chairman of a committee can only serve for two consecutive terms on a committee.
 - At the time of taking out papers to run for County Board positions, a printed form be given to each candidate of the terms and compensations that will be offered to any newly elected Board Members.
 - County Board members are required to attend meetings on which they are a member. Absences must be excused.

- Committees must authorize their members going to conferences that relate to their committee to control costs.
- Citizen's board members will be offered the same compensations that the Board Members receive.

Necessary changes to By-Laws, Rules and Compensation Policy will be completed by Joyce Roling, Personnel Director, JoAnn Millhouse, Corporation Counsel and Linda Gebhard, County Clerk. This information will be distributed at the County Board for review. Motion carried.

There will be a Special Public Property Meeting on April 21, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. before the Full County Board Meeting to discuss this issue. The Committee requested that both the Medical Associates and Dean Health Plan Representatives be present at the full County Board Meeting on April 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Maynard Behncke, seconded by John Beinborn, moved to adjourn to Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.