

PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE

November 19, 2008

The Public Property Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 266 of the Administration Building, Lancaster, WI, pursuant to the adjournment of the October 22, 2008 meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwight Nelson. Members present were Linda Adrian, Maynard Behncke, Pat Schroeder, John Beinborn, and Steve Adrian. Also present was Marty Malloy, Wausau Insurance; Randy Peterson, David Fritz, Corinne Ihm, Melody Mueller and Larry Bowden, TriCor Insurance. Also presented were Steve Vogelsberg and David Helmke.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by John Beinborn, moved that we are in compliance with the open meeting law. Motion carried.

John Patcle, seconded by Steve Adrian, moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Historical Society horn and Law Enforcement blackout.. Motion carried.

Maynard Behncke, seconded by Linda Adrian, moved to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Insurance – Workman's comp claims were reviewed. Marty Malloy informed the committee the Workman's Comp rates are going down in the state. Marty is working with Dawn in putting a power point presentation together on slips and falls. Maynard Behncke, seconded by Linda Adrian, moved to approve the 2009 rates for Workman's Comp as presented by Marty. Motion carried.

Randy Peterson and David Fritz explained the response from Traveler's Insurance on the Ames claim. Travelers will have coverage for the county but the present claim is only asking for a judicial review of the county's decision with no monetary damages stated.

Bryan Martens was present for the Courthouse/Admin maintenance report. Simplex Fire Alarm System repairs have been taken care of. HVAC upgrade is almost done. We have 5 reheat valve that need to be replaced.

Chris has received a request from the Yoose family to have pictures taken in the lobby of the Courthouse at 3 p.m. the day after Thanksgiving. The judges have been informed and are okay with the requests. A second request was received by Dan Russell, Mineral Point, to take pictures of the Courthouse interior. Pat Schroeder, seconded by Linda Adrian, moved to approve the Russell request with no pictures of people or entering non-secure areas or office areas. Motion carried.

John Dirksen attended the meeting from Wisconsin Counties Mutual Insurance. 54 of 72 counties are in the Wis. Counties Mutual program. There are 3 counties that are still fully insured, Crawford, Grant and Fond du Lac. The Mutual Insurance committee changed the pricing option last year to begin paying dividends after the first year of coverage. Key points to the coverage are: single policy form; occurrence based – no claims made coverage; retroactive/prior acts coverage from 1/1/1990; pre-funded deductible escrow with a "cap" to provide budget protection; defense costs outside the limit; pre-claim loss control legal services; legal expense endorsement – shared funding of non-insurance related legal; attorney's fees defined as "Monetary Damages"; representation by your peers in county government. Randy Peterson and David Fritz emphasized the differences between TriCor and the Mutual Insurance company. The committee felt they needed time to look at the premiums amounts and will discuss at the December meeting.

Chairman Nelson called for a 5-minute recess. Chairman Nelson called the meeting back to order.

Department Buying Practices – there are several sources being used in the county to purchase supplies. The committee asked that the vendors be contacted to see if we can consolidate all Grant County departments to get better pricing and to work with department heads in purchasing practices.

Department Inventory – Steve Adrian, seconded by John Beinborn, made the motion to notify departments to put together an inventory of items over \$500 to have on file by 1/1/09. Motion carried.

County Vehicle Policy – Chris will bring a policy to the committee next month.

Self-organized County – John Patcle presented information to the committee regarding State Statute 59.10 (3) (h). Maynard Behncke also explained the advantages of being a self-organized county – 1) split terms; 2) affix salary and 3) fill board vacancies. Maynard Behncke suggested looking at a salary with no health insurance for county board members. This will be discussed at the county board meeting.

Jack Johnson, came before the committee. Seal coating costs at the Law Enforcement Center was \$11,000. The costs were higher because of water coming up from the ground needing more prep work. They had requested from public property for 2008 a wireless video DVR for \$2,800, this has not been purchased and they are requesting the \$2,800 be carried over to 2009 for the seal coating costs. This will be discussed at the December meeting.

John Patcle brought to the committee a contract from the 1st Brigade Band for the use of the horn belonging to the Historical Society from the courthouse. The committee discussed the contract and recommended the approval to the county board.

Steve Adrian, seconded by Maynard Behncke, moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.