Grant County Board of Supervisors
February 17, 2026
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.

County Clerk Tonya White verified that the meeting was held in compliance with the open meeting law, having been posted in the Administration Building, Courthouse, on the county website and published in the Herald Independent.

Roll Call was taken with fourteen (14) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Patrick Schroeder, Rick Sanson, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Roger Lange, John Beinborn, Lester Jantzen and Brian Lucey. Present virtually one (1) member: Mike Timmerman. Robert Scallon asked to be excused. There is one (1) vacancy. Chairman Keeney asked the Board to approve Mike Timmerman to participate by Zoom per the Board rules. Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp made a motion to allow Mike Timmerman to participate by Zoom. Motion carried without negative vote.

Approval of Agenda: Roger Guthrie, seconded by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

Approval of Minutes: Gary Ranum, seconded by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2026 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Communications

- Chairman Keeney reminded those in attendance that April is County Government Month. Planning will begin soon to coordinate dates for meals.
- Information from the Legislative Exchange is available on the WCA website under "Past Events". Presentations included updates from Government Affairs; Forward Analytics on Affordability: More than Wages and Prices; Andy Phillips gave a legal update and there was a presentation on the wreck of Edmund Fitzgerald.
- Upcoming In the Board Room training will be discussing the Organizational Meeting
- Susan Freeman-Murdah has been appointed as Interim Unified Director
- Budget guideline information was included in the packet. The Administrator will be distributing a budget priority survey to County Board members in the near future.
- As a result of the KnowB4 training, four employees identified and reported suspicious emails. Administrator Dreckman reiterated that enforcement of the policy will continue. Employees and County Board members who do not complete the required training will be locked out of access to county systems.
- Veteran's Service Officer Ken McAndrew has announced his retirement effective in June.

Recognition(s): Chairman Keeney presented Jon Knautz with a certificate for his 40 years of service.

Appointments: There were no appointments.

Grants: There were no grants.

Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project: Administrator Nate Dreckman reported that field testing has been done by county employees and Racom. There have been no significant issues that would hamper cutting over to the new system. There is no update on the fiber side.

Policy Updates

Discretionary Days Policy: Roger Guthrie, seconded by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the changes to the Discretionary Days policy. Motion carried without negative vote.

Holiday Policy: Joseph Mumm, seconded by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the Holiday policy. Motion carried without negative vote.

Workplace Communications Policy: Gary Northouse, seconded by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the Workplace Communications policy. Motion carried without negative vote.

Social Work Certification Policy: Patrick Schroeder, seconded by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the Social Work Certification policy. Motion carried without negative vote.

Accounts Payable Policy: Roger Guthrie, seconded by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable policy. Motion carried without negative vote.

Budget Transfer and Amendment Policy: Rick Sanson, seconded by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the Budget Transfer and Amendment policy. Motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution 2026-02 Adopting Budget Transfer Policy: Gary Ranum, seconded by Roger Lange made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02 Adopting Budget Transfer Policy. Motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution 2026-03 Supporting Sustainable Transportation Funding: Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Lange to approve Resolution 2026-03 Supporting Sustainable Transportation Funding. Motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution 2026-04 Authorizing Salaries for the Sheriff, Clerk of Court, and Coroner for the 2027 through 2030 Term of Office: Kathy Kopp, seconded by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-04 Authorizing Salaries for the Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Coroner for the 2027 through 2030 Term of Office. Motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution 2026-05 Authorizing Transfer of Grant County Thrift Shop Operations and Donation of Fund 206 to Lancaster Thrift Shop, Inc: Gary Northouse, seconded by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-05 Authorizing Transfer of Grant County Thrift Shop Operations and Donation of Fund 206 to Lancaster Thrift Shop, Inc. Motion carried without negative vote.

Discussion and possible action on Grant County Board Rules: The Board discussed the proposed rules and committee structure.

Dog Claims: There were no dog claims.

Committee Reports
Ag, Extension & Fair: Roger Guthrie gave a report.
ADRC: Kathy Kopp advised that the meeting is Wednesday.
CJCC: Gary Ranum gave a report.
CSZD: Joseph Mumm gave a report.
Executive: Robert Keeney gave a report.
GCEDC: John Beinborn advised the next meeting will take place at the Cottonwood.
HHS: Gary Ranum gave a report.
Highway: Gary Northouse gave a report.
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management: Kathy Kopp gave a report.
Library: Roger Lange gave a report.
Orchard Manor/Farm: Rick Sanson gave a report.
SWCAP: Carol Beals advised the next meeting is Thursday, February 26th.
UCS: Carol Beals advised the next meeting is Wednesday night.
Veterans: Lester Jantzen gave a report.

Adjournment: Joseph Mumm, seconded by Roger Guthrie made a motion to adjourn to March 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried without negative vote at 11:34 a.m.