



Grant County Board of Supervisors
October 7, 2025
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 (15) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Robert Scallon, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Adam Day, Patrick Schroeder, Rick Sanson, Carol Beals, Kathy Kopp, Roger Lange, John Beinborn, Lester Jantzen, Mike Timmerman and Brian Lucey.

Diane Nelson and Gary Northouse asked to be excused.

Approval of Agenda: Joseph Mumm, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: Patrick Schroeder, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2025 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion and possible action on the Amendment of the November 14, 2023 County Board Minutes: Roger Guthrie, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to amend the November 14, 2023 minutes relating to Resolution 40-22, *Authorizing Promissory Note in the amount of \$1,350,000*. Motion carried by voice vote, with Lester Jantzen, Patrick Schroeder, Adam Day, Roger Lange and Mike Timmerman abstaining.

Discussion and possible action on the Amendment of the November 12, 2024 County Board Minutes: Gary Ranum, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to amend the November 12, 2024 minutes relating to Resolution 2024-20, *Authorizing Promissory Note in the amount of \$970,000*. Motion carried by voice vote, with Mike Timmerman, Roger Lange, Robert Scallon and Patrick Schroeder abstaining.

Discussion and possible action on the Amendment of the December 10, 2024 County Board Minutes: Patrick Schroeder, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to amend the December 10, 2024 minutes relating to Resolution 2024-26 *Authorizing Promissory Note in the amount of \$615,000*. Motion carried by voice vote with one negative vote (Scallon), along with Mike Timmerman, and Roger Lange abstaining.

Communications:

- Chairman Keeney congratulated Carrie Kerstiens and the Child Support Department for the Certificate of Excellence for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024. The Child Support Department exceeded in over 80% on three areas and 90% in one area.
- Chairman Keeney thanked those that attended the WCA Conference. Some of the breakout session presentations have been posted to the WCA website under past events.

Appointments: There were no appointments.

Grants: There were no grants.

618th Zoning Amendment: Rick Sanson, seconded by Patrick Schroeder made a motion to approve the 618th Zoning Amendments for Thomas and Sarah Knockel in Town of Paris and Alan and Debra Bendorf in Town of Liberty. Motion carried by voice vote.

Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project: Administrator Dreckman advised that the towers are currently being commissioned, and then the testing of the radio signals will begin. The Cassville tower is nearly completed.

Grant County's mission is to provide the public with needed goods and services in a cost-efficient manner.

Integrity

Efficiency

Respect

Honesty

IT Director Shane Drinkwater reported that, on the fiber portion of the project, work will begin to relocate the fiber lines from the fire station to the shelter.

Resolution 2025-10 To Support Additional State Funding Due to Fiscal Impact Caused By the Enacted Federal Snap Changes: Gary Ranum, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve resolution 2025-10 in support of funding for SNAP. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution 2025-11 relating to Aging & Disability Resource Center 85.21 assisting in providing specialized transportation service to elderly and disabled: Lester Jantzen, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve resolution 2025-11 relating to the 85.21 grant. Motion carried by voice vote.

Resolution 2025-12 relating to Aging & Disability Resource Center 85.20 (State Aid) and 5311 (Federal Aid) to provide subsidized taxi transportation service to residents in Grant County: Robert Scallon, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve resolution 2025-12 relating to 85.20 State Aid and 5311 Federal Aid. Motion carried by voice vote.

Presentation of Administrator's 2026 Preliminary Budget: Administrator Dreckman reviewed the 2026 budget. Dreckman noted reductions made by departments, the removal of some CIP items and the elimination of new positions. He also indicated that some vacant positions may remain unfilled. The proposed budget includes a 2.5% wage increase for employees. Dreckman further advised that the County may need to consider changing health insurance providers. Patrick Schroeder, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to refer back to the Executive Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Baird Presentation on General Obligation Refunding Bonds: Brad Viegut gave a presentation on refunding bonds.

Discussion and Possible Action on Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing a Multicounty Department of Community Services: Patrick Schroeder, second by Adam Day made a motion to approve the Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing a Multicounty Department of Community Services, with the addition to the sentence under "Contract for Legal Services" on page 4. Motion carried by voice vote with one negative vote (Beals).

Dog Claims: Joseph Mumm, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve two dog claims in the amount of \$108 from Rivers and Bluffs, pending approval by the Ag, Extension and Fair Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports: Ag, Extension & Fair – Roger Guthrie provided a report.

ADRC – Kathy Kopp advised the meeting will be held next week.

CJCC – Gary Ranum provided a report.

CSZD – Joseph Mumm provided a report.

DMATS – Brian Lucey advised there was nothing to report.

Executive – Robert Keeney provided a report.

GCED – John Beinborn provided a report.

HHS – Gary Ranum provided a report.

Highway – Patrick Schroeder provided a report.

Hidden Valley – Robert Scallon provided a report.

WRRTC – Robert Scallon provided a report.

Law Enforcement/Emergency Management – Kathy Kopp provided a report.

Library – Roger Lange provided a report.

Orchard Manor/Farm – Rick Sanson provided a report.

SWCAP – Carol Beals provided a report.

UCS – Carol Beals provided a report.

Veterans – Lester Jantzen provided a report.

Adjournment: Joseph Mumm, seconded by Rick Sanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting until November 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.