



GRANT COUNTY

Grant County Board of Supervisors
November 12, 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, Post Office, on the county website and published in the Herald Independent.

Roll Call was taken with twelve (12) members present in the room: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Keeney, Roger Guthrie, Joseph Mumm, Rick Sanson, Carol Beals, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, John Beinborn, Lester Jantzen and Mike Timmerman. Present virtually one (1) member: Roger Lange. Robert Scallon, Patrick Schroeder and Brian Lucey asked to be excused and there is one (1) vacancy. John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve Roger Lange to participate by Zoom per Board rules. Motion carried without negative vote.

Approval of Agenda: Diane Nelson, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

Approval of Minutes: Roger Guthrie, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2025 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Communications

- Chairman Keeney advised the Board that Supervisor Adam Day has resigned.
- Clerk's Office has candidacy packets available to those interested in running for County Board. Circulation starts on December 1. Non-candidacy papers are also available for those that are not running.
- Continue to work with WCA on the Board Rules.
- State Historical Society has declared two buildings in Platteville as historic landmarks.
- Courthouse historic structure report is 95% complete. Once the report is complete it will be distributed.

Appointments: There were no appointments.

Memoriam for Neil Gardner: Chairman Keeney read the memoriam for Neil Gardner.

RESOLUTION #2025-27 IN MEMORIAM OF NEIL GARDNER

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 12th day of November, 2025 issues the following commemoration:

WHEREAS, the death of Neil Gardner from the Town of Glen Haven, Grant County, Wisconsin has come to the attention of this body; and

WHEREAS, Neil Gardner served on the Grant County Board of Supervisors from April 1982 to April 2004 representing the Town of Glen Haven, Town of Cassville, Town of Waterloo and Village of Cassville;

WHEREAS, his many friends and acquaintances will long cherish in memory his willingness to serve through public office and to assist in the interest and welfare of Grant County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Supervisors commends the life and public service of Neil Gardner and that this memorial be set forth at length upon the minutes of the meeting and that a copy, properly attested by the signature of the Chairperson and the Clerk, be sent to the family.

/s/ Robert C. Keeney, County Board Chair
/s/ Tonya White, Grant County Clerk

Roger Guthrie, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve resolution 2025-27 in Memoriam for Neil Gardner. Motion carried without negative vote.

Grants

PBT Grant: Gary Northouse, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the PBT Grant for the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried without negative vote.

Body Cam: The Sheriff's Office advised that no action needed to be taken on this grant.

Kinship Care Navigator: John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the Kinship Care Navigator grant for Social Services. Motion carried without negative vote.

619th Zoning Amendment: Joseph Mumm, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the 619th Zoning Amendment for Matthew RH Lenz in Town of Ellenboro. Motion carried without negative vote.

Update on Fiber Optics/Communication Project: Administrator Dreckman reported that the communications system is scheduled to go live in mid-December. He noted that testing is currently underway, with drive testing to begin shortly. IT Director Drinkwater added that field testing was conducted last week, explaining that this testing verifies that results observed in the lab are consistent with performance in the field.

Discussion and Possible Action on Amendment to Ordinance 87-9 and 87-10: Gary Ranum, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the amendment to ordinance 87-9 and 87-10. Motion carried without negative vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on out of budget spending of 2025 carryover EPA Pesticide Revolving Fund: Gary Northhouse, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve the out of budget spending for the purchase of a computer from the EPA Pesticide Revolving Fund. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) absent and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on County Clerk out of budget spending for election supplies from GAB carryover fund:
Rick Sanson, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the out of budget spending from the GAB carryover fund to purchase election supplies. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) absent and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant County Countywide ATV Route MOA: Gary Northouse, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve the MOA for seven sections throughout Grant County. Motion carried without negative vote.

Discussion and possible Action on Village of Potosi Highway 133 ATV/UTV Route MOA: Lester Jantzen, second by Roger Lange made a motion to approve the MOA within the Village of Potosi Highway 133 ATV/UTV Route. Motion carried without negative vote.

Convene to Public Hearing for 2026 Budget: Joseph Mumm, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to convene to public hearing regarding the 2026 budget. Motion carried without negative vote.

Administrator Dreckman gave an overview of the 2026 budget.

- One new position created: Tourism and Marketing Coordinator
- 1% across the board wage increase, plus step increase
- Switched health insurance, single plan premium share now 10%, increased deductible \$750 single/\$1,500 family
- Capital improvements reduced by 15%
- Borrowing \$1.2 million in general obligation note
- Tax Levy \$15.03 million, mill rate 2.735 (down from 2.981), equalized value \$5.49 billion (up 7.1%)

Reconvene to County Board Meeting: Roger Guthrie, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to reconvene to the Grant County Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Adoption of 2026 Budget: Gary Northouse, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to move agenda item #20 (Adoption of 2026 Budget) to follow item #33. Motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution 2025-13 Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$8,100,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds: Roger Guthrie, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-13 Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$8,100,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) Excused and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-14 Regarding County Orders: Gary Ranum, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-14 Regarding County Orders. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) Excused and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-15 Authorizing the County Treasurer to Settle in full the General Taxes for the Tax Roll Year 2025, Collectible in 2026: John Beinborn, second by Lester Jantzen made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-15 Authorizing the County Treasurer to Settle in full the General Taxes for the Tax Roll Year 2025, Collectible in 2026. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) Excused and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-16 Regarding the Investment of County Funds: Rick Sanson, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-16 Regarding the Investment of County Funds. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) Excused and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-17 Regarding General Tax Levy: Roger Guthrie, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-17 Regarding General Tax Levy of \$15,735,861.79. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) Excused and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-18 Establishing Non-Represented Wages for 2026: Rick Sanson, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-18 Establishing Non-Represented Wages for 2026. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) Excused and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-20 Establishing Per Diem Compensation and Mileage for Grant County Board of Supervisors: John Beinborn, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-20 Establishing Per Diem Compensation and Mileage for Grant County Board of Supervisors. A roll call vote was taken with twelve (12) Yes, one (1) Abstain (Keeney), three (3) Excused and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-21 General Obligation Promissory Note of \$1,200,000: Joseph Mumm, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-21 General Obligation Promissory Note of \$1,200,000. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) Excused and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-22 County Construction and Maintenance during the calendar year of 2026: Gary Northouse, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-22 County Construction and Maintenance during the

calendar year of 2026. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) Excused and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-23 Regarding County Road Aid – Townships: Lester Jantzen, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-23 Regarding County Road Aid – Townships. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) Excused and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-24 Regarding County Road Aid – Villages: Lester Jantzen, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-24 Regarding County Road Aid – Villages. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) Excused and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-25 Regarding County Road Aid – Cities: Diane Nelson, second by John Beinborn made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-25 Regarding County Road Aid – Cities. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) Excused and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-26 County Aid Bridge Construction: Roger Guthrie, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-26 County Aid Bridge Construction. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) Excused and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Adoption of the 2026 Budget: Gary Ranum, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to adopt the 2026 budget as presented, including the reallocation of \$49,500 from Extension's budget for a Community Development Educator to Tourism and Resource for a Tourism and Marketing position. A roll call vote was taken with thirteen (13) Yes, three (3) Excused and one (1) vacancy therefore, motion carried.

Dog Claims: Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve the dog claim to Dubuque Regional Humane Society for \$145. Motion carried without negative vote.

Committee Reports

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

ADRC – Kathy Kopp provided a report.

CJCC – Gary Ranum provided a report.

CSZD – Joseph Mumm provided a report.

Executive – Robert Keeney provided a report.

GCED – John Beinborn provided a report.

HHS – Gary Ranum provided a report.

Highway – Gary Northouse provided a report.

Hidden Valleys – Next meeting is in Boscobel.

Law Enforcement/Emergency Management – Kathy Ko

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.

Adjournment: Joseph Mumm, second by Diane Nelson made a motion to adjourn to December 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.