



Executive Committee
January 15, 2026

GRANT COUNTY

The Executive Committee met on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 111 S. Jefferson Street, Lancaster, WI 53813 in Room 264, Second Floor.

Members present: Gary Ranum, Gary Northouse, Robert Keeney, Joseph Mumm, Roger Guthrie, Kathy Kopp and Rick Sanson.

Chairman Keeney called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. County Clerk Tonya White verified the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law, posted on the county website, in the Administration Building, Courthouse and in the Herald Independent.

Agenda: Joseph Mumm, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

Minutes: Roger Guthrie, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2025 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Finance

Treasurer's Report: County Treasurer Carrie Eastlick provided the Treasurer's Report.

Revenue and Expense Report: The Committee reviewed the revenue and expense report.

Review Vouchers: Gary Northouse, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the vouchers. Motion carried without negative vote.

Assistant Finance Director's Report: Assistant Finance Director Angie Runde provided her report in writing. Runde provided an overview of the Local Government Dashboard located on the Department of Revenue website.

Facilities and Maintenance

Facilities and Maintenance Manager's Report: Facilities and Maintenance Manager Garry Pluemer provided his report in writing. Pluemer provided an update on the new maintenance software that will be going live next week.

Information Technology

IT Director's Report: IT Director Shane Drinkwater provided his report in writing. Drinkwater also updated committee members that the three new servers will be put in production next week.

Administrator

Administrator's Report: Administrator Nate Dreckman provided his report in writing.

Resolution 2026-01 Updating County Auditor/Finance Department and Finance Director/Auditor

Position to Reflect Current County Administrator Form of Government: Roger Guthrie, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve resolution 2026-01 and forward to the County Board. Motion carried with one negative vote (Keeney).

Human Resources

Human Resources Update and Staffing Report: Human Resources Manager Angie Gerndt recognized Amy Budworth and Angela Nemitz for their service on the Board of Directors for Tri County Human Resources Association. Gerndt then provided an update on employee benefits, noting that a recent issue with prescription coverage has been resolved.

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

Integrity

Efficiency

Respect

Honesty

The staffing report was provided in writing. Gerndt reported that there were four Worker's Compensation claims for October through December. In total, 24 claims were reported in 2025, with a current MOD rate of 0.82.

Gerndt also announced that a Safety Committee is being established with representatives from the Sheriff's Office, Highway Department, Orchard Manor and Maintenance. The committee will meet quarterly to review safety concerns.

Insurance Update – Randy Peterson: Workers Compensation coverage has been working very well. Randy explained how the MOD rate is calculated and how it impacts premiums. Liability coverage – including general, liquor, law enforcement, directors and officers, property, auto and equipment – is provided through Travelers Insurance.

Several insurance changes were made for 2026. For Cyber Liability, the county selected a more robust policy with higher coverage limits. Another policy update was made to address coverage for the fiber optics network.

Convene to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility as it related to the performance review discussion of the Child Support Administrator and the Facilities and Maintenance Manager. Joseph Mumm, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to move into closed session. A roll call vote was taken with seven (7) yes; therefore, motion carried.

Return to Open Session: Roger Guthrie, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to return to open session. Motion carried without negative vote.

Discussion and possible action on closed session item, if any: No action was taken.

Adjournment: Roger Guthrie, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to adjourn to February 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried without negative vote.