



GRANT COUNTY

Executive Committee
September 8, 2026

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor of the Administration Building, 111 S. Jefferson Street, Lancaster, WI 53813.

Members present: Robert Keeney, Gary Ranum, Joseph Mumm, Mike Timmerman, Kathy Kopp and Carol Beals arrived at 9:04 a.m.

Chairman Keeney called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. County Clerk Tonya White verified that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law, posted on the county website, in the Administration Building, at the Courthouse and in the Herald Independent.

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

Minutes: Kathy Kopp, seconded by Mike Timmerman, made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2026 meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

Opioid Fund Update: Opioid Fund applications were due in August. Treatment Court submitted the only application, requesting \$13,700. The Opioid Settlement Committee approved the Treatment Court request.

Finance

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

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

Review Vouchers: Gary Ranum, seconded by Carol Beals, made a motion to approve the vouchers. Motion carried without negative vote.

Department of Social Services out of budget request: Gary Ranum, seconded by Joseph Mumm, made a motion to allocate \$325,914.79 from the general fund to the Department of Social Services for out of budget spending and to forward the request to the County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

Finance Director's Report: Finance Director Angie Runde provided her report in writing.

2027 Budget and Capital Improvement Requests: Each department head or elected official reviewed their department's 2027 budget and Capital Improvement Plan request.

Preliminary 2027 Budget Review: Administrator Dreckman and Finance Director Angie Runde reviewed the preliminary budget draft, which includes a 3% wage increase for employees and a projected 9.9% increase in health insurance costs.

Facilities and Maintenance

Facilities and Maintenance Manager's Report: Maintenance Manager Garry Pluemer provided his report in writing.

Information Technology

IT Director's Report: IT Director Shane Drinkwater provided his report in writing and noted:

- The IT Director will attend the WCA Conference September 20 through 22, 2026.
- The IT Department will attend a conference from September 24 through 25, 2026.

Request to Apply for State Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Cycle 3 Funding Grant: Carol Beals, seconded by Kathy Kopp, made a motion to approve the grant application and forward it to the County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

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

Integrity

Efficiency

Respect

Honesty

Administrator

Administrator Report: Administrator Dreckman provided his report in writing.

Human Resources

Staffing Update: The Staffing Report was provided in writing.

Proposed Wage Scale for implementation 01/01/2027: Gary Ranum, seconded by Joseph Mumm, made a motion to forward the proposed wage scale as presented, including a 3% non-base building lump sum payment for employees that fall above the proposed scale in 2027. Motion carried without negative vote.

Policy Updates

Holiday Policy: Joseph Mumm, seconded by Gary Ranum, made a motion to approve the Holiday Policy with the addition of a requirement for a doctor's note when sick leave is used. Motion carried without negative vote.

Convene to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. section 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session as it relates to WPPA contract negotiations, and 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 relates to the performance review discussion of the County

Administrator: Joseph Mumm, seconded by Gary Ranum, made a motion to convene to closed session. A roll call vote was taken with six (6) Yes, therefore motion carried. The Committee convened to closed session at 11:44 a.m.

Return to Open Session: Carol Beals, seconded by Kathy Kopp, made a motion to return to open session at 1:08 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Action on closed session items, if needed: Joseph Mumm, seconded by Kathy Kopp made a motion to forward the WPPA contract to the County Board for approval. Motion carried without negative vote.

Adjournment: Joseph Mumm, seconded by Carol Beals, made a motion to adjourn at 1:10 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.