



GRANT COUNTY

Executive Committee
November 4, 2025

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.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 9:00 a.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: Gary Northouse, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes: Rick Sanson, second by Gary Ranum made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2025 meeting with adding on page 2 that both motions carried. Motion carried without negative vote.

Finance

Treasurer's Report: County Treasurer Carrie Eastlick will provide the report by email once it is completed.

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

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

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

Discussion and possible action on a general obligation promissory note of \$2,000,000: The promissory note for capital projects will be for \$1,200,000 at 4.19% through Royal Bank. Gary Ranum, second by Gary Northouse made a motion to approve resolution 2025-21 General Obligation Promissory Note of \$1,200,000. Motion carried without negative vote.

2026 Budget: Administrator Nate Dreckman presented the 2026 budget.

- 1% across the board wage increase, along with step increase
- change in health insurance and deductible; single plan now 10%
- 15% reduction in capital improvement requests

Resolution 2025-14 Regarding County Orders: Gary Northouse, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve resolution 2025-14 Regarding County Orders. Motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution 2025-15 Authorizing the County Treasurer to Settle in Full for General Taxes for the Tax Roll Year 2025 – Collectible in 2026: Joseph Mumm, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve resolution 2025-15 Authorizing the County Treasurer to Settle in Full for General Taxes for the Tax Roll Year 2025 – Collectible in 2026. Motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution 2025-16 Regarding the Investment of County Funds: Roger Guthrie, second by Kathy Kopp made a motion to approve resolution 2025-16 Regarding the Investment of County Funds. Motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution 2025-17 Regarding General Tax Levy: Rick Sanson, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to approve resolution 2025-17 Regarding General Tax Levy. Motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution 2025-18 Establishing Non-Represented Wages for 2026: Gary Northouse, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve resolution 2025-18 Establishing Non-Represented Wages for 2026. Motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution 2025-19 Establishing County Board Chair Wages: No action was taken on resolution 2025-19.

Resolution 2025-20 Establishing Per Diem Compensation and Mileage for Grant County Board of Supervisors: Gary Ranum made a motion to give the Chair \$30,000 a year for salary, plus mileage and per diem for meetings. The motion died for lack of a second.

Gary Ranum, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to strike the portion of per diem for standing chairs and to revise the resolution to establishing compensation and mileage for County Board Supervisors and a monthly stipend for the County Board Chair. Motion carried without negative vote.

Resolution 2025-21 General Obligation Promissory note of \$2,000,000: This resolution was approved with the action on the general obligation promissory note.

Discussion and possible action on County Clerk budget amendment for election supplies: Gary Northouse, second by Joseph Mumm made a motion to approve the use of GAB carryover fund to purchase election bags and seals. Motion carried without negative vote.

Facilities and Maintenance

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

Information Technology

IT Director's Report: IT Director Shane Drinkwater provided his report in writing. Drinkwater also updated the committee members on email. It will be required of us to go to a subscription based.

Budget reallocation for virtual desktop servers: IT Director Shane Drinkwater informed the committee that he had originally budgeted for a new storage array for CSB. It was determined that ARPA funds would be used for that purchase. The budgeted funds remain in the 2025 budget, and IT will be using those funds to purchase a portion of the desktop servers this year, which reduced the amount needed to be spent in 2026.

Administrator

Administrator's Report: Administrator Nate Dreckman provided his report in writing. The UCS agreement has been signed by both counties and has been sent to the state for approval.

Discussion and possible action on a Tourism and Marketing Coordinator position: Gary Northouse, second by Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the Tourism and Marketing Coordinator position for up to 27 hours per week, reporting directly to the County Administrator, with funding under the Resource and Tourism budget not to exceed \$49,500. Motion carried without negative vote.

Human Resources

Staffing Update: Human Resources Manager Angie Gerndt gave the staffing update.

Update on insurance: Human Resources Manager Angie Gerndt advised the committee that Dean and Tricor did four in person meetings regarding the new insurance.

Policy Updates: There were no policy updates.

Adjournment: Joseph Mumm, second by Roger Guthrie made a motion to adjourn to December 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried without negative vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.