

GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
Lancaster, WI 53813
March 9, 2026

The Grant County Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Disaster Services Committee Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Kathy Kopp. The following members and personnel were present:

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE: Rick Sanson, Bob Keeney, Brian Lucey and Gary Ranum. John Beinborn was absent.

GUESTS: Sheriff Craig Reukauf; Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director; Doug Bartow, Deputy Grant County Coroner; Nate Dreckman, County Administrator; Tonya White, County Clerk; Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary and the Herald Independent.

Kelly Bird verified the agenda had been posted at the County Clerk's Office, Community Services Building, courthouse and on the county website. Rick Sanson second by Gary Ranum approved the agenda. Bob Keeney second by Brian Lucey approved the minutes from the December 8 meeting. All above motions carried.

There is no Public Forum to discuss.

Coroner:

Deputy Coroner Doug Bartow presented the Coroner's Report. There have been 96 calls this year. Jim Abitz has been hired and will cover the South end of the county.

Coroner vouchers were reviewed. Bob Keeney second by Rick Sanson made a motion to accept the vouchers. Motion carried.

The Monthly Financial Report was reviewed. Gary Ranum second by Rick Sanson made a motion to accept the Monthly Financial Report. Motion carried.

Emergency Government:

Steve Braun gave the Director's Report and updated the committee on funding for flooding, training and the new radio system.

The Emergency Management Capital Improvement Plan for 2027-2031 was reviewed.

It was requested by Steve Braun to approve out-of-budget spending for \$8,000.00 for the purchase of Code Red for 2026 which is an automated alert system. This was previously funded by Grant Money that is no longer available. It was motioned by Rick Sanson and seconded by Gary Ranum to approve this to come out of the General Fund and send it to the Executive Committee. Motion carried with Bob Keeney abstaining.

Emergency Government vouchers were reviewed. Steve Braun will email December and January Vouchers to the committee. Gary Ranum second by Brian Lucey made a motion to accept the vouchers. Motion carried.

Emergency Government's Monthly Financial Report was reviewed. Rick Sanson second by Bob Keeney made a motion to accept the Monthly Financial Report. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Briefing:

Sheriff Craig Reukauf presented the Sheriff's Report. The Monthly Activity Report was reviewed showing calls for service, emergency and administrative calls and inmate population. The Jail is currently housing inmates from Scott, Richland and Green County in addition to Grant County Inmates.

The Radio Project Updates was presented.

The Personnel Update was discussed. Dalton Meier, a Full-Time Dispatcher, has been promoted to Jail Corporal. There is currently one Female Jailer and one Dispatch Position open.

The Training Update was presented. Jailer Darrell Blessen is attending the Law Enforcement Academy. Dalton Meier will need to attend the Jail Academy within a year of taking his new position. Sgt. Mark Schwarz will be attending the FBI National Academy this year.

Under Grants, the Dispatch Consolidation Study continues. A presentation will be given to the Full County Board when this is complete.

The Sheriff's Office Capital Improvement Projects for 2027-2031 were discussed.

The Sheriff's Office vouchers were reviewed. Rick Sanson second by Gary Ranum made a motion to accept the vouchers. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's Office Monthly Financial Report was reviewed. Rick Sanson second by Brian Lucey made a motion to accept the Monthly Financial Report. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Bob Keeney and seconded by Brian Lucey to adjourn at 10:45 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Sanson, Secretary

Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary
