

GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
Lancaster, WI 53813
December 8, 2025

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, Gary Ranum and John Beinborn.

GUESTS: Sheriff Craig Reukauf; Chief Deputy Travis Klaas; Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director; Phyllis Fuerstenberg, Grant County Coroner; Shane Drinkwater, Director of Information Technology; 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. Gary Ranum second by Rick Sanson approved the agenda. Brian Lucey second by Bob Keeney approved the minutes from the November 10 meeting. All above motions carried.

There is no Public Forum to discuss.

Coroner:

Coroner Phyllis Fuerstenburg was present with no updates for her department. The Coroner updated the causes of death for the committee to review. There has been an increase in deaths due to suicide and also cardiac events.

Coroner financials and invoices were reviewed. Gary Ranum second by Rick Sanson made a motion to accept the invoices and financials. Motion carried.

Emergency Government:

Steve Braun gave the Director's Report. There will be a Tri-State Communication Exercise tomorrow. Field testing is being done for the new radio system. There have been changes in FEMA which will affect programs where people would receive financial help for homes being damaged during a natural disaster. There are several parcels owned by the county that Corporation Counsel will be doing the title work to transfer them to the Townships they are located in. Steve is also working on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant follow-up.

There is a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant with no match available. This would help fund winter training for the Hazardous Materials Team. It was motioned by Bob Keeney and seconded by Brian Lucey to approve this and send it to the Full County Board. Motion carried.

There is a FY26 State Interoperability Radio Grant available. The statewide radio system is transitioning. This grant would help purchase new radios to be compatible with this system for the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Government. There is a match that can be met by selling old equipment. It was motioned by Rick Sanson and seconded by Brian Lucey to approve this and send it to the Full County Board. Motion carried.

To authorize the match for the above grant there needs to be a WISCOM 800 Resolution. It was motioned by Gary Ranum and seconded by John Beinborn to approve this and send it to the Full County Board. Motion carried.

Emergency Government invoices and financials were presented. Bob Keeney second by Rick Sanson made a motion to accept the financials and invoices. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Briefing:

Sheriff Craig Reukauf reviewed the monthly activity report. The revenue for contracted inmates has increased. The Dispatch Feasibility Study has been started and should be completed by February. The annual Shop With a Cop Christmas event will be held tomorrow.

Under the Radio Project Update, they are making progress every day. The weather may impact some of this.

Under Personnel there is one Female Jailer position open. We will likely lose one of our Corporals to the Department of Corrections. Many agencies are dealing with this.

There is no training to discuss.

Under Grants, we were able to receive money from the Opioid Task Force to be able to continue offering wellness checks for all staff.

The Sheriff's Office invoices and financials were presented. Bob Keeney second by Rick Sanson made a motion to accept the invoices and financials. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Rick Sanson and seconded by John Beinborn to adjourn to Monday, January 12, 2026 at 9:00am. Motion carried.

The committee members were taken on a tour of the jail by Captain/Jail Administrator Mason Nemitz. Those who chose to were also proved a meal prepared by Summit Food Service. This company also prepares the inmate meals.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Sanson, Secretary

Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary
