

GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING  
Lancaster, WI 53813  
October 13, 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; Nate Dreckman, County Administrator; Shane Drinkwater, Director of Information Technology; Tonya White, County Clerk and Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary.

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. John Beinborn second by Brian Lucey approved the minutes from the September 8 meeting. All above motions carried.

There is no Public Forum to discuss.

**Coroner:**

Coroner Phyllis Fuerstenburg purchased a cot with leftover funds from this year's budget. She will notify the committee of the cost at next month's meeting. The old Coroner van and the two other cots will be sold.

The Coroner's 2026 Budget was discussed. There were some minor adjustments for 2026.

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

**Emergency Management:**

Steve Braun presented the Director's Report for Emergency Management. Emergency Management along with the Hazmat Team assisted with a train derailment in Joe Davies County. The Assistance to Firefighters Grants were awarded a total of \$857,809.00. Grant County continues to lead the state in bringing the funding home to help local communities. The assistance for the flash flood damage has not been determined. They will also be working on their end of year obligations.

Increases for Emergency Management's 2026 Budget are Health Insurance and personnel costs.

Emergency Government invoices and financials were presented. Gary Ranum seconded by Brian Lucey made a motion to accept the Financials and Invoices. Motion carried.

**Sheriff's Briefing:**

Sheriff Craig Reukauf reviewed the monthly activity report. Calls have been down. There were two fatal accidents in September involving motorcycles. There are two suspicious deaths being investigated. Additional testing and follow up is still being completed. The Faith in Blue event was held and was successful. The rate for

contract villages and townships will increase the first of the year. Six refurbished AED's have been purchased for the Sheriff's Office with Grant Money.

Sheriff Reukauf is still waiting on some updates on contract increases to complete the final 2026 Budget.

Chief Deputy Travis Klaas notified the committee that he will be selling a UTV that is not user friendly and purchasing a smaller UTV for the Sheriff's Office. Any money leftover will be used to help offset the cost of the new weapons that were purchased.

Jail Administrator Mason Nemitz reviewed the results of the Jail Inspection with the committee. The Jail Inspection went well with some very minor violations that have already been corrected.

Sheriff Reukauf presented Ordinance 87-9 Placement of Signs and 87-10 Sign Design, Procurement, and Replacement along with suggested changes. It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Rick Sanson to approve this and send it to the Full County Board. Motion carried.

Jail Administrator Mason Nemitz spoke to the committee members about offering nicotine pouches to inmates. Many inmates coming in to the facility are smokers and get anxious and don't sleep well. This will be a trial run with restrictions and rules for up to six months. Inmates who are eligible will be able to purchase them on their commissary. Captain Nemitz will update the committee on a monthly basis.

Sheriff Reukauf notified the committee that \$28,400.00 will be used from the Jail Assessment Carryover Account to fund the Sapphire Jail Medical Records Program for three years as well as a printer and labels with supplies.

Under the Radio Project Update, Cassville Tower is making some progress.

Under Personnel, we have a Female Jailer opening and a Corporal position is likely to become available.

There is no training to discuss.

Under Grants, Chief Deputy Klaas would like the approval of applying for two grants. A Body Cam Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 over the next three years and a grant to purchase a Preliminary Breath Test Machine. Motion by Gary Ranum and seconded by Brian Lucey to apply for these grants and send them to the Full County Board. Motion carried.

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

It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Rick Sanson to adjourn to Monday, November 10, 2025 at 9:00am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Sanson, Secretary

Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary

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