

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 6, 2016**

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on December 6, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Grant County Complex Council Chambers at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, IN.

In attendance were Commissioners Mike Burton and Mark Bardsley. Also present were Auditor Roger Bainbridge, Commissioner's Secretary T.C. Hull, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

Commissioner Burton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Auditor Roger Bainbridge led in prayer. Commissioner Bardsley led the pledge of allegiance.

**Claims**

Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve claims #10096, #10097 and #10098 as presented. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Bardsley moved to formally approve claims #10084, #10085, and #10086. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Bardsley moved to formally approve claims for the Highway department in the amount of 33,750 and 26,924. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the minutes for the November 22, 2016 meeting. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

**Payroll**

Commissioner Bardsley moved to formally approve the payroll for December 2, 2016. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

This is not a payroll week.

**Communications and Board Updates (Elected Officials, Boards, Special Committees)**

Commissioner Bardsley expressed the Economic Growth Council met with executive committee today and no major action was taken.

Commissioner Burton expressed Commissioner Bardsley and himself attended the annual Commissioners Conference last week.

## IT

None.

## Highway Department

Highway Superintendent David White reported the Gas City Utilities picked up the dump truck that the Highway department sold them.

Superintendent White stated he has all the paperwork for the bridge inspection turned in to INDOT. Superintendent White is hoping to get a contract set up for this soon.

Superintendent White has price quotes for 600 feet of guardrail that needs replaced on county road 500 E, south of state road 18. Superintendent White has a quote from James Drew Corporation for 19,000 and a quote from Specialties Companies LLC for 18,950. Superintendent White recommends Specialties Companies LLC. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the bid with Specialties out of Fort Wayne on the 500 E guardrail replacement. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

Superintendent White asked if the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Commissioners meeting would be a good time to set up annual fuel and stone bids. The Commissioners agree that the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting is a good date for the fuel and stone bids.

Superintendent White expressed he turned in the claim to the Auditor's office to pay off the lease agreement for equipment today. The total pay off amount is 436,243.89. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the early pay off of the loan. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

Superintendent White stated he spoke with Frontier about the tile and they are working on getting this issue resolved.

## Area Plan Report

Area Plan director Larry Strange presented the Commissioners with copies of the demo agreement with Dave's Excavating on the 38<sup>th</sup> street house.

Director Strange reported Area Plan did receive a rezoning application at the Planning Commissioner meeting. A recommendation was made for a project in Upland to rezone a parcel on Main Street from a R1 residential to business. The recommendation to the Planning Commission was an unfavorable recommendation.

Director Strange communicated Area Plan is going to embark on a comprehensive plan for the county, the goal is to have this completed in 2017. The last plan was completed in 1991. Director Strange plan is to do this "in house", to keep cost within existing resources.

**Old Business-Pitney Bowes Contract**

Bernie Halinski from Pitney Bowes is not present. This item has been tabled until next week's meeting.

**New Business**

A. Chris Cunningham-Community Corrections Grant: Community Corrections Director Chris Cunningham is asking for approval of a grant that was submitted in September. Director Cunningham presented and explained the grant. This grant will fund 3 programs Jail Treatment in the amount of 52,500, Recidivism in the amount of 61,500, and Diversion in the amount of 61,500. Sheriff Reggie Nevels spoke about the great work that is being done by Cindy McCoy and Chris Cunningham in Community Corrections. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the Community Corrections Grant contract in the amount of 175,500. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

B. Appoint Health Board Member-The Grant County Health Board is asking the Commissioners to appoint Jeffery Miller to the Health Board, replacing Deborah Certain who resigned earlier this year. Dr. Miller's term will go through December 2020. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the appointment of Dr. Jeffery Miller to a term of 4 years to conclude December of 2020, and he is the Commissioners appointment to the board. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

C. Converse Jackson Township Public Library Board Appointment-The Converse Jackson Township Public Library is asking the Commissioners to reappoint Amy Benner to the Library Board. This will be a 4 year term. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve Amy Benner as the Commissioners appointment to the Converse Jackson Township Public Library. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

D. Grant County Convention Recreation & Visitor Commission Appointments-The Visitors Commission is asking to reappoint Mark Sullivan to a 2 year term, and Patricia Edwards to a 2 year term, these terms will run through 2018. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the reappointments of Mark Sullivan and Patricia Edwards. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

**Public Comments**

William Frye 10771 S. 200 W. Fairmount expressed concerns about Frontier putting in Wi-Fi. Frontier is encroaching on the right of way and private property. Mr. Frye has complained to

Frontier via a phone call 6 weeks ago. Mr. Frye is asking for some help from the Commissioners in resolving this issue.

Commissioner Burton recessed the meeting at 2:33 p.m.