

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**January 9, 2017**

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on January 9, 2017 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, Mark Bardsley and Ron Mowery. 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 #10151, #10152 and #10153 as presented. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the minutes for the December 27, 2016 meeting as presented. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Mowery abstained as he was not present at the December 27, 2016 meeting.

**Payroll**

Auditor Roger Bainbridge stated that payroll is in order. Commissioner Mowery moved to approve payroll. Second by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

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

Auditor Roger Bainbridge expressed the Covered Bridge report does need to be signed. Commissioner Bardsley stated "We have the annual certification of the Covered Bridge, according to Indiana code, and I move the approval by all three (3) county commissioners". Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley communicated he was in the Chamber of Commerce of Governmental Affairs meeting today. There will be a third house session on February the 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion City Council Chambers. Six of the seven legislators are senators and reps, and plan to meet with us to tell us what is going on; the public is invited to this meeting. Commissioner Bardsley also noted on February 22<sup>nd</sup> Mayor Jess Alumbaugh will present the State of the City address at Ivy Tech from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

## IT

None.

## Highway Department

Superintendent David White reported he has the bridge contract that is with USI for 2017-2020 that has been previously approved, and just needs signatures of all 3 Commissioners.

Superintendent David White presented the Commissioners with the year-end report for the Recycle Center. Superintendent White stated they had 12,519 customers come through last year and that number is up about 500 from the year before. This report listed everything we recycled such as newspaper, cardboard, televisions, refrigerators, etc. Discussion ensued concerning the cost increase of taking electronics.

Superintendent White asked the Commissioners to accept the stone bids that he has reviewed. The cost is basically the same; the only real increase was #11 stone, which we use a lot, increased almost a dollar at Montpelier. The price of sand did increase by 40 cents a ton. Once the bid is accepted we are locked in, but state board of accounts does say if there is a special project you can go to different locations to get lower prices if needed. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the IMI stone bids as presented. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White gave an update on bridge #10, expressing it is scheduled to get a whole new structure. This bridge is a Federal Aid job and is to go to bid on January 19<sup>th</sup> through INDOT. When the bids are accepted, usually it is a 48 hour notice; the Commissioners can accept the lowest bid, if they meet all the criteria. The lowest bid must be 20% of what the total bid amount is. Superintendent White stated more than likely it will be over a million dollars, and we have to come up with 20% of that amount. Superintendent White will be out of town, but will notify INDOT and have Tony Smith (Highway Safety Director) to get in contact with the commissioners to approve the dollar amount. This will need to be done within 48 hours. Superintendent White does have the funds within his budget for this. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve moving forward if the bid is in the appropriate range the superintendent has suggested, and the board of commissioners give the approval of the president to make a favorable recommendation to proceed. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

## Old Business

Auditor Roger Bainbridge presented the publication of the county's receipts and expenditures to be approved and signed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the publication of the county's receipts and expenditures as presented by the Auditor dated Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Burton expressed the idea of having the Commissioners meetings weekly or biweekly. Commissioner Burton communicated the surrounding counties for the most part meet biweekly. Discussion ensued concerning the pros and cons of weekly versus biweekly Commissioners meetings. Commissioner Mowery moved to approve the Commissioners meeting on the first and third Monday's of the month starting in February 2017. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-1.

**New Business**

Commissioner Burton presented the sub recipient semiannual report from Affordable Housing that needs to be signed by the Commissioners. The Commissioners have signed the sub recipient semiannual report from Affordable Housing due by July 31<sup>st</sup> for the period ending June and January 31<sup>st</sup> for the period ending December of 2016.

**Public Comments**

None.

Commissioner Lawson recessed the meeting at 2:28 p.m.