

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
January 23, 2017

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on January 23, 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.

Commissioner Bardsley led in prayer. Commissioner Mowery led the pledge of allegiance.

Claims

Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve claims #10172, #10173 and #10174 as presented. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Minutes

Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the minutes for the January 17, 2017 meeting as presented. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Payroll

Auditor Roger Bainbridge stated 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)

Commissioner Bardsley conveyed the officials from the Drainage board met with attorney Kyle Persinger to review a couple of items that they are continuing to work on. There is a public hearing scheduled for the beginning of April, with regard to Barren Creek.

Commissioner Burton expressed that himself and Commissioner Mowery attended the East Central Indiana Solid Waste District meeting in Muncie last Wednesday. This was an organization meeting.

Bill Walters, the Executive Director of the Indiana Regional Planning District, introduced himself; he has taken over for Pam Price. Mr. Walters expressed the only thing he needed today is the reappointment letters that were emailed and confirmed. Mr. Walters expressed

they have received a 51,000 grant from EDA. This will be ready in July for review and then will be submitted in August.

Commissioner Burton expressed he is skipping down the agenda to the New Farm Lease, and asked County Attorney Kyle Persinger to explain. Mr. Persinger communicated this is farm ground that has been leased by the county for several years. The last lease was in 2014, and was a 3 year term that expired January 1, 2017. There was a competitive bidding which increased the price. Mr. Persinger expressed to the Commissioners they needed to decide what they wanted to do with the property. There are 3 options for the Commissioners to consider. One option is to do nothing (keep it). The second option being: lease it and in doing so you have to go through the same process as selling it. Mr. Persinger explained the process of this. The third option is leasing it for longer than a 3 year period, but it must go before Council. Commissioner Bardsley expressed his thoughts are to go through the leasing process again. Discussion ensued as to what kind of terms can be put in the lease. Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to go through the process to lease the farm land that is adjacent to the County Highway Department for 3 years, as presented by the county attorney Kyle Persinger. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

IT

None.

Highway Department

Safety Director Tony Smith stated last fall they received the final inspection on 600 east. We can now close this project out and get it to the state for an audit and may have some money coming back to us. This requires 2 of the 3 Commissioners signatures. Director Smith presented the Commissioners with the papers for their signatures.

Director Smith expressed bridge #10 (Jalapa) was bid last Friday. The low bid was R.L. McCoy for 1,740,445.69. The engineers estimate as 1.5 million, the estimate was over the engineers estimate. The high bid was almost 2.1 million. Since the process requires action within 2 business days, Director Smith spoke with Highway Superintendent David White and INDOT and had Mike Burton sign this because they want to move forward with this. This will require the Highway Department to go before Council and ask for more money for this project. We are hoping when the final audit is completed on 600 east, there will be some funds available to move to bridge #10. We have moved 12,000 from the 600 east project to bridge #10 per a supplemental agreement. This supplemental contract also requires the signatures of the Commissioners. Commissioner Bardsley expressed the Commissioners have received and approved this contract. Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to receive and approve the final supplemental contract. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Director Smith presented the original contract for 600 east that was signed last year, and expressed again that money has been moved from this project to the bridge #10 project. This contract was for 1.52 million, the supplement is for 1,164,760.06, they will pay a little more on this project. Commissioner Bardsley expressed this is a ratification of moving forward with the bridge #10 project, a supplement to the original contract. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the supplemental contract noted as A249-14-320890. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

None.

New Business

A. Mike Houser, Parade-Mike Houser was not present.

B. JDAI Grant Approval-Magistrate Brian McLane presented copies of the grant application that will be submitted tomorrow. Grant County started the JDAI effort last year and received a grant from the Department of Corrections for almost 55,000, plus a onetime 5,000 from the Indiana Judicial Center. We are moving into the 2nd year of the JDAI, the year runs July 1-June 30. In year 2 we are anticipating doing a similar coordinated effort, and we are also asking for 30,256 for programing. This is a total of 84,398.39, this comes from the DOC. We are asking for approval to submit this and go to Indianapolis next Wednesday to talk about the grant application. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve submitting the JDAI grant and the trip to Indianapolis. Second by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

C. New Farm Lease-See under Communications and Board Updates.

D. Annual Contract for Purdue Extension-Commissioner Burton expressed he does have a copy of the contract and has spoken with Kyle Persinger about it. All the terms in the contract remain the same, nothing has been changed. Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the annual contract for Purdue Extension. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

E. Area Plan, Larry Strange-Unsafe Structures-Executive Director Larry Strange gave an update concerning unsafe structures and what Area Plan is working on. There are currently 9 houses that have been ordered by the courts to be demolished. They have been put out for bid and we have received the bids back. We are thinking about some grants to help with the costs, but may need to ask for more money in the future. We are working on cleaning up the old

Fairmount High School debris field. In the Area Plan office we are working with the IT department to get upgrades in the office. We are looking at different vendors and costs.

Public Comments

None.

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