

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**March 6, 2017**

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on March 6, 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 preapproved claims #10218, #10219, #10220 as presented. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve a preapproved claim for the Highway Department in the amount of \$593,455.69 and a preapproved claim for Probation in the amount of \$438.06. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve claims #10234, #10235, and #10236 as presented. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the minutes for the February 21, 2017 meeting as presented. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll**

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 reported that on February 17<sup>th</sup> he received the Treasures monthly reports for the year of 2015. Previously we received reports for January through July of 2015. This report for January through July is an amended report, so they can be compared with the other reports that have been filed. The August 2015 report is indicated as amended; however I do not show we received an original August report of 2015. There has been no communication to the Treasures office as to why this happened. The plan as of now is by the Commissioners meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have a report of the balance up to a certain date. On February

24<sup>th</sup> the Treasurer gave a report for January through May of 2016, which had not been previously reported. On March 3<sup>rd</sup> we received reports for June through December of 2016. Auditor Bainbridge commends the Treasure for putting a lot of work in to getting these reports turned in. Auditor Bainbridge presented the Treasures report to the Commissioners. Commissioner Burton expressed immediately following the Commissioners meeting there will be a Board of Finance meeting with the Treasurer.

HR Director Nancy Bender presented a severance agreement for a long-term employee that is no longer able to work due to health restrictions. In this severance agreement we are requesting his health insurance be extended to May 31, 2017. Director Bender is asking for the approval of this agreement. Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the severance agreement. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

## IT

IT tech Kevin Hicks presented information about the new AT &T contract for telephone and managed internet service. The contract that was previously signed with AT & T a mistake was made. AT & T started work in Grant County, Oklahoma, not Grant County Indiana. AT & T negated the previous contract. A new contract needs to be signed and approved. The contract is for 48 months and is actually cheaper than the previous one. Commissioner Burton signed the contract and Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the new contract and work order with AT & T. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Tech Hicks is also asking for permission for travel to a conference. The costs will 100 plus mileage and food. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the request for the cost associated with the conference as requested. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

## Highway Department

Highway Superintendent David White gave an update on the reimbursement contract with INDOT. On the state road 13 & 18 project he will receive 18,084.45 and on the state road 5 & 18 project 4,567.32. Superintendent White is asking for approval of the contracts. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve contract #0810241 state roads 13/18 for 18,084.45. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve contract #B30204 state roads 5/18 for 4,567.32. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White expressed the tile and fiber optic work on 300 W and 800 S will be complete tomorrow.

Superintendent White also reported the work on bridge #10 will start in 2 weeks; the road will be closed from June 25<sup>th</sup> until the end of December 2017.

Superintendent White expressed in the claims he has submitted there is a claim for parcel #4 on bridge 73, in the amount of 1,926.40. This is the last parcel for this bridge project.

Superintendent White has completed his annual report. This requires the Commissioners signatures. The annual report for MVH:

	3,587,472
Local Road & Street:	650,000
Bridge:	556,000
Recycle Center:	90,404

Superintendent White will get a copy to the Commissioners. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the annual report for the Highway department. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White expressed he will be at road school for the rest of the week.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

A. EMA-Memorandum of Understanding-Interim EMA Director Tom Culley expressed Madison County recently updated their 800 megahertz radio system. This memorandum of understanding will allow us to access their law enforcement talk groups and allows Madison County to access our law enforcement talk groups for the purpose of mutual aid only. Director Culley is asking for approval. Commissioner Mowery moved to approve the memorandum of understanding with Madison County. Second by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

B. Town of Swayzee-Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate-Jason McVicker, on the behalf of the town of Swayzee, presented a request to acquire the property at 1412 E Lyons Street, Swayzee. Mr. McVicker presented a resolution he has drafted. The plans for the property are continuing the goal of the beautification of the community. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve resolution #3-2017. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

C. Recorder's Office-Approve Cott Agreement-Recorder Pam Harris presented a renewal of the Cott agreement. This is a 3 year contract. Kyle Persinger has approved this agreement. Commissioner Burton and Auditor Bainbridge will need to sign the contract. Commissioner

Mowery made a motion to approve the Cott contract. Second by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Burton expressed he has a request for a stipend for a cell phone for Richard Johnson, a supervisor in EMS. The stipend is for a level one basic voice, which is 55.00 per month. Commissioner Mowery moved to approve the cell phone stipend for Richard Johnson. Second by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

D. Farm Lease Bids-Commissioner Burton expressed a legal was published for the farm lease bids for the 71 acres on Garthwaite Road. County attorney Kyle Persinger explained the process for the bids. The process is the same as 3 years ago. The Commissioners opened the bids that were received. There is a minimum bid of 145 per acre. Once the bids are publicly read we can have an oral auction, if anyone wants to increase the bids. Once the auction is over the Commissioners can approve or deny the final bid at the next Commissioners meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Commissioner Bardsley expressed all 4 bids that were received have made the required deposit as advertised. Commissioner Bardsley read the bids allowed as follows:

Nolan Holloway	225.00 per acre	15,975.00 per year
Michael Devore	175.00 per acre	12,425.00 per year
Gregg Brankle	175.00 per acre	12,425.00 per year
Nick Manwell Farms	180.00 per acre	12,780.00 per year

Commissioners Secretary T.C. Hull presented bid slips to the 4 bidders to up their bid if they so choose. The top price is 225 per acre. The bidders were asked to put their bid in writing and return their bid to Secretary Hull. The first round of bids is as follows:

Brankle	235.00 per acre
Manwell	230.00 per acre
Devore	240.00 per acre

The high bid is now 240 per acre. The second round of bids is as follows:

Manwell	242.00 per acre
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The high bid is now 242 per acre. The third round of bids is as follows:

Devore	245.00 per acre
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There were no more bids. This bid of 245 will be taken under advisement. The Commissioners will announce their decision at the next Commissioners meeting on March 20, 2017.

**Public Comments**

None.

Commissioner Burton recessed the meeting at 2:38 p.m.