

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**August 21, 2017**

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on August 21, 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 Chief Deputy Auditor Angie Jarvis, Commissioner's Secretary T.C. Hull and Financial Deputy Patti Pyle.

Commissioner Burton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.  
Commissioner Bardsley led in prayer.  
Commissioner Mowery led the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Burton made the following notation and additions to the Agenda.  
The next Commissioners meeting would normally be on the first Monday of September which is September 4<sup>th</sup> Labor Day. The county will not be open, so that Commissioner meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Anytime there is a holiday on a Monday that is the typical procedure we will use since the meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday's of each month.  
Under New Business: Adding Item D-Agreement to provide Human Resources Consulting Services for the Commissioners. Also adding Item E- Request for Cell Phone Stipend from Grant County Coroner's Office.

**Claims**

Commissioner Bardsley stated he has before him claim invoice edit reports #10525, #10526 and #10527 and move their approval. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley stated we have invoice edit reports #10514, #10513 and #10512 that were preapproved last week and would move their ratification as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Mowery moved a motion to accept the August 7, 2017 Commissioners Minutes. Second from Commissioner Bardsley and the motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll**

Commissioner Burton stated next is Payroll and asked the Auditor's Office if everything was in order for August 25<sup>th</sup> payroll. Chief Deputy Auditor, Angie Jarvis replied "Yes".  
Motion by Commissioner Bardsley to approve payroll. Second from Commissioner Mowery and motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner Burton stated we have the latest Weights & Measurers Report.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the Weights & Measurers Report dated the 16<sup>th</sup> of June through the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

### **IT Department**

Marcus Elliott-brought the annual support and updates for the email archival system, when he requested a quote found out they no longer allow yearly, so the money difference was better going with the 3 year plan for support and updates it is \$3,267.47. Commissioner Burton verified that it will be paid out of Data Processing/Contractual Services and this is something we do every year for IT and the betterment of the County. Commissioner Bardsley inquired as to if the amount being paid was a yearly amount or for all three years. Mr. Elliott stated it is paid once for the three years.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

### **Highway Department**

Superintendent David White had updates on a few projects.

Superintendent White met with the Contractor and Inspector on Bridge #10 out on Jalapa Road. They have 2 or 3 beams in, since the weather is alright they will begin setting those tomorrow and should have the rest in by Wednesday or Thursday, things are about a week ahead of schedule. They noticed some erosion while the beams were off, so allowed spending \$3,319.20 for Rip Rap to go under the bridge while the beams are off. When the project is complete if there are funds available in a line item they will take it out of that, if not the county will have to pay it.

Superintendent White stated he has some prices on a few things. Looking at Jump Starts for equipment. Price from Auto Value/Gas City \$9,691.75, he will pay for it out of the Equipment line item. In checking on line they are anywhere from 11 to 12 thousand dollars. It has everything safety on it for the new computers on the dump trucks because you can put too much amperage to them and blow them up. Commissioner Bardsley inquired if it stays on County grounds or could be transported. Mr. White stated it is on the service trucks and can be used at other locations if needed.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the jump starter purchase as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White also presented prices on line stripping paint: Kyle's Paint for white \$10.96 per gallon and yellow is \$10.40 per gallon. Ozark's Materials white \$7.55 per gallon and yellow \$7.85 per gallon. He would like to go with Ozark's, just going to start with half of what they did last year until he sees if we get the Community Crossing Grant.

Commissioner Burton asked about the quality comparison with the cost being lower.

Superintendent White stated yes he had checked into that and they are they meet State specs. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve Mr. White's recommendation for the lower quote. Support from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

The log jam has been cleaned out from under the Branson street Bridge and they will be moving onto the Highland Bridge, hopefully it will be completed this week.

Superintendent White has quotes for the concrete work on the Salt building, just for material and labor does not include the concrete. That will be paid out of the concrete, stone line item. Sent out to 4 vendors and have 3 back: 1. Bowman Construction \$119,607.00 2. Coast to Coast Concrete \$103,670.25 and 3. Dave's Excavating \$95,500.00. Mr. White's recommendation is Dave's Excavating. Commissioner Bardsley clarified that this is the concrete work for the new Salt Barn.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to accept the Dave's Excavating quote. Support from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

The Commissioner's asked Superintendent White to stay at this meeting for an item coming up.

### **Old Business**

A. Credit Card Resolution-Commissioner Burton explained he does have a resolution that can be approved however there were some departments expressing concern that there are times that they may need to exceed the limit set at \$3000.00 per month. He is recommending it be tabled until the September 5, 2017 meeting allowing him time to get with the County Auditor on what the average monthly expenditures are. Commissioner Bardsley commented that the officials they had discussions with would appreciate that review and he would happy to table until Mr. Burton can get with the Auditor. Commissioner Mowery agreed and Commissioner Burton tabled this item until September 5, 2017.

B. Truck Traffic Ordinance-Commissioner Burton stated this restricts truck traffic on County Rd 600 E between County Rd 100 North and State Road 218. Commissioner Mowery explained the concern was coming off of 218 to 700 N there is no way for them to turn around so we have been in discussions with Huntington County Commissioners who have agreed to work with our Ordinance and are amending theirs. David White has talked to their Superintendent of Highways. We can resolve the 700 N issues and put this in effect between 18 and 218 for the Flying J and Dollar General traffic in particular. Commissioner Burton did note that attorney Kyle Persinger amended item 7 to add verbiage that Huntington County Commissioners have agreed to cooperate with the Grant County Commissioners regarding signage because that road goes up into Huntington County.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve Ordinance 6-2017, Ordinance Restricting Truck Traffic on County Road 600 East between County Road 100 North and State Road 218 as we have discussed. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Burton added that he and Commissioner Mowery drove 600 East last week to check it out and it is a good thing to restrict semi-truck traffic because there is no room for them to turn around.

## New Business

- A. Flooding Issues on Property – Mr. Dick Smith, 3515 S 400 E Marion, 46953. Mr. Smith provided pictures and explained the flooding problems with his property. Mr. Mark Atkinson 3387 S 400 E Marion, IN 46953 provided some pictures and spoke to the same issue and how it affects his property as did Mr. Ron Purtee 3623 S 400 E Marion, 46953. Surveyor Jim Todd provided an aerial map and explained how the water travels and how it cannot get through the culvert pipes. Mr. Smith stated the other property owners down the line of his are Ron Callier, Pastor Atkinson, Stone and Cannon. His problem is the soybean field in the back. All spoke to the dangerous conditions when it rains. Mr. Atkinson requested that the drainage pipe be cleared so it would work and if the ditch could be improved to relieve the standing water. Mr. Purtee said he is on the tail end of it all, between Mr. Smith and him is a driveway of Tom Hensley on both sides of the driveway is 4 to 5 foot ditch or culvert that needs to be cleaned out that would help with the water problem, and would like someone to come out and take a look at it. Additional discussions and review of information took place that included the County Surveyor, Jim Todd and Highway Superintendent David White along with the Commissioners and as a result the Commissioner's directed the Highway Superintendent David White to take a look at it and bring back his findings and a recommendation to the Commissioner's meeting on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Smith added that he wanted to thank Mr. Mowery for coming out and the secretary that answers the phones is a real sweetheart.
- B. Center Township Appeal – Bryce Coryea, Center Township Trustee stated he did not see the person. Commissioner Burton asked if Amber Jones was present, she was not. Commissioner Burton stated therefore by default that appeal loses.
- C. Recorder's Office-Sign Addendum for Back Indexing Project-Pam Harris, explained the County Council did approve and now needed the Addendum signed. Mr. Burton verified that Attorney Kyle Persinger had reviewed everything and proceeded to sign as requested.
- D. Agreement for HR Consulting Services - Commissioner Burton explained close to a year ago the County Council approved the Commissioner's hiring a Part-Time Human Resources person at \$20 to help the County deal with personnel issues, we have around 350 employ and at times we have issues where we have to follow federal and state law and local policy, we have to make sure we get it right without fear of liability on the part of the county. Nancy Bender who had worked a number of years for Moorehead Communications was hired, she is now leaving and Tammy Miller is going to work for the Commissioners as an Administrative Assistant handling HR issues. There are times when Tammy will need advice from an experienced HR person so the county has all the t's crossed and i's dotted. Tammy came on board the last 2 weeks and Nancy Bender will now serve as an HR consultant. This agreement was drawn up by Attorney Kyle Persinger and it calls for services rendered by the consultant at \$25.00 per hour payable bi-weekly for the number of hours worked. There will come a time when the services are no longer needed so the agreement can be terminated by either party upon 14 days written notice, this will start Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> the beginning of the next payroll would start. Commissioner Mowery commented stated

he does not feel this is a bad investment, considering the number of employ; we have experienced a couple things recently that she has saved us from litigation on, so it is money well spent. Commissioner Bardsley added that they did not anticipate more than 5 hours per week.

Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the agreement with the Human Resource Contract as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

- E. Coroner-Cell Phone Stipends-Commissioner Burton explained the Commissioners have a policy for a cell phone stipend for employees that use their own cell phone for county business. It is level 1 basic voice service which is what the Coroner office is requesting for Coroner, Chris Butche, Chief Deputy Coroner Stephen Dorsey & Deputy Coroner Roger Eib for the level 1 basic voice service at \$55 per month coming out of the Commissioner's budget under cell phone service.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion, to approve the request by the Coroner's office for each of the three gentlemen for the level 1 basic stipend, incorporating into the motion the starting date be the first pay period in September. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent David White forgot to bring something up. A situation out on 450 N just east of 100 East, south of Roger Bragg's house there is a 24 inch tile going under the road way there and someone reduced it down to an 18 inch that goes through somebody's yard, the problem is that tile in the yard has a suck hole that collapsed causing a hole in their driveway. We need to change our pipe out but to do it and do it right needs to go to the outlet. Provided a picture and a map the address is 1100 E 450 N. Wanting to know if the Commissioners will allow him to work with the homeowner on splitting the price, estimated their cost of \$1400.00.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to extend to Michael Brewer the option of working with the County for cost sharing on that drainage problem. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

### **Public Comment**

David Graham-103 S Kathryn Ave, Mt. Vernon, OH-he had called and asked to be put on the Agenda. Commissioner Burton stopped him and explained when someone wants to be on the agenda they want the Name, Name of the Company and the reason, he had given no reason, so he would not be heard from today, he stated he is only asking to be put on the Agenda for the 5<sup>th</sup>. He was told to talk with TC and provide her the information and he would be put on the Agenda.

Ron Purtee – he wants to put a privacy fence on his property. Commissioner Burton advised him to go to the Area Plan Office on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

Commissioner Burton recessed the meeting at 3:08 pm until Tuesday September 5, 2017 at 2:00 pm and thanked everyone for attending.