

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
September 5, 2017

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on September 5, 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 Financial Deputy Patti Pyle.

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

Commissioner Burton added 1 item to the Agenda under Old Business item B. EMS – Opening of Ambulance Bid (s).

Claims

Commissioner Bardsley stated he has before him the September 5th claim docket reports #10546, #10547 and #10554 and move their approval. Second by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley stated we also have claim docket reports from last week which were preapproved and move to ratify the preapprovals of claim docket reports #10537, #10538 and #10539. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley explained we also have 2 individual vouchers, Mark Greer \$123.00 reference Home Detention and Star Financial \$886.40 reference Adult, A&D and JDAI funds, and move their approval. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Minutes

Commissioner Bardsley requested the following editorial changes to the August 21, 2017 Commissioner Minutes. On page 1 statement changed to Commissioner Mowery moved a motion to accept the August 7th minutes, striking the word so. On page 2 under Highway Department 3rd paragraph fifth line turn the word juice into amperage. Commissioner Bardsley made the motion to move the approval of the August 21st minutes with those changes. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Payroll

Commissioner Burton asked the Auditor, Roger Bainbridge if everything was in order for this upcoming Friday's payroll. Mr. Bainbridge replied "Everything is indeed in order". Motion from Commissioner Mowery to approve payroll. Support from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

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

None

IT Department

None

Highway Department

Highway Superintendent David White stated he had a few items to bring up:

Superintendent White has some prices for composting of the yard waste brought in every year. Contacted Greencycle and they did not want to quote on it. Tawa Mulch a new company out of Ohio price \$4449.00. Forest Commodities which has been used the last few years, their quote was \$12,000.00. Mr. White recommends Tawa Mulch out of OH to do the composting. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the lesser of the two bids as recommended by Superintendent White. Support from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White has a copy of the Ordinance back in 2011 where the stop signs were made for the railroad crossings. Discussed submitting the Ordinance to Kyle to change it so it is just a yield sign with the Railroad being responsible, they have until December 31, 2019 to complete all the changes, but wants to let them know we are going to remove our stop signs. By consensus the Commissioners agreed for Mr. White to proceed with that.

Superintendent White inquired as to the approval of the Yasmine Stump contract with the change order for the Garthwaite Road project. Following discussion regarding this issue, it was decided the Commissioners would take it under advisement, and Mr. White stated he would have her contact the Commissioners directly.

Superintendent White provided a list he has started of the major equipment that will be going into the Auction. He would like to schedule the Auction for October 6, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Highway Department, using Price-Leffler Auction from Grant County. He will send an email out to Department Heads with details and see if they have anything they want to put in the Auction. They will be working with other individuals locally to cut cost of advertising, have to advertise at least 2 times in the local paper, and will make sure they meet all the State guidelines. Commissioner Bardsley commented that with used major equipment they will have a reserve amount. Mr. White explained yes we do have a reserve on the fork-truck.

Bridge #73 on Stone Road is about removed so they will start putting the new bridge up.

Bridge #10 on 500 N by Jalapa, the new beams are set and mid-week will have steel back together and start on the concrete.

Requested that a copy of the 600 E Ordinance to be emailed to him. Commissioner Burton will do that.

Has a request from the Town of Fowler to chip seal like we did for Fairmount, they pay for the material and fuel cost, the Commissioners agreed.

Getting prices on a sign truck should have by next meeting.

On paving projects, still waiting on the State, has talked to Brooks Construction and going to start paving a few roads because not much of season left. Hopefully we will get the grant we applied for.

Superintendent White met with Mr. Smith & Mr. Purtee on 400 east and looked at their water problem; we can help out doing some tile work and culvert repair/replacement. The rest of the issue is more off our right of way; we are going to get the roadway taken care of in the next week or two. Commissioner Mowery inquired as to if that will eliminate the water on the road. Mr. White explained yes we can get that to drain and be safer for the cars driving.

Ron Purtee, 3623 S 400 E, Marion In 46953, asking Superintendent White if that will continue on South. Mr. White explained that he has a pretty steep ditch so we would like to get that to where he can mow and maintain that. Mr. Purtee stated that was the only question he had.

Dick Smith, 3515 S 400 E Marion, 46953. Told Superintendent White that he was not clear on his plan what pipes replacing and what other pipe work was taking place. Superintendent White explained he is going to do the two pipes out by the road, but cannot do the one back away from the road. Mr. Smith asked if this would be giving him any relief on the water. Stated he knows that Mr. Whites main objective he knows is to take care of the highway, but doesn't think his issues are being addressed. Superintendent White stated he didn't believe we could do anything for him it's more of a civil matter. Mr. Smith said that is what he needed to know.

Commissioner Bardsley asked Superintendent White if INDOT had given any updates on the State Road 9 project, how long traffic is going to be effected. Superintendent White explained he had not heard anything, but it was supposed to be 60 to 90 days.

Old Business

A. Credit Card Resolution-Commissioner Burton explained there are a couple loose ends to take care of so it is not ready today, we will try and do that at the next meeting on Monday, September 18th.

B. EMS-Bid Opening/Auditor Roger Bainbridge opened the package stating it is in a binder from Braun. The proposal is final purchase price of \$121,715.00 each. Duaine Ashcraft, EMS Director verified for Commissioner Burton it is for 4 ambulances and discussed just taking this under advisement as Ford has not released their rebates yet, so we will not know the final price until they do. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to take it under advisement until Mr. Ashcraft lets us know when he has received the information.

New Business

A. Voluntary Workplace Benefits-David Graham, 5757 Decatur Blvd, 103

S. Catherine Ave, Mount Vernon OH. Mr. Graham provided an Allstate Benefits Folder to the Commissioners. Commissioner Burton stated he has one thing to tell him before he starts. For the past number of years we have had a program allowing voluntary workplace benefits, however starting next year with the exception of one company January 2018 we will no longer be accepting these types of programs because there have been problems with billing and so forth, we are going to go with our Health Insurance Company, USI who has promised to give us competitive rates. Only one company that we have an agreement with Liberty that will go until August of 2018 when it expires. The employees who have the individual voluntary programs can continue with these companies however will be billed directly and not through the county. Mr. Graham said a prayer, and thanked the Commissioners.

B. Health Department-Grant County Model Food Ordinance-Dr. Kennedy, explained the purpose is to update the Food Ordinance from 2003-2004 as requested by the State Department of Health, basically no significant changes just to go along with anything the State has told us. This was approved by the Health Board and the Health Department Attorney, Mr. Glickfield on August 21st. Dale Carr will answer any questions you may have. Commissioner Burton stated he hasn't reviewed it, once they have done so they may have some questions. Commissioner Bardsley asked if we changed any fee structures. Both Dr. Kennedy and Mr. Carr replied "No". Dale Carr explained the only thing changed was verbiage to conform and update it to Grant County as the State requested it be modified to fit our county and not all counties. Commissioner Burton asked Dale if there was a deadline to get it done. Mr. Carr stated "No". The Commissioners will review it and let them know when they will act on it.

C. Area Plan-Variance Requests & Approval of Demolition Contracts-Director, Larry Strange. Mr. Strange started with the Demolition Contracts. We have Demolition Orders through our Unsafe Structure program, for 2 properties, in Fairmount 1421 N Elm & 1425 N Elm. Followed the Court processes to get the Demolition Orders, advertised for the bids in the Chronicle-Tribune and received 5 bids, Dave's Excavating was selected. The bids were for both properties, and the lowest bid of \$15,150.00, so need approval and signatures. Commissioner Bardsley stated that this is basically us following through with the Judge's orders. Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the Dave's Excavating Bid for Demolition as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Strange explained he has 3 variance requests, all out in the county and these are the deals where you give a favorable, unfavorable or no recommendation:

Shawn Nagy, 8416 E 200 S Marion, IN 46953, to allow an accessory building to be constructed 12 feet from the West property line rather than the required 25 feet. It is zoned Residential Suburban. Mr. Strange went out and looked at the property and took pictures and recommend this request be approved.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to give a favorable recommendation for the Nagy request as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Theodore G Williams, 1010 West Bannister Drive, Marion In, to allow an accessory building to be 1600 square feet instead of the maximum 960 square feet in an area zoned R-1. Mr. Strange did visit the property and the request does not seem out of line, the petitioner wants it for storage and an indoor basketball court, replacing an outdoor court. Both properties on either side this petitioner have storage buildings and do not see it having any impact on values. Area Plan staff recommends the request be approved.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion for approval. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Kenneth Moore, 1050 E 41st Street, Marion In. Property is SE of the VA just past the Cardinal Greenway. They have 2 homes on one tract of land and the mobile home, it was grandfathered in when area originally zoned. Now wanting to build a new home basically for their family members, the son is moving into the house, the father moving into the mobile home, basically just keeping the family all on the property. Based on Staff review do not see a problem with the recommended approval.

Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve a favorable recommendation for the Kenneth Moore request as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

D. Hattersley Agreement for Salin Bank Improvements-Commissioner Burton explained as soon as they can go through the necessary process and everything is in order the Commissioners will be looking to sell Salin Bank. They have been approached by one company that is interested but we have to go through a certain process before can do that. What Hattersley is going to do to provide sufficient heat on the second floor in the building is install 2 10 ton roof top unit replacements-gas heat, and we feel it will make the building more attractive with this in place. Hattersley and Sons price is \$32,650.00 and we will have to work with the Gas Company on some meters and so forth which could be another couple thousand dollars bringing the total to about \$35,000.00. It maybe sometime next year that we will go through the process to sell of getting appraisals and doing the advertising and so forth. Commissioner Bardsley stated that in the process we have discovered this building will not suit us long term like we thought it would so we are making the necessary changes to get it back on the market and get it in someone else's hands agreeing with the proposition. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to make those improvements. Second from Commissioner Bardsley and motion carried 3-0.

E. DeWayne Rogers-Commissioner Burton asked if he was present, comment from the crowd was he was here but left. Mr. Burton stated we will take that one off.

Public Comment

None

Commissioner Burton stated the next Commissioner Meeting would be Monday, September 18th at 2:00 pm in this room adding that the Grant County Council will meet in Special Session on Wednesday September 13th to consider the Bond issue to do the improvements in the Sheriff's Department, the County Complex the D-Home and County Court House. Commissioner Burton recessed the meeting at 2:44 pm.