

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
March 16, 2026**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Grant County Complex Council Chambers located at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, IN.

In attendance were Commissioners Shane Middlesworth, Chuck Poling and Ron Stewart. Also present were Auditor Angela Jarvis, County Administrator Beth Winters, Attorney Martin Harker, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

Commissioner Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Kevin Hicks led in prayer. Commissioner Middlesworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PREAPPROVED CLAIMS

March 9, 2026: General: \$410,485.06
Other: \$345,071.92
Highway: \$ 10,609.40
TOTAL: \$766,166.38

CLAIMS

March 16, 2026: General: \$237,944.69
Other: \$ 85,521.50
Highway: \$ 14,983.21
TOTAL: \$338,449.40

PREAPPROVED CLAIMS

Preapproval given on March 2, 2026, \$13,750.00 to Dillingham Property & Repair & Reno.

PAYROLL

Payroll #6 carried a gross total of \$706,014.13. Formal preapproval was given on March 10, 2026, and paid out on March 13, 2026.

Minutes

March 2, 2026, and Joint Session February 25, 2026.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve by consent all the above items. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

Monthly & Annual Reports

Treasurer monthly balance reports June and July 2025. Received in as presented.

Board Updates

None.

EMA Report

Director Bob Jackson spoke about the wind damage from over the weekend, the National Weather Service still has us under a wind advisory. On Saturday an AEP contractor working to restore power was

electrocuted, he is alive and in a hospital in Indianapolis. This is a reminder to treat every power line as if it is alive.

Central Dispatch Report

Director Kevin Hicks gave an update on 911 calls and an employee update.

IT Report

Director Marcus Elliott gave an update on issues within Sup. Court II. Director Elliott presented information concerning GIS fees in the packets. Director Elliott is working on getting quotes and information for panic buttons and explained how the panic buttons work.

Highway Report

Superintendent David White gave an update on the cleanup from the weather. Superintendent White expressed he recommends Brooks Construction for the asphalt bids. Commissioner Poling made a motion to approve as recommended. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0

Superintendent White is asking to purchase parcel #1 for a right of way for bridge #791 in the amount of \$1,750.00. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White presented the commissioners with a list of roads for paving in 2026.

Superintendent White stated at the April 6th meeting United will present a report.

Health Department

Tara Street expressed April 6th will be Tire Amnesty Day. Commissioner Poling made a motion to preapprove as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

Veterans Service Office

Veteran Affairs Officer Guiffre Kilgren gave an update on the Veteran property tax reform. Officer Kilgren is asking to extend his office hours, the hours would be Monday – Thursday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and closed unless an emergency on Fridays. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Salin 911 Flooring Installation Quotes-Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

A. TKE Change Order-Administrator Beth Winters expressed this change order is allowing us to install additional smoke detectors in the elevators. The additional charge is \$3,392.86. Commissioner Poling made a motion to approve as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

B. Jonesboro MOU-Commissioner Middlesworth stated I received an email from Brad Kline regarding the money for demolition of buildings. During the previous administration they allotted \$75,000.00 of the ARPA money to fund demolition of said buildings in Jonesboro. Mr. Harker will look at the MOU to determine if they qualify for the money.

C. Larson Metal Shelving Quote-Recorder-Kathy Foy has a quote for metal shelving in her office to hold old books. This will be paid from the perpetuation fund. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

D. Community Corrections CY 2027 Grant Application-Director Chris Cunningham expressed this grant will cover 1-1-2027 through 12-31-2027. Director Cunningham explained what the grant covers, the amount of this grant is \$1,236,003.00. The Commissioners signed the grant letter. Commissioner Poling made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

E. National Opioid Settlement Notice-Administrator Beth Winters expressed I received an email letting us know they have reached another settlement totaling 97 million. In or for us to participate it will need Mr. Middlesworth signature, electronically. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the opioid settlement dollars. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

F. Commissioners' Certificate Sale Resolution-Attorney Martin Harker drafted a resolution that removes certain parcels from the Commissioners' Certificate Sale. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve resolution #3-2026 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

G. Letter of Support Marion Municipal Airport Utilities-Administrator Beth Winters expressed we received a request asking for a letter of support to send to Senator Todd Young to support the Marion Airport utilities project. The Commissioners will need to sign the form letter. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the letter of support for the utility's extension project. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

H. Data Center Moratorium-Attorney Martin Harker drafted and explained the moratorium. Attorney Harker read ordinance #4-2026 aloud. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve ordinance #4-2026. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

I. BCS Contract- Commissioner Middlesworth expressed recommending cancelling the contract with BCS at the next meeting. Attorney Harker will look at the contract for the terms for cancelling. Commissioner Middlesworth stated the contract with Augusta Consulting expires at the end of the month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Atkins, Fairmount, gave an Area Plan update.

Molly Earley, Marion, spoke about BCS management, wanting to see the minutes from the meetings that were with BCS and cancelling the survey.

Chris Parker introduced himself. Chris is running for State Senate.

The next Commissioners' meeting will be on April 6th, 2026, at 10:00 am.

Commissioner Middlesworth recessed the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

A complete video record can be found under the GC YouTube Page, Quick Links.

