

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**September 6, 2016**

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on September 6, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Grant County Complex Council Chambers at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, IN.

In attendance were Commissioners John Lawson, Mike Burton and Mark Bardsley. Also present were Commissioner's Secretary T.C. Hull, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

Commissioner Lawson called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

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

**Claims**

Commissioner Burton moved to approve claims #9952 and #9953 as presented. Second by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Burton moved to formally approve preapproved claims for Drainage Board in the amount of 157,651.93. Second by Commissioner Lawson; motion carried 3-0.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Burton moved to approve minutes for the August 30, 2016 meeting. Second by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll**

Commissioner Burton moved to approve payroll. Second by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner Bardsley received an update from the town of Sweetser expressing the town council approved paying for one radio. Grant County will request 911 fees be released to pay for 2 radios for the town of Sweetser.

Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve the purchase of 2 radios and recommend to the County Council they release the funds for that project. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 3-0.

Bruce Bender communicated that the Commissioners need to make sure all agencies are NEBS compliant. Discussion ensued about NEBS compliant requirements.

Commissioner Burton introduced the new Area Plan Director, Larry Strange. Director Strange stated he has about 30 years of professional experience, and he is a registered, certified AICP (American Institute of Certified Planning) planner. Director Strange expressed he is very excited to be working for Grant County.

## **IT**

None.

## **Highway Department**

Highway Safety Director Tony Smith stated the Highway Department received the Community Crossing grant in the amount of 400,000.00.

Director Smith reported the Highway Department is paving 200 N between 600 E and state road 5. This is the area that was damaged by IMI when they were hauling stone. The Highway Department is also working in Meir, getting the roads ready to be paved. This area was damaged due to the detour on state road 18.

Director Smith reported they have submitted a RFP for bridge inspection for 2017-2020.

## **Old Business**

Commissioner Lawson communicated he will contact Fairmount, about their letter for new radios.

## **New Business**

Approve Grant County EMS Ordinance: Commissioner Bardsley expressed there is no need to advertise this ordinance because there is no fee schedule attached. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve ordinance #7-2016, ordinance for board of commissioners regarding Indiana for reimbursement of funds for ambulance services as presented. Second by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 3-0.

## **Public Comments**

Dewayne Rogers presented the Commissioners with print outs of items (t-shirts, etc.) he is asking permission to sell at the courthouse. Commissioner Lawson explained to Mr. Rogers he cannot sell items until after hours at the courthouse and he would need to ask the City Council for permission not the County Council.

Ralph Parrell whom resides in the Forest Ridge subdivision expressed concerns about a drainage line in his home from a water furnace. Mr. Parrell asked about this water draining into Steelman Creek or out a drain pipe in the street. Mr. Parrell also asked if the Highway Department has equipment available to investigate the pipe across the road. Discussion ensued about the draining of this water line.

Commissioner Burton recessed the meeting at 2:32 p.m.