

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
December 18, 2017

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on December 18, 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.
Auditor Roger Bainbridge led in prayer.
Commissioner Ron Mowery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Claims

Commissioner Bardsley stated we have preapprovals from last week on #10699, #10700 and #10701 and moved the ratification as previously approved. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley moved the approval of the individual preapprovals of \$236.06 regarding Juror Meals, \$175.00 Hydronic & Steam Equipment, \$6824.00 Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation and \$1113.65 reference Drug Court, JDAI & AD reimbursement. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion approving this week's claims docket invoice edit reports #10711, #10712, #10713 and #10718 as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Minutes

None

Payroll

Commissioner Bardsley stated last week was a payroll week that was preapproved by the President and move to ratify his action as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

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

Auditor-Roger Bainbridge explained he has the County Treasurer's monthly report for October of 2017 to present to the Commissioners and in comparison with the Auditor's books show the Treasurer is long \$9.58.

Commissioner Burton noted that this is the last regular business meeting of the year. He does not anticipate having to call a special meeting however that is always a possibility. We want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mr. Burton added that our meetings in January will be the first and third Monday's of the month and as with our usual policy when Monday is a holiday we meet on Tuesday, so our first meeting in January will be Tuesday, January 2nd here at 2:00 pm and then the next meeting since January 15th is a holiday, we will meet on Tuesday, January 16th.

IT Department

Director-Marcus Elliott has 3 items today.

The Voice over IP system to get the Sheriff's Department on board, their contract with AT & T expires in February or March and we would like to get everyone on the same thing. For the phones, networking upgrades, switches the total is \$66,482.40. Commissioner Burton explained this is something that has to be done. Mr. Elliott added that Tier II Tech Kevin went to a meeting and CGIS is requiring more mostly backend networking for the Sheriff's department and this allows us to do both. Funds are coming from Data Processing /Equipment. Commissioner Bardsley inquired as to the Company and his recommendation being Persidio making the motion to approve the contractual relationship with Persidio in the amount of \$66,482.40. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Next is a Ceiling Microphone for the audio/video system in the jail. The Courts have complained about the audio quality and Persidio recommended a ceiling microphone. The total is \$2316.00 through FTR Equipment & Software and will be paid for out of Data Processing. Commissioner Bardsley after insuring the Sheriff/Chief Deputy was agreeable made a motion approving the ceiling microphone as presented in the amount of \$2316.00. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

The final item is additional software licensing for encryption software for \$755.26 to be paid from Data Processing/Security Software. Commissioner Mowery made a motion approving the request. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Highway Department

Superintendent David White explained the maintenance has been completed on the Washington Street Bridge.

Mr. White has gotten some information from United on County Road 600 East the Federal Aid job, they were required to have a study to make sure all the trees and bushes all survived and few did not so they are working on a plan for next Spring to plant trees as we are required to maintain them for so many years. Commissioner Bardsley asked if we still had money that can be used for that. Mr. White stated yes he left some in there because he knew it was going to be completed yet.

Superintendent White stated he would like to set fuel and stone bids for 2018 to be opened at the January 16, 2018. The Commissioners agreed by consensus.

Mr. White explained on January 16th he is to go before INDOT regarding federal aid for Bridge #254 on Pennsylvania Street.

Commissioner Burton asked for Mr. White to stay around for item coming up that they may need his input on. Mr. White agreed and added that he did meet Mr. Sutton and is working on that.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Mayor Alumbaugh-E911 Funding Mr. Alumbaugh explained they were present to request for the City of Marion some funding from the E911 Fund to help the City Police Department and introduced Chief Angela Haley to explain why we have this need.

Angela Haley read a letter she submitted to the County Commissioners as follows:
I respectfully request \$451,058.78 from the E911 Fund to assist with the operations of the City of Marion Communications Center, \$372,795.78 will be used to pay the salaries of seven (7) dispatchers and \$78,263.00 will be used to pay the last installment to Motorola for the purchase of seventy five (75) APX6000 Model 2.5 P25 Portable Radios with charger and programming in addition to 75 APX6000 high capacity batteries.

Commissioner Bardsley explained he was expecting this to happen as the Council opened up using 911 funds for supplying salaries which is something that can be done according to state law, however we have never done before only using E911 funds for emergencies, which the Chief is noting one for the payment on the Motorola items. Mr. Bardsley added by no means would he object to the request for funds for the dispatchers, as Grant County is using Public Safety Answering Point Money for salaries thus, other public safety answering points in the County is deserving of the monies as well and he will recommend sending a positive review to the County Council. Commissioners Mowery & Burton agreed with everything Commissioner Bardsley stated. Commissioner Burton explained a letter would have to go to the Council as it would be an additional appropriation and need advertised, however the County has to wait until the DLGF certifies the 2018 budget. Auditor Roger Bainbridge verified that is supposed to be by February 15th and stated it is under review now. Mr. Burton stated we will need to discuss it with County Council President Jim McWhirt on how to proceed.

Mayor Alumbaugh stated he hoped to be talking to Mr. McWhirt this afternoon however wanted to let the Commissioners as well as the public know that Chief Haley has been pulling Officers off the street to serve as dispatchers and we do not need that, we need as many officers on the street as we can put out there.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve a recommendation to the County Council to release \$451,058.78 as presented by the Chief of Police to the City of Marion. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

B. Assessor Bids-Gary Landrum opened the one bid received from The Nexus Group and requested time to review.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to take this under advisement until the January 2, 2018 meeting. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

C. Malcon-Charles Malinowski explained the proposal for the cost allocation plan for the Public Defender's Office similar to what they do through the Auditor's office for Title IVD. There are 2 differences in that it will be directed to the Public Defender's office which gets money from the State IN Public Defenders Commission and it doesn't have to follow federal requirements allowing some cost of the County Council to be claimed. The State of Indiana set up the Public Defender Commission to reimburse Counties up to 40% of eligible Non-Capital cases. They worked with Bruce Elliott and Lisa Morris and were able to get the 2nd & 3rd Quarterly 2017 Cost Allocation Plan together and the Public Defender's Office submitted the cost on their reimbursement form. Those 2 quarters Malcon done free. The Public Defender's office is doing a fine job with that reporting. Malcon could be a backup for Audits. Now for the Indirect cost for the 2nd & 3rd quarters of 2017 the 40% reimbursement was \$15,561.00. Malcon's proposal would be a 2 year agreement that would start with preparing the Public Defender Cost Allocation Plan for the 4th quarter of 2017 through the 3rd quarter of 2019. It will be provided to the Public Defender's office within 45 days from the close of the quarter. The fee is \$1500.00 a quarter which is \$12,000.00 for the term of the agreement. Since 40% of our fee charged will be reimbursable making the net cost \$900 per quarter. Audit Defense is included in the fee for the Indiana Public Defender Commission and the State Board of Accounts. Also they will not submit an invoice to the County for their fee until they know the reimbursement has been received by the county.

Commissioner Burton asked the Auditor for his thoughts or comments. Auditor Roger Bainbridge stated he feels it is something we should definitely move forward on, our Chief Public Defender Bruce Elliott brought this to our attention and this is things coming together in a proper and fitting way and we have the opportunity to be the vanguard on and set something up for the rest of the state.

Mr. Malinowski added that with the Commissioners approval they would continue their work with the Public Defender's office in preparation as we are waiting on the County Council decision towards the funding.

Commissioner Bardsley stated he felt the County Council will not turn away anything that brings money back into the budget and made a motion to approve the agreement as presented pending final approval from the Council for financing. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

D. Request to Deed the County a portion of Val Lane-Bobby Browder current address 1490 N Lexington Road, Marion IN. Explained when he purchased the property on Val Lane, there were 4 parcels 3 being land and 1 being the road. His intent was not to own the road which is its own parcel, it is a zero value and he would like to deed it over to the county. The Commissioners asked for the Highway Superintendent David White to speak regarding this. Superintendent White explained he didn't have a problem with it becoming part of his inventory. Following discussion it was determined they would take this to attorney Kyle Persinger for review and go from there.

E. Area Plan- Director, Larry Strange

Re-Zoning Request-Mr. Strange explained request submitted by Adrienne Tarlton they have property on Troy Ave west of General Motors currently zoned I3 Heavy Industry and are requesting it be re-zoned to Agricultural. It has been a residence since 1952 and went in front of the Area Plan Commission and they provided a positive recommendation.

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

BZA Re-appointment-Mr. Strange requested that Craig Freeman be reappointed for a second 4 year term from 1-01-2018 to 12-31-2021.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion approving the re-appointment. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Variance Request-Mr. Strange explained the request is to have 2 residences on 1 tract of ground at 149 W 500 S Marion; they are putting an apartment in a pole barn type of building. He has visited the property and sees no problems. A permit would not be issued until they have proof of adequate septic and approval from the Health Department.

Commissioner Bardsley explained he was aware of this and moved to approve a favorable recommendation. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Credit Card request-Mr. Strange stated he had submitted a letter to the Auditor, Roger Bainbridge who passed it on to the Commissioners. The credit limit was discussed.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion approving the request for a credit card for Area Plan as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

F. Converse-Jackson Township Public Library Board Appointment – Commissioner Burton explained the request is to appoint Rhonda Smuck to the Converse Library Board.

Commissioner Mowery moved the approval of the appointment as presented. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

G. Property, Casualty Workman's Comp Coverage-Commissioner Burton explained this is to change providers from Insurance Management to USI. There may be some slight changes to the policy and we would have a different carrier. Commissioner Bardsley stated as they were doing their homework noted that there were some areas that were not being covered on so with the due diligence have been able to get more coverage with additional savings. Commissioner Mowery stated he was concerned about the oversight in lack of coverage for this facility and the Coroner's office. Commissioner Burton explained there had been gaps in coverage.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to change our agent of record from Insurance Management to USI. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment

None

Commissioner Burton reminded everyone that the next regular Commissioner meeting would be Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 2:00 pm, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year recessing the meeting at 2:58 pm.