

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
January 2, 2018

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on January 2, 2018 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 Mark Bardsley led in prayer.
Commissioner Ron Mowery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Burton turned the meeting over to the Auditor Roger Bainbridge.
Auditor Roger Bainbridge stated the floor was open for nominations for the office of the President of the Grant County Commissioners for the year 2018.
Commissioner Ron Mowery made a motion to appoint Mike Burton President of the County Commissioners for 2018. Commissioner Bardsley moved that nominations be closed. Auditor Roger Bainbridge stated those in favor of closing the nominations and electing Mike Burton as President of the Commissioners for 2018 respond by saying aye; motion carried 3-0.

President Burton stated next we will need to elect the Vice President.
Commissioner Ron Mowery made a motion to elect Mark Bardsley as Vice President of the County Commissioners for the 2018 year. Second from Commissioner Burton; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Burton stated we would be adding to the agenda an item under Old Business-Assessor Bid. Also under New Business we will add Area Plan-Muddobbers Motorcycle Club/Special Exception.

Commissioner Burton read the list of 2018 COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS as follows:

I.T. Director	Marcus Elliott
Weights & Measurers	Mark Fleming
Highway Superintendent	David White
County Attorney	Kyle Persinger
Veteran's Affairs Director	Brad Hodson
Maintenance/Janitorial Director	Vince Beneke
EMS Director	Duaine Ashcraft
EMA Director	Tom Culley

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

Grant County Health Board (4 year term)

Barbara Ihrke 2018-2021 Reappointment

Chuck Poling 2018-2021 Replaces Joe Seward

Opening Replacement of Joe Isaacs who resigned/will officially act next meeting

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to appoint Barbara Ihrke & Chuck Poling each for a 4 year term. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

2018 Commissioner Committee Appointments

Ron Mowery-Technology Committee, East Central Indiana Solid Waste District & EMA Board

Mark Bardsley-District 6 Planning and Oversight Committee & Executive Committee, Economic Growth Council, Drainage Board and EMA Advisory Board.

Mike Burton-Area Plan Commission, East Central Indiana Regional Planning District and East Central Indiana Solid Waste District.

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

Auditor Roger Bainbridge stated that the drilling noise is interfering with the record.

Commissioner Burton recessed the meeting briefly at 2:07 to deal with background noise. The meeting was called back to order at 2:09 pm.

Claims

Commissioner Bardsley stated we have quite a few preapprovals and will approve in one motion 2679.00 Legal Services to Spitzer Herriman Stephenson Holderead Conner Persinger Invoice Edit Report #10739 in the amount of 6,171.59, Verizon Wireless on behalf of Prosecutors office \$264.00, Marion Animal Control for December services \$1500.00, Gas City and other utilities \$465.39, \$5097.63, \$2198.35, \$3676.43 & \$104.00. Vectren Energy for Highway \$274.17, under DART Grant, Grace House \$275.00, \$1155.00 Intoximeters Inc, Moore Medical \$355.71 and Correctional Counseling \$1539.45 and move the approval. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Burton explained the reason for a number of the preapprovals is that in many cases if not approved right away there could be late fees.

Minutes

None

Payroll

Commissioner Bardsley stated we did have a payroll for Friday, December 29th that was pre-approved and made a motion to adopt the approval. Second from Commissioner Mowery;

Auditor Bainbridge added that since that preapproval we have found that perhaps everything was not in order and there may be some issues that need discussed with the State Board of Accounts as far as a breach of internal controls is concerned. Commissioner Burton stated that the Commissioners did meet with the County Attorney regarding this issue and it is presumed that the appropriate Board made a decision to close the Health Department on Friday from Noon to 4:00 pm, and now it appears that is not the case, as the Auditor stated we will forward the information to the State Board of Accounts. Commissioner Mowery questioned if the Board did or did not approve that employment arrangement, he received some phone calls over the weekend and feels we need to be consistent because what is good for one should be good for all. Commissioner Burton stated that according to State Statute the County Health Board is in charge of the Health Department, they do hire a County Health Officer, however the Board should have made that decision. Mr. Burton feels it was highly inappropriate for that office to have closed; the Commissioners responsibility to set the holiday's and provide office space. In the County policy we sat the office hours which are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Commissioner Bardsley agreed with the comments and Mr. Burton stated they would try and have some dialog with the Health Board. Following the discussion the motion carried 3-0.

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

None

IT Department

None

Highway Department

Superintendent David White explained the highway has worked the last few weekends to remove snow and ice so hopefully will get those cleaned up this week for another snow storm this weekend.

Mr. White stated due to advertising we will need to move the Stone & Fuel bid opening to the February 5, 2018 meeting.

Superintendent White stated he will be at INDOT on the day of the next meeting trying to get funds for a Federal Aid project on Pennsylvania Street.

Mr. White inquired about getting an update on our insurance for Vehicles. Mr. Burton stated they will have the new agent of record contact him.

Mr. White submitted the study to Tammy Miller today and will stay around for the meeting after this one.

Old Business

Assessor-Gary Landrum explained he would recommend accepting the Bid previously received from Nexus Group for Assessing as it is the same company they have used for several years and this bid is actually a lesser amount than the previous 4 year contract bid.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the agreement with Nexus Group in the amount of \$75,000 per year for a 4 year period. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Area Plan-Larry Strange explained the Muddobbers Motorcycle Club is requesting a special exception to hold 3 events in 2018 and representatives are in attendance. They are having a Family Enduro June 23rd, July 29th Dual Sport & September 23rd National Enduro. These events have been going on for years they have camping headquarter in the Covered Bridge area and run 2 loops of 30 miles each. We have no official complaints; they make donations to local charities and have the permission of the property owners on the routes. Mr. Strange suggested that they submit the application and attend 1 BZA meeting for the exception for all three events. The petitioners are asking the Commissioners for a favorable recommendation to be forwarded to the BZA. Area plan staff recommends approval with the conditions; by the first of the month preceding the event they provide a list of properties they are going to run on and include signatures of property owners, notify if any changes and provide evidence of insurance. Commissioner Bardsley moved to approve a favorable recommendation for the Muddobbers Motorcycle Club. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment

None

Commissioner Burton stated the next Commissioner meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16th and the reason for it is that Monday January 15th is the Martin Luther King holiday, and recessed the meeting at 2:32 pm.