

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**March 5, 2018**

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on March 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Grant County Complex Council Chambers at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, IN.

In attendance were Commissioners Mark Bardsley and Ron Mowery. Commissioner Burton was absent. Also present were Auditor Roger Bainbridge, Commissioner's Secretary T.C Hull and Financial Deputy Patti Pyle.

Commissioner Mark Bardsley called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.  
Commissioner Ron Mowery led in prayer.  
Auditor Roger Bainbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Claims**

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the preapproved invoice edit reports #10842, #10843 and 10844. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve preapproved check #402301 in the amount of \$739.92 and check #402300 in the amount of \$300.00. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the current invoice edit reports #10855, #10856 & #10857. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve Regular Session Minutes from December 18, 2017 & January 2, 2018 as presented. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

**Payroll**

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve current payroll. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

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

Auditor Roger Bainbridge presented the Treasurers Report for December 2017. Mr. Bainbridge stated the Auditor's office had submitted the Abstract and are awaiting approval.

**IT Department**

Kevin Hicks explained he had quote for Annual Service Contract for E911 Anywhere for \$1800.00 for year 4/23/18 to 4/22/19. Following some discussion the Commissioners suggested that Mr. Hicks go back to provider and try to negotiate a better deal if time frame were increased up to 3 years. Mr. Hicks will do that and bring the request back before the Commissioners.

Mr. Hicks stated they are finishing the upgrade in the Sheriff's Office and requesting additional funding for OCI/ERS to feed line, install grounding, mount antenna and terminate coax. Commissioner Mowery made a motion approving the request and recommend that the County Council release E911 funds of \$4894.62. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

The Sheriff's Department is requesting Mr. Hicks to attend the Cushing Systems Users Conference May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Hicks is requesting approval to travel out of state and be reimbursed mileage and per diem.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve. The motion was supported by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

### **Highway Department**

Superintendent David White explained that we did not get the Federal Aid for Bridge #254 Pennsylvania Street so will look into getting it ready to try again when it may become available.

Mr. White discussed the finding of 2 used Dump Trucks in Davenport IA for \$35,000 each and has them down to \$23,500 each.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion allowing the purchase as presented. Support of the motion from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

Mr. White explained wants to do approximately 20 miles of paving this year and stated he would come up with a list of what is to be done.

Superintendent David White stated he would be away at Road School the rest of the week.

### **New Business**

#### **GARTHWAITE ROAD SETTLEMENT**

Commissioner Bardsley explained the ongoing financial & legal aspects of the project had caused the Commissioners to come to a decision to terminate the project as it is. The funds set aside for this project can transfer to other projects in the Highway Department.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to discontinue the process as it relates to the Garthwaite Road project. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Bardsley then read the following Press Release:

The Board of Commissioners of Grant County, Indiana are effective immediately cancelling any further work on the federal aid project for the addition of a public road for access in case of emergency situations to the area effected by flooding of Stone Road in Grant County, Indiana. The Commissioners will continue to look for solutions to such situation, but any potential future remedy will not involve assistance from the federal government. Work on the current federal aid project began in 1999 and over the past 19 years many different routes were explored, and several problems have arisen. During such time, costs have escalated to a point where it is no longer economically feasible for Grant County to pursue the project. In a federal aid project, eighty percent of such project is paid by the federal government and the remaining twenty percent by Grant County. For the project to be completed Grant County

would have to pay approximately two million dollars for its portion. That dollar amount is simply unsustainable. The Commissioners are committed to exploring other options which does not include a federal aid project as doing such there are also less regulations and the cost would be much less. However, any solution must make economic sense.

### **Old Business**

#### **Center Township Trustee Appeal Decision**

Commissioner Bardsley explained that the Center Township Appeal heard on February 21, 2018 for water assistance decision was made affirming the Trustee denial and letters were sent to parties involved.

Commissioner Mowery made a formal motion affirming Center Township Trustee-Bryce Coryea denial for water assistance to Angela Murphy. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Mowery added that the Commissioners did inquire at their respective churches and did get some financial assistance for Ms. Murphy.

### **Public Comment**

None

Commissioner Bardsley recessed the meeting at 2:35 pm.