

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
May 21, 2018

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on May 21, 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 Bardsley led in prayer.
Commissioner Mowery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Claims

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion for the ratification of the preapproved claim dockets #10970, 10971 and 10972. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the single preapproved claim for USI Insurance Services in the amount of \$1092.00. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion approving this week claim docket reports #10980, 10981 and 10982 as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Minutes

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion approving March 5th minutes. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried with 2 ayes and 1 abstention being Commissioner Burton as he was absent from that meeting.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion approving minutes from the May 7th meeting in which Commissioner Mowery was absent. Second from Commissioner Burton; motion carried with 2 ayes and 1 abstention being Commissioner Mowery.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion approving minutes from April 2, 2018. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Payroll

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the payroll that was preapproved for last week. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

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

Treasurer Tiffany Griffith stated the office is doing the last part of posting on time collections and should complete everything next week. Settlement has been scheduled for May 29th, 2018.

IT Department

Marcus Elliott explained they had worked with Rex Collins on their request for Fiber Optics to be run from the Highway Department to the EMS building and the quote is for \$29,733.00. Mr. Elliott added that doing this would eliminate a BrightHouse bill saving approximately \$200 per month and get the Highway onto our network and access to the new phone system. After discussion it was determined this would be taken under advisement and requested Mr. Elliott to get some other quotes preferring 3 when possible.

Mr. Elliott stated we need to do our annual support for back up storage; includes 4 hour onsite support and updates at an annual cost of \$1,726.07 with Presidio and paid from Data Processing/Contractual.

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

Highway Department

Superintendent David White explained he has the Salt quotes 4 vendors Morton Salt \$81.02 per ton, Detroit Salt \$89.67 per ton, Compass Minerals \$95.03 per ton & Cargill \$95.58 per ton. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to go with the recommendation from Mr. White of Morton Salt. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Mr. White met with USI on the bridge inspection report and presented the letter head for signatures for the Bridge Inspection book. Mr. White explained they have started a 5 year plan that will help us know what we need in the future from the bridge fund.

Superintendent White discussed the oil and asphalt bids from last week and is recommending using Marathon Petroleum Company & K-Tech for Liquid Asphalt and Brooks Construction for Surface Asphalt.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve K-Tech & Marathon Petroleum as our liquid asphalt bid recipients for 2018 and Brooks for the 2018 hot asphalt bid. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Mr. White received quotes for replacing the dump truck beds has 2 bids requested 3 but they did not get back with him. Clark Truck & Equipment at \$20,895.00 and Hoosier Trailer & Truck Equip at \$16,740.00 per truck. Recommends Hoosier Trailer & Truck as it was a lower bid and offered more equipment.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the Hoosier Trailer & Truck Equipment bid at \$16,740.00 per truck purchasing 2 beds. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White stated he had received paperwork from the Auditor of the State on the Covered Bridge Certification and thought that it had already been done.

Auditor Bainbridge explained that it was done in January; however the DLGF has approved a new form that they sent out with a due date of June 30th. Mr. Bainbridge contacted them asking if what we had done in January would suffice they said yes. Mr. Bainbridge noted that next year we would need to use the new form and that they may not send it out again.

Mr. White presented the Highway Annual Report totaling over 8 million for approval and signatures.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion approving the Annual Operating Report for Local Road and Streets for year ending December 31, 2017. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White provided a list of roads for paving and chip sealing during the next phase. Mr. White also updated on the Community Crossing Grant paving have approximately 3 miles of the 25 left that will be completed in the next week or so.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Chris Cunningham-Approval of Contracts/expained they have the budget amounts for Community Corrections & 1006 Grants that were awarded and approved. The State has a new process of electronic signatures, requesting approval of contracts and authorization for Auditor Roger Bainbridge to sign anywhere as needed.

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

B. Area Plan-Director Larry Strange presented a variance request from William & Sharon Atkinson at 5435 N Huntington Rd, Marion IN. The request is to build a second residence between 800 & 1000 feet near their existing house for a disabled child. Staff recommends approval and needs favorable, non-favorable or no recommendation to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to provide a favorable recommendation to the BZA in reference to the 5435 N Huntington Road request. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment

Tony Hendey, 1617 S Nebraska, Marion stated he just wanted to give an at-a-boy regarding the 8 million bond for renovations that have started.

Commissioner Burton replied that the work is to be completed around March 2019 upgrading the jail, new generator in basement, and work in court house and detention center.

Herbert Jack Heller, 1240 Byron St., Huntington IN-Mr. Heller explained he is speaking informally on behalf of the Equal Justice Initiative in Alabama, that organization opened a National Memorial to remember victims of lynching's. He is a professor at Huntington University and became interested in with this in his teachings of Black American and Minority Literature. The Equal Justice Initiative is looking to place Memorials in locations where there have been lynching's. Mr. Heller stated he had sent emails and had heard that they had not been received. He submitted a petition that he put online with the signatures and copies of the emails he had sent and just requested consideration for this effort moving forward. Commissioner Burton explained what had happened with the emails not being received as the email address he used was made years ago for internal use only and no one from the outside could access it. Mr. Burton went over the email addresses for the commissioners and explained that our IT has corrected the issue and now if the commissioners@grantcounty.net is used they will receive those as well. Mr. Burton added that he did finally obtain his original emails through a third party in late April. Mr. Burton added that back in January some Ball State students contacted the Commissioners by email concerning this same issue and he last sent them a response on January 29, 2018 to set up a meeting but have not heard back. The Commissioners did meet with some relatives and Committee Members and are in discussion with them about the Equal Justice initiative, some have not had a chance to voice their views and opinions so no decision has been made at this time. Mr. Burton thanked him for coming to discuss this in person. Mr. Heller commented that he would be glad to come back again and apologized for his part in the email mix up and gave his email address jheller@huntington.edu. Commissioner Burton stated they will be in touch with him in the future.

Commissioner Burton stated the next Commissioner Meeting would be Monday, June 4th, and recessed the meeting at 2:43 pm.