

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
June 4, 2018

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on June 4, 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 Mowery led in prayer.
Commissioner Bardsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Claims

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion for the ratification of the preapproved invoice edit reports #10989, 10990 and 10996. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion approving the preapproved individual claims for LeMeridien Houston Downtown in the amount of \$3591.00 reference Veterans Grant, Visa Cardmember Services \$1,250 reference Problem Solving Grant, Star Financial \$7,078.68 reference JDAI PSC Vet and A&D, \$39.55 Star Financial reference A&D user fees. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve payment of this week claim docket reports #11001, 11002, and 11007. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Minutes

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2018 meeting as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Payroll

Commissioner Burton verified with Auditor Bainbridge that this was not a payroll week.

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

Auditor, Roger Bainbridge announced that the Spring Settlement has been completed in record time thanks to the diligence of the Treasurer and Auditor's Offices, first time in anyone's memory that Spring Settlement was completed in May and the payouts to all taxing units were made by direct deposit on Friday.

Treasurer, Tiffany Griffith expressed how smooth the Settlement went and very happy with that turnout. Mrs. Griffith provided an update on the training and utilizing the Gov Tech services, and explained that her priority will be the Monthly Financial Reports.

IT Department

None.

Highway Department

Superintendent David White explained the Community Crossing Grant roads (25 miles) paving was completed and will be submitting paperwork to INDOT for payment.

Mr. White has quotes for replacing a small structure out on 700 W west of State Road 9. Right now the structure is real narrow and the guardrail is less than 20 feet, and would like to make it wider. Midwest Tile-concrete structure 32 feet wide \$17,344.00 and Debco-bigger aluminum structure with wing walls is \$59,300.00. He would like to go with Midwest Tile. Commissioner Bardsley asked if it was a circular or box culvert. Mr. White explained box 4ft. tall & 12 ft. wide. Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve construction based on the Midwest quote of \$17,344.00. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White explained he has a couple more structures one on 700 W and 900 W that he is in the process of getting quotes for has one and looking for another.

Commissioner Burton explained we have with us Jack Mitch who lives on 1050 E off of State Road 26 just East of Taylor University and he is requesting the Highway maintain the road. Mr. Mitch explained he has lived there for 5 years and maintained the road during that time, he would like the Highway to maintain and provide snow removal. Superintendent White questioned the ability for the snow plow to be able to turn around. Following discussion, Mr. White agreed to accomplish it this year and suggested Commissioner Burton have attorney Kyle Persinger to ensure it is accepted on the maintenance program and into the road inventory.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Crosswinds Subdivision - Don Wimmer of Wimmer Land Surveys, PO Box 547 Marion, explained this is being presented for information purposes, the subdivision has 8 lots and 4 have group homes, so 4 are left, there is a lift station that has to be approved by the city or add septic systems. There will be a technical review meeting next week then submit the preliminary plat to Area Plan then back to the Drainage Board and back here. Commissioner Bardsley explained the Drainage Board did review these plans last week and found no problems, so they are awaiting the next steps to move forward.

B. Area Plan-Director Larry Strange presented a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to the Grant County Countywide Ordinance relating to the fee schedule. Mr. Strange read the following: "At its meeting of May 7, 2018 the Grant County Area Plan Commission considered a request from Area Plan Department for a change in the County Ordinance that called for a raise in fees for Area Plan permits 25% effective July 1, 2018.

The Area Plan Commission voted unanimously to send the Ordinance to the local jurisdiction which includes the County Commissioners for the unincorporated County. Your jurisdiction should consider and vote upon this Ordinance at your next available meeting.”

Mr. Strange explained in summary the last fee change was in 2002. The ordinance includes a provision whereby Area Plan can increase the fees based on changes in the county assessed values without the need to re amend the ordinance. It will be reviewed every 5 years to see if increase is warranted. There are 2 new fines added to help make the building inspection process more efficient.

Commissioner Bardsley inquired as to the publishing for public hearing for fee increases. Mr. Strange explained it was published for a public hearing for the Area Plan Commission and stated there was no one that attended the meeting. Commissioner Mowery inquired as to how many of the fees for services are impacted. Mr. Strange went over the more common permits. Commissioner Mowery made a motion approving Ordinance 5-2018. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

C. Drainage on 400 E – Ron Purtee, 3623 S 400 E, Marion-Mr. Purtee explained that a new drainage system has been put in but it still did not fix the problems. He would like to ask to extend the tile 3 tenths of a mile north. His water problems are fixed however Mr. Smith and the 3 other neighbors north are not and he feels that extension would take care of it. Commissioner Bardsley discussed the situation with Highway Superintendent David White and Mr. Purtee stated he is willing to have his driveway torn out to add the 18 inch pipe to fix the issues. Additional discussion took place and it was determined that Superintendent White will work with the gentlemen and see what can be done.

D. Motorola Service Agreement-Commissioner Burton explained this is for the E-911 County Dispatch Console Service, a 1 year agreement effective June 30th. He has signed off on it and it needs to be formally approved. The total amount is in excess of \$23,000 the normal annual agreement paid from E911 funds.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the 2018 Service agreement with Motorola as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment

Kenney Baldridge, 4356 Montpelier Pike, Marion explained the county owns property east of theirs, being used as a gravel driveway and the gentleman south of there has been putting crushed stone with dust on it and it is causing clouds of dust, killing plants on the east side of the house and taking paint off. He is asking if the Commissioners can do something about it, it needs paved or treated some way. There was discussion with the Commissioners, Highway Superintendent David White about it being plotted but never taken over and it was determined the Commissioners will look into the issue.

Mr. Baldridge also asked about a sound Ordinance for the County as his neighbor seems to think that the stereo playing full blast at midnight is fine. Commissioner Burton referred him to Area Plan Director, Larry Strange who told him a Noise Ordinance was put in place last summer and if he has a complaint he could call 765-668-4765 and they will look into it.

Arthur Shipp, 819 W 16th Street, Marion explained that he was asked to be here by a couple people regarding the lynching memorial and was told there would be a vote. Commissioner Burton explained that it is being reviewed with relatives, local community members, contacting local residents for their opinions before proceeding. Mr. Burton explained we would be glad to have his input. Commissioner Mowery asked if he was a decedent, which he said it was his Uncle (his Dad's brother). Mr. Mowery asked for him to leave his phone number and if he was willing to meet with the Commissioners. Mr. Mowery explained it wasn't the Commissioners that brought this up, and there have been some discrepancies in the petition that was circulated, we have gotten some phone calls, and are working towards a decision.

Calvin Tyrone Cobb, 424 W 35th Street Marion, His Mother's Dad and Abe Smith's Dad were brothers. There was some discussion on the position that Joselyn Whitacre is taking. Commissioner Mowery stated he wasn't aware of discussion pro or negative and they want to be sensitive to all concerned. Mr. Cobb also wanted to make a comment on the petition passed around, one of them said it was a relative that has gave consent and he wants to know who that is. The Commissioners explained they did not know, they haven't received such a petition. Mr. Cobb stated he thought it was settled 14 years and 7 months ago they didn't want it then and do not want it now. Commissioner Burton explained we are still looking into this and will get his business cards and stated they appreciate everyone's input.

Seclinda Moore, 603 W 36 St. Marion, her mother was a Shipp and wanted to know why this professor has brought this up again? It was decided not to have a plaque and she is not in favor of it nor is other family members that she knows of. Mr. Cobb explained the articles and the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, AL. They have a museum there and want soil from all places.

Pansy Shipp Bailey, 1723 W 8th St. Marion, Thomas Shipp was her 1st cousin, she and a lot of family are against this and what should matter is the family's feelings as they are the ones that have to live with it. Mrs. Bailey stated she feels this should be buried and dead and never brought up again.

Commissioner Burton stated to be clear Professor Jack Heller claimed he contacted the Commissioners 6 to 7 times via email and said to the media he had no response from the Commissioners which is because he did not have a valid email address until he attended the Commissioner meeting May 21st he was given correct contact information. Mr. Heller did send an email to Mr. Burton on May 22nd to which Mr. Burton replied on May 23rd that we are looking into this. It should be noted that when Mr. Heller didn't get a response he never called the office nor sent a certified letter or anything. Commissioner Mowery added that he doesn't email a lot but our number is listed and if he would have called and got his cell phone number and left him a message he would have returned his call.

Commissioner Burton stated the next Commissioner Meeting would be Monday, June 18, 2018 and recessed the meeting at 3:00 pm.