

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
September 4, 2018

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on September 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 was Financial Deputy Patti Pyle and Auditor Roger Bainbridge entered the meeting at 2:10 pm.

Commissioner Burton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Bardsley led in prayer.

Commissioner Mowery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Burton explained there would be some adjustments to our Agenda. We will add under New Business A. Request on Behalf of Dale Garcia and then Item A. The Center Township Appeal would be moved to item C.

Claims

Commissioner Burton stated we are waiting on our Auditor so we will move on and cover those later.

Minutes

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the July 2nd minutes as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Payroll

Commissioner Burton explained we will also need the Auditor for that approval as well so we will come back to those 2 items.

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

Treasurer, Tiffany Griffith stated she had turned in June monthly report and explained the differences and reconciling between the Treasurer and & Auditor's offices.

IT Department

None

Highway Department

Superintendent David White stated they have been chip sealing, and still have work to do in Monroe, VanBuren, Washington & Center townships. They did chip seal for Fairmount & Jonesboro last week and should complete it all by the end of this week or first of next week.

Mr. White explained he is going to hold off on the Community Crossing Grant for Washington Street, feels our chances will be better for the following year and doesn't want to get it in the summer because of pricing changes.

Superintendent White stated they replaced a big culvert pipe out on 1200 East just North of 500 South that took most of last week.

Mr. White is still working on getting pricing and information for purchasing a mower and may have it for the next meeting.

Old Business

A. Area Plan-Ordinance Number: Commissioner Burton explained at the last meeting we approved an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, everything was done properly except assigning the Ordinance Number which is #6, the document has been filed with the recorder office we just need the Ordinance number added.

B. Awarding Bid for Janitorial Service-Commissioner Burton explained we had opened the bids at the last meeting. 3 bids were presented and we had to because of the way the bids were put together do some calculations for the total price.

Bid 1. Chambers Property Maintenance for \$184,464.00

Bid 2. Dawns Cleaning Solutions for \$152,820.00

Bid 3. Dynamite Building Maintenance \$256,581.00

Mr. Burton stated that bids 1-Chambers & 3-Dynamite would not have saved the county any money; however Bid 2-Dawns Cleaning Solutions would save the county annually over \$31,000.00. This would be effective for the 2019 Calendar Year and feel it will be more efficient, provide better supervisory capabilities and save the county some money which the County Council should be happy to hear about.

Commissioner Bardsley stated for discussion purposes we currently have 3 janitorial positions, Mr. Burton interjected that we have 3 full-time janitorial positions currently and did have 2 or 3 part-time. Commissioner Bardsley explained that we found it to be true that we could save the County money and if we were to enact this today we would be giving our current employees notice of the change forthcoming in the New Year. Mr. Burton stated it has been discussed with 2 of the 3 employees. Mr. Bardsley stated he doesn't want any employees caught by surprise and feels it is appropriate to save the county money, and we will see more individuals (2) per building instead of (1), and thinks it is a win for the county.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the bid from Dawns Cleaning Solutions and move to outsource our cleaning/janitorial for the county as discussed. Second from Commissioner Mowery; Commissioner Burton stated this is not a public hearing but if anyone has a comment we will entertain it at this time. Heard none and the motion carried 3-0.

New Business

A. Dale Garcia Request-Commissioner Bardsley explained that Mr. Garcia has challenged our local law enforcement and public safety responders to meet on September 24th at 2:00 pm and would like permission to use the Courthouse northeast area to gather together for a corporate

prayer. It will probably take 10 to 15 minutes and he is aware no services at the courthouse are available he will have the opportunity to assemble, pray and dismiss.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the use of the courthouse for a 2:00 prayer on September 24th. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

B. Ameresco-Jeff Rayborne/Project Manager provided an update on the renovation project: The generator is out on the northeast side of the building is complete and functional. Training for personnel will be scheduled and it does give total complex control. The exterior has had a face lift (painting) and several loose pieces had to be re-anchored on the west and south side. All the windows have been resealed and re-caulked. Stanley Security for the software both at the Jail and Community Corrections is being updated with a few more cameras, the door system controls is being upgraded starting in October. Replacing the sanitary the lower level has been reworked. Currently working on 2D and moving to 3rd floor tomorrow. D-watering has been taking place, trenching been done and a new sub pump installed in basement trying to catch water before it gets into the building. The D-watering started at Community Corrections. Some lighting control work has started at the courthouse and other areas. There will be some fan coils replaced towards the end of the month at the courthouse.

Bradley Driver/Project Developer-discussed the delivering of the verification report. Phase I and Phase II back in 2014-2015, in 2016 and 2017 they present the Measurer & Verification for each year we need to set up a meeting to go over those. Discussed the charges of the reports being \$2,356.00 per report plus traveling fees. The contract does give the option of opting out of the reports for years 3-10, the cost of reports do go down, year 3 was \$788.00, year 4 \$811.00 and year 5 \$830.00. If they are comfortable with that option just let them know.

Also the Study on Garthwaite Road is completed and ready to discuss just needs to know when and would like to see it done by the end of the Month. They will provide Mr. Burton some dates and go from there.

C. DeWayne Rogers – Center Township Trustee Appeal-Commissioner Burton stated we will hear from both sides, first the Center Township Trustee then Mr. Rogers and will probably have questions for both.

Center Twp. Trustee-Bryce Coryea provided the appeal paperwork to the Commissioners and explained that Mr. Rogers was approved for assistance for water and assigned 14 ½ hours at St. Martins with a completion date of 7-8, 30 days from the assistance. The work fair was explained to him along with the consequences of failure to complete and he read and signed the work fair forms. The first day he started at St. Martins was 7-6 which is 28 days after assigned. He was granted a 4 day extension and switched changed locations to Marion Animal Control and the reason is noted in the paperwork. On July 12th work fair hours were to be completed which he did not complete the total hours. On July 24th he applied for assistance again and was denied because of failure to complete the work fair or community service hours within the time period. It is a 180 day denial Indiana law 12-20-11-1. There is an email from Marion Animal Control regarding the situation. His application from last month there is a

question: Are you willing to work for the township and actively seek employment as a condition of receiving trustee assistance? He circled NO and wrote "I am trying to put a new system in place to protect and serve citizens' rights ". The Commissioners had no questions and thanked Bryce for his report.

DeWayne Rogers stated he would make it short, he just happened to miscount his hours he thought he was doing 5 hours but he was doing 4, the lady let him know the last day that he wasn't doing the hours as he was putting them down he was putting down 5 hours but he was doing 4 hours because he was miscounting the hours. He did have the intention to do the hours he just needed 2 extra hours for what he miscounted.

Commissioner Bardsley asked if there was something that prevented him from starting earlier. Mr. Rogers responded "Yes, I am afraid to go outside, because as you all know I have no protection, I can't call the police or nothing, so people do know the police don't do nothing for me, so it is hard for me to come outside to the public to do what I need to do on the outside of my house, so I try to stay in the house as much as I can".

Commissioner Mowery stated he did not have a question he had an observation it appears on the places that you did show up to do your hours several of them reflected that your attitude was not conducive to their employment and you were disrespectful to the staff, is that true or not? Mr. Rogers responded what staff? Mr. Mowery asked if he had a copy of this. Mr. Rogers said no don't know what you're talking about. Mr. Mowery stated he was talking about Animal Control the staff felt intimidated by him. Mr. Rogers responded "honest to God, I never gave them problems and they gave me no problems." Mr. Mowery stated that is the report we have. Mr. Rogers asked if he could see the report. Commissioner Mowery stated not right now he wanted to go back to the first time he met him in this chambers, he was in the audience running for Commissioner. You came in here any you were very aggressive towards the 3 Commissioners used the terminology that you were a prophet and going to bring justice to the Commissioners. Mr. Mowery stated he thought that is predecessor John Lawson handled it very well by not coming back at you like you were to the Commissioners. Mr. Mowery stated he senses you have hate that he thinks is misdirected asking if we had mistreated him. Mr. Rogers responded that somewhat you all have with my properties; you all took my properties away from me. Mr. Mowery stated we haven't done that and Mr. Rogers stated Roger did he did and he will show him. Commissioner Mowery stated he didn't want to get to far off; the bottom line is you did not comply with the expectations and demands of the Center Township Trustee did you? Mr. Rogers responded "Yes I did I just miscounted the hours, I did complete the hours."

Commissioner Burton explained to Mr. Rogers the way this works under the IC code, the Commissioners have not more than 5 working days to give a written response to him and the Trustee on their decision. They will have to review this, and will also send information if you or the Trustee disagree with the decision you can appeal it to a Circuit or Superior Court.

Trustee, Bryce Coryea addressed the Commissioners adding that Mr. Rogers came to their office 3 additional times that he gave him another appeal form, he got an appeal form on the date the assistance was denied and he worked with him for 2 or 3 hours he knew the deadline was 15 days to file and Mr. Coryea came to the Commissioner's Office and talked to Tammy on the 8th and nothing had been filed by the day before which was the 30 days adding that they do try to follow the guidelines and what the law states.

Auditor, Roger Bainbridge asked if it would be appropriate for him to make a statement since Mr. Rogers had mentioned his name. Commissioner Burton said yes, but let Mr. Rogers have his second chance.

Mr. Rogers stated that when he goes to them for help they be lying to him about the information they have received, they kept saying they couldn't get in contact with his mortgage company and it is real easy to get in contact with his mortgage company, and one time he went to them about paying his light bill and the lady at the front desk telling me she couldn't get in contact with the light company, every time I go to them to apply for something they give me a hard time and that is not what they are supposed to be there for.

Both the Trustee and Mr. Rogers attempted to address the Commissioners again and Commissioner Burton said the Commissioners will deliberate and issue the letter as he had stated.

Auditor, Roger Bainbridge stated "It is true that Mr. Rogers lost some property in a tax sale, as with Mr. Coryea as a public official I am required to follow the state laws, there is a state law says if you do not pay your property taxes your property can be in a tax sale, so just as Mr. Coryea would be not doing his job if he didn't do what he does, I would not be doing my job if I did not do what I did." That is my statement.

Mr. Rogers again tried to address the Commissioners and was told by Commissioner Burton that what Roger is referring to is not under their control and we have heard enough that is all we are going to hear.

Public Comment

Larry Strange – Area Plan Director wanted to give an update about what they are doing in terms of scheduling and permitting software for the department. When he came on board about 2 years ago we have viable functioning permitting software developed in 1999 that is used on a daily basis, so if nothing happens we are in good shape but looking to the future and in reality losing what has now become a half a position since the retirement of Mrs. Wallace it continues to cut back on efficiency and effectiveness in dealing with the permitting process. The simplest way to put it is getting software that allows online permitting would take up the half a position we lost with Debbie. They in conjunction with IT have looked at 2 companies Schneider and I Works, Schneider having the best price about \$7000.00 a year to run the program with a 3 to 5 thousand set up fee. Mr. Strange just wanted to bring up to speed, do not have to do anything tomorrow, however maybe on track within the next year.

Auditor Roger Bainbridge stated he has the Treasurer's May and June monthly reports. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to receive the Treasurer's monthly reports for May and June 2018. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Claims

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion for preapproved invoice edit reports #11148, 11149, 11150 with a single standalone preapproval for \$476.03 reference JDAI & A&D Funds and moves the ratification as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve current invoice edit reports #11155, 11156 and 11157. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Payroll

Commissioner Burton verified with Auditor Roger Bainbridge that payroll is in order. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve current payroll. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Burton stated we have now completed all business. Our next Meeting will be Monday, September 17th and recessed the meeting at 2:45 pm.