

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
August 20, 2018

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on August 20, 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 and Ron Mowery. Commissioner Bardsley was absent. Also present were Chief Deputy Auditor Angie Jarvis and Financial Deputy Patti Pyle.

Commissioner Burton called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
County Councilman Mike Roorbach led in prayer.
Commissioner Mowery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Claims

Commissioner Burton explained claims dockets #11126, 11127 & 11128, were preapproved for the week of August 13th. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to officially approve as stated by Mr. Burton. Second from Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

Motion by Commissioner Mowery to approve the current claim dockets #11134, 11135 and 11136. Second from Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Burton explained we have an individual claim for the Sheriff's Department preapproved for 3 new vehicles through Mike Anderson Chrysler Dodge Jeep & Ram for a total of \$81,735.00. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to formally approve. Second from Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Burton stated that Commissioner Mark Bardsley had other obligations and could not be with us today.

Minutes

None

Payroll

Commissioner Burton verified with Chief Deputy Auditor Angie Jarvis that everything is in order for the August 24th payroll. Commissioner Mowery made the motion to approve. Second from Commissioner Burton; and motion carried 2-0.

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

Treasurer, Tiffany Griffith stated she had turned in the May 2018 Treasurers Report to Angie in the Auditor's Office. Mrs. Griffith explained the difference has been accounted for and hopes to have it resolved with LOW by the end of the week and is working with the Auditor's Office on some issues that are causing some problems in reconciling the June monthly report.

Commissioner Burton added that the Commissioners now have Amended Treasurer's monthly reports for periods ending March 31, 2018, February 28, 2018, December 31, 2017 and November 30, 2017. Commissioner Mowery made the motion to receive the monthly reports as presented. Second from Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

IT Department

None

Highway Department

Superintendent David White stated they completed the chip sealing on the west side of the county and are moving to the east side. Mr. White added that they will be helping Fairmount next week with their chip sealing.

Mr. White stated the trees were cleared out of Highland Avenue Bridge down by the Dam.

Superintendent White stated he wants to purchase a Ramp for the Recycling Center and has a quote from Northern Tool for \$11,739.00 and quote from Discount Ramps for \$11,599.99 delivered and would be paid for with Recycling Funds.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion approving the ramp purchase for \$11,599.99. Second from Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

Mr. White is also looking into buying a Boom Mower that will be used for side ditch and bank mowing, plan on having 3 mowers out in the county at once. Checking with a few different vendors and may have quotes for the next meeting.

Superintendent White explained he found out that the Frontier claim on the phone line was not our bill they are going after the locator company.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Marion Grant County Humane Society-Past Ordinances: Commissioner Mowery explained that he spoke with Brenda Volmer who had dialog with the previous Commissioners. Mr. Mowery stated he will provide Mrs. Volmer with copies of what we currently have found back in 2015. She will then take the information and work with a committee and us to act upon a new and current Ordinance.

B. Augusta Consulting-Agreement for Services: Commissioner Burton explained that every 3 years it is recommended to have a review and assessment of our Employee Health Insurance Coverage. Augusta is who we used 3 years ago and will review and assess the current plan, get RFP's and review with legal counsel and provide pros and cons of any proposals received.

The total cost is \$5,000.00 which is a reasonable fee based on the market. Commissioner Mowery stated that in preparation of this their meeting was very informative and it looks as though there will be a savings. Mr. Burton added they are expecting a savings of \$50,000. Commissioner Mowery made a motion approving the services of Augusta Consulting, Brad Bookout in Delaware County at a total cost of \$5,000.00. Second from Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Burton added that the County Council has contributed 7 million dollars to the County Health Insurance Plan for the past 2 years, which is a big chunk out of the Budget so we want to give the employees good insurance but save where we can.

C. Area Plan-Larry Strange explained we have a proposed rezoning Ordinance from Denise Pyle whom is present today, application for rezoning from Agricultural to Professional Business at 2427 W 500 S off of State Road 22 at County Road 250 West. This was reviewed by the Area Plan Commission at the August 6th meeting and was forwarded to the Commissioners with approval. It is an acre of property with a single house and adjoins a significant amount of property that is a farming operation owned by the Pyle's. Ms. Pyle plans to place a law office there. Mr. Strange is recommending approval. Mr. Burton stated he was in attendance at the Area Plan meeting and their vote was unanimous with no objections. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the request consistent with Larry's recommendation. Second from Commissioner Burton; motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Strange stated he also wants to discuss exploring IT updates for Area Plan, however will postpone doing so until the next meeting for all Commissioners to be present.

Commissioner Mowery inquired about his department's budget for Unsafe Structure to be increased stating he wants to support an increase to take care of demolitions feels if we do not take care of our properties people will not want to buy or build around properties taken over by blithe. There was discussion regarding the Demo cost, court orders and Mr. Strange stated Mr. Mowery's comments are duly noted.

Commissioner Burton stated he wanted to add another comment on the Augusta Consulting that when we used them 3 years ago right off the bat we saved \$250,000.00, so feels this is a good investment.

Public Comment

Council Member Mike Roorbach, 4615 S Belle Drive-Explained the County Health Insurance is an ongoing concern for both the Commissioners and Council and Mr. McWhirt has asked that he speak to the legislative representatives for Grant County regarding letting Cities & Counties be covered on the State Health Insurance Plan like the schools are. Mr. Roorbach is requesting that the Commissioners ask this consultant if we could save money by being on the State plan, and if it would be an available option. If so we can join together with our lobbying efforts and not let this idea die.

Commissioner Burton stated the next Commissioner Meeting would be Tuesday, September 4, 2018 and recessed the meeting at 2:32 pm.