

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
October 1, 2018

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on October 1, 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 Chief Deputy Auditor Angie Jarvis 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.

Commissioner Burton added to the Agenda under New Business:

4. Area Plan-Larry Strange
5. Community Corrections-Chris Cunningham

Claims

Commissioner Bardsley moved the ratification of items pre-approved last week invoice edit reports #11190, 11191, 11192 and a single pre approval for Star Financial reference JDAI & A&D funds in the amount of \$885.16. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner Bardsley to approve current invoice edit reports #11202, 11203 and 11204. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Minutes

Minutes were tabled until the next meeting for formal approval.

Payroll

Commissioner Burton verified with Chief Deputy Auditor Angie Jarvis that everything is in order. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve. Support from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

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

None

IT Department

None

Highway Department

Superintendent David White stated we have an unofficial reimbursement from the State for the Detour on State Road 37 just south of State Road 22 a payment of \$8,000 that requires signatures from Commissioners and the Auditor.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the Unofficial Detour reimbursement contract with the State as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Mr. White explained they would like to use Verizon for the GPS system acquiring for 30 units to use on fleet vehicles for \$568.50 monthly. It keeps track of where they are at, speeds and services. No hardware expenses and can get out of at any time.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the request adding that it will give us an advantage with knowing if they have been through areas that citizens are inquiring about as well as accountability for the employees. Support from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White stated County Road 600 East, the Federal Aid job by Dunham's between State Road 18 and 100 South, the agreement called for us to keep so many trees and shrubbery growing because a ditch was moved in the process of rebuilding the road, some trees have died off and would like to use the same company as last time because they already know what needs to be put back in. The price is \$6,119.25 for 123 bushes, shrubbery and trees.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the replanting as it is part of our obligation with the Federal money we received. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Mr. White submitted a copy of the Bridge Budget that he re did and gave Angie in the Auditor's Office a copy.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Warren Subdivision-Mr. Don Wimmer President of Wimmer Land Surveys explained they are putting in a 3 lot subdivision because all splits have been used up. It has already been through the Drainage Board and discussed the drainage and complying with the Area Plan guidelines.

2. Review RFP for County Health Insurance for 2019 - Commissioner Burton explained every 3 years this is put out to see how the insurance under the current broker is benefiting the County and if we can do better. Mr. Burton stated it has been reviewed and approved by Attorney Kyle Persinger.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Bardsley adding the deadline is October 22, 2019.

3. Smoking Ordinance from County HEALTH BOARD – Commissioner Burton explained the Commissioners received a Proposed Smoking Ordinance that the Health Board passed on September 18th with a vote of 4-2. Mr. Burton explained this is not a Public Hearing therefore, we will not be taking comment it. Our attorney has informed us that according to I C Code 36-2-4-8 sub B it must be published once each week for 2 consecutive weeks in 2 newspapers in Grant County. The Proposed Ordinance has been placed on the County Website.

Commissioner Bardsley explained that all of the Commissioners have been contacted by phone, email and in person from folks on both sides of this issue and feels it is important that we do a side by side comparison of what is enacted by State law and would not be ready for a public hearing for at least 30 days.

Commissioner Mowery agreed stating his email and phone has been blown up regarding this and the proposed CAFO. He plans to view every email and consider every phone call he has received and will study this and make a decision at the appropriate time.

Commissioner Burton he too has received emails, phone calls and had in person discussions. Following additional discussion it was decided that a public hearing would be discussed at a later meeting.

4. Area Plan-Director Larry Strange stated he has variance applications that need a favorable, unfavorable or no recommendation:

A) Steve and Joanna Schwartz 925 N 10th Street, Gas City, wants to put a parking garage within 5 feet of a neighbor's garage rather than the required 15 feet. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion for the President to provide a favorable recommendation for this application. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

B) Phil & Cindy Fortney, 1111 Val Lane, Marion are requesting a variance for a 20 foot building line opposed to the 40 foot from the street. Mr. Strange discussed neighbor concerns, staff recommendation and showed the Commissioners maps relating to this request.

Commissioner Burton asked if anyone present would like to speak for or against the request and heard none.

Commissioner Bardsley stated based on the information received he would move to approve a favorable recommendation on the Fortney request. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

5. Community Corrections-Chris Cunningham explained they have in front of them the annual report that covers all programs they are to provide to the Department of Corrections according to IC Code 11-12-2-3-3.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approving the County Report be submitted to the State of Indiana as presented. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment

None

Commissioner Burton stated the next Commissioner Meeting would be Monday, October 15, 2018 and recessed the meeting at 2:34 pm.