

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**February 19, 2019**

The Grant County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on February 19, 2019 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 Jim McWhirt, HR Director Tammy Miller and Financial Deputy Patti Pyle.

Commissioner Burton called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Commissioner Mowery led in prayer.

Commissioner Bardsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Burton stated he is adding an item to the Agenda under New Business #3. Appointment to I-69 Steering Committee that works with the Indiana Regional Planning District.

**Claims**

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to ratify last week's pre-approved claim dockets #11378, 11379, and 11387. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the pre-approved individual claims to Cable Sign Co, \$500.00, In Dept. Workforce Dev \$9043.87, US BankCorp, (Ambulance Lease) \$50,491.88, Pitney Bowes Global \$24,732.07 and Painting Concepts \$2,850.00. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the current claim dockets #11390, 11391, and 11392. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll**

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to ratify the preapproval of payroll #3 for Friday, February 8, 2019 in the amount of \$504,075.62. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

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

None

**IT Department**

None

**Highway Department**

Superintendent David White explained he would like to set a bid opening of March 18, 2019 for Oil and Asphalt. The Commissioners agreed by Consensus.

Mr. White presented a copy of the award letter from INDOT for \$1,659,680.00 to go towards Bridge #254 commonly known as Pennsylvania Street Bridge, the project is set for 2021 and we will need to come up with the 20% to get the project completed.

Commissioner Bardsley reaffirmed for the minutes that Grant County received these funds early because we are more or less shovel ready. Mr. White agreed adding that the design work is done, environmental almost done, survey work done.

Superintendent White stated he will go before the County Council to fill a couple positions that have come open tomorrow night.

Mr. White explained that he is still waiting on bids from a couple vendors for the pick-ups but has 2 and had explained he would be presenting the bids at today's meeting. The Commissioners determined they would proceed using the Bids received.

Mr. White stated they have one from RAM, in Marion trading in (2) 2006 trucks and getting (2) trucks \$66,834.00 and Southworth Ford trading in (2) trucks and getting (2) trucks \$58,398.00. Commissioner Mowery made a motion that he go with the lower of the 2 bids Southworth Ford. Second from Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White stated they have been doing some studying on the equipment, things are getting old and parts becoming obsolete, he would like to look into getting a loan like they did in the past for \$750,000.00 to purchase equipment and move the equipment that they have out of the Boys & Girls Club. The Commissioners agreed by consensus.

### **Old Business**

Prosecutor-Commissioner Burton stated previously they had approved credit cards for Rodney Faulk and Julie Autry, Mr. Burton stated he didn't know he had the request for Evan Hammond however has found it.

Julie Autry stated she had discussed the Commissioners concerns with Mr. Faulk and Evan Hammond and determined that if Mr. Hammond could be approved as a signer on the same credit card account, it would give them enough for the office. She also stated she had gone over with the Auditor the process for getting reimbursements when personal credit cards are used.

Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the request to place Evan Hammond on the signatory of the credit card account. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.

### **New Business**

1. Clerk-Pam Harris-Commissioner Burton stated he received an email from Mrs. Harris that she needed to do some more research before bringing her request forward.

2. Commissioners-Auction for the selling of the Salin Bank Building-Commissioner Burton explained that the Commissioners were required to get 2 appraisals they came in within a few thousand dollars of each other. Average \$428,000.00. So they did the advertising with a

minimum bid of \$200,000.00, the deadline for turning in the bids was noon today. The bottom line is there were no bids, so the market would not support that request. Today we are asking our attorney Kyle Persinger to advise us of our options to proceed.

Kyle Persinger explained if they want to proceed they will need to either rebid at a lower minimum price by going through the same process. The other option is to hire a broker to market and sell the property. If property has been up for 60 days before the broker is hired you would still have to advertise again and publish notice of determination to hire a broker.

There was some discussion regarding these options and a new minimum bid, it was determined the commissioners would deliberate over the next couple weeks.

**3. Commissioners-I-69 Steering Committee Appointment-Mr. Burton explained the purpose. Commissioner Bardsley made a motion appointing Area Plan Director Larry Strange as the Commissioners representative for the 1-69 Steering Committee. Second from Commissioner Mowery; motion carried 3-0.**

### **Minutes**

Tabled until the next meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Commissioner Mowery inquired as to the effective date of the ATV ordinance. It was determined that it is in effect, however they decided to do a Press Release.

Commissioner Burton stated the next Commissioner Meeting would be Monday, March 4, 2019 and recessed the meeting at 2:25 pm.