

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 4, 2020

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., in the Grant County Complex Council Chambers at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana.

In attendance were Commissioner Mark Bardsley, Auditor Jim McWhirt, and County Administrator Justin Saathoff. Commissioners Mike Burton and Ron Mowery were present via WebEx.

This Grant County Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Commissioner Bardsley. Commissioner Bardsley stated that due to the Governor's orders, this meeting has been made available on WebEx. All public has access to this public meeting. Voting will need to be done by roll call so that all votes are heard by the Commissioners. Auditor McWhirt did roll call for attendance.

Commissioner Bardsley led the prayer and was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance led by Auditor McWhirt.

CLAIMS

April 27, 2020 preapproval - highway \$29,920.59, general \$40,453.39, and other \$92,794.64 = \$163,168.82.

April 23, 2020 single preapproval - Visa \$1,277.77 (SUP. COURT 2).

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to ratify the preapproval of the claims presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried.

May 4, 2020 - general \$85,448.28, other \$14,964.24, highway \$24,948.40 = \$125,360.92.

Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the claims presented. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

PAYROLL

Formal approval of payroll #9 - Preapproval was given on April 28, 2020 in the amount of \$499,858.94 to be paid out on May 1, 2020. Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify the preapproval of payroll #9. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

MINUTES

None

COMMUNICATIONS & BOARD UPDATES (ELECTED OFFICIALS, BOARDS, SPECIAL COMMITTEES)

1. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to accept the monthly report presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court month ending March 31, 2020. Seconded with support to receive this report by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
2. Auditor McWhirt reminded the public that that property taxes are due May 11, 2020. There is a 60 day extension, which would be June 10, 2020. This is just a reminder that if you are able to get your payment in by the May 11, 2020 date, we are encouraging that action to be taken. We do have a lot of tax payers that are TIF districts. A lot of those districts have bond payments associated with them. If not paid on time, the bond payment obligation is not waived.

IT REPORT

None

HIGHWAY REPORT – David White

1. Phase 2: Bridge Inspection Book - This is the 2nd phase of the four year period. A copy will be left for review. We do have a bridge that is in a critical stage on 1000 E 200 N. It does have a hole in the deck and had to be closed down. A meeting with a consultant has been scheduled. We need to know if it can be repaired or if it needs total replacement. It does have a lot of damage to it. The October report on this bridge was not that bad, but the hole it has in the deck is substantial. Again, it is closed at this time.
2. Community Crossing – The contract signed for the 50% match at the last meeting was the wrong contract. It was supposed to pay 50% of the \$193,000.00, however the state only had us paying 25%. A letter was sent to the state stating that the contract is incorrect and they sent a new contract with the corrections. The new contract will need to be signed.
3. Concrete Overlay Bids – Proposed a deadline of June 1, 2020 at 9 a.m. Approved by consent that all bids will be received no later than 9 a.m. so that they can be opened at the 10 a.m. meeting.
4. Road Paving Update - County Road 600 W, 500 N, Woodland Heights, and Val Lane will all be completed today. Weather permitting, this week we will begin with 38th street from Marion city limits to just west of Roseburg and also Miller Ave from 38th street to 50th street.
5. Purchase Request – The Department would like to purchase a used dump truck. It is a 2007 Cummings International tandem truck with 58,000 miles. It is owned by Allen County Parks Department and it is bigger than what they need. We are requesting permission to purchase this at the cost of \$53,500.00. It would be used to lay stone on new roadways. Pictures were presented. Commissioner Mowery made a motion for approval on the purchase. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Petition to Vacate Public Utility Easement or Public Right of Way - Kiley Harken Certain – Joe Certain was present and has no other comments at this time. Commissioner Mowery moved to approve the Easement that is at 67th street and Meridian. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Grant Application, Small Business Loan Pool - Grant County Economic Growth Council, Commissioner Bardsley - Request to put out an application for COVID-19 relief. The grant funds being applied go directly toward expanding and funding the COVID-19 loan fund, which is an emergency loan fund to help businesses to assist with the economic impact from COVID-19. We have already received the first round of grants in the amount of \$60,000.00. The second round for grant money has already started. Commissioner Bardsley did sign an executive order to start this process. We just need a consent to approve the action the executive order made by the President or make a motion to continue the process of the funding for the COVID-19 response, allowing the Growth Council to seek any funding they can find. Commissioner Mowery moved to consent. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; approved by consent.
2. Proposal for Disinfecting Common Areas - Dawn's Cleaning Solution, Commissioner Bardsley - This quote is for the month of May. This is to comply with the Governor's executive order of opening up the state. This allows us to maintain safe, clean, and disinfected areas for

employees and future patrons. This is only a part time expense. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

3. Review of Current Pay Requests, Todd Durnil of Pyramid – We are at 85 to 90% completion with the dispatch center. The general flooring carpet and tile has been put back out for rebids. The rebid deadline is May 18, 2020. The access floor in the dispatch area is complete. The \$25,000.00 will come out of fund 1222, and the \$23,974.76 will come out of fund 4806.
4. Release of RFP for Phase 2, Todd Durnil of Pyramid – This will be advertised on May 6, 2020. The pre-submission meeting will be May 18, 2020. The RFP is due on June 15, 2020. The technology committee will review the RFP's.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Meeting was brought to recess by Commissioner Bardsley at 10:50 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.