

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 18, 2020

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 18, 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.

Prayer was led by Commissioner Bardsley, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance led by Auditor McWhirt.

CLAIMS-

May 11, 2020 preapprovals - highway \$60,589.31, general \$226,037.10 and other \$442,182.19 = \$728,808.60.

Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify the preapproval claims as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

May 18, 2020 claims - general \$117,027.73, other \$68,566.58 and highway \$2,829.46 = \$188,423.77. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve claims as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

PAYROLL

Formal approval of payroll #10 - Preapproval given on May 12, 2020 to be paid out on May 15, 2020 in the amount of \$520,885.46. Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify the preapproval of payroll #10. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

MINUTES

The approval of minutes for 10/21/2019, 11/4/2019, 11/18/2019, 12/2/2019, 12/12/2019, and 12/16/2019.

RECEIPT OF MONTHLY REPORT, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT - MONTH ENDING 4/30/2020 - Received by common consent.

RECEIPT OF MONTHLY REPORT, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES - FOR 2/16/2020 TO 3/15/2020 - Received by common consent.

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

Jim McWhirt, Auditor - We have a target date of June 8, 2020 for Central Dispatch. All billing will be tracked through the Auditor's office. Letters will be sent out to the various cities as part of our agreement for their portion for the first half of the payment which will be due on June 30, 2020.

Commissioner Bardsley commented we will be sending the invoices that will total up to \$500,000.00. This will help supply our equipment needs. Auditor Jim McWhirt stated that since the hospital is paying those invoices directly, we need to keep track of those billings. We will need to get evidence from the hospital that they have paid the invoices. The cost of that improvement still becomes county assets, and we just need to make sure that we have that so that it can be recorded as an asset.

Bob Jackson, EMA- The EOC has scaled back briefings to two days a week, but are still working daily on some issues. We still support the health department. They are continuing to see spikes. We will react where we have to. Long term care facilities have done a great job containing their cases. As we move forward, we look at economic recovery and supporting the community's efforts with food distribution. As businesses start to open, Dr. Moore and I plan to make some rounds to support business where we are able. We are looking for best practices and force action as they move forward to protect the employees and public.

IT REPORT – Marcus Elliott

- 1) Fireye Program – Fireye is a security software company that have the tools in place for the election. They want us to install this software on the Clerk's election computers. They are also offering it to the rest of the county right now. This just needs to be installed on the Clerk's computers and is at no cost to the county. The two year contract runs through December 2022. To move forward the Commissioners have to approve it. They did provide a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and a form for the Commissioners to sign. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve and move forward with Fireye Security Services as required by the State. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 2) Health Department's Vital Records Division – They need to replace their printer. They currently have an old printer which is on a lease, which is up in September. IT currently has a black and white printer that is a two drawer, and vital records requires a three drawer. We are presenting a proposal request form from Advanced Imaging for a replacement printer that will allow the three trays. This would just add on to our existing monthly plan. The cost would be an additional \$70.00. We are currently on a five year lease but this printer would actual be paid off in about two years. We will own all equipment at the end of the lease. Commissioner Mowery moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

HIGHWAY REPORT – David White

- 1) The town of Van Buren, from Mr. Holloway, is requesting to have State Road 5 closed and use County Road 400 North during the Popcorn Festival. We have to have approval from the state to have it closed. The event will be in early August. Approved by common consent.
- 2) Clean out for the Branson Street bridge will be a week out due to weather.
- 3) Mr. White received MVH money for March 2020. It was right around \$68,000.00 less for March than what it was for February.
- 4) Mr. White requested purchase of a used mowing tractor. With the extended warranty total price would be \$52,824.00. Requesting to do a 24 month lease payment. It would be \$2,299.00 monthly and there is no penalty if it is paid off early. This would replace the one sold in the auction last year. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve and move forward on the used mowing tractor. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 5) Mr. White met with a consulting firm in regard to Branson Street Bridge. In 2026, the state is going to do another federal aid. They are going to have a call out for federal aid jobs. It will be constructed in the year 2026. Thoughts from the Commissioners about getting a consultant about replacing the Branson Street Bridge? We would like to replace the whole bridge due to the fact that it has five pillars where most have three. Because of the five pillars we have a lot

of log jams. In the past the design work and right away have already been done. This could help our county get the selection before other counties because that expense has already been paid for. It will probably be about 4 to 6 million dollars to change that bridge out. In the long run, it will benefit the county and the log jams will not need removed 3 times a year like we are currently doing now. It will be 80-20 percent. The Bridge has been there since the 1940's and was reconstructed in the 1960's.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Proposal of Jail Heat Exchanger Purchase - Vince Beneke, Maintenance - Quotes from Bischoff estimate the cost being \$8,361.85 for a Laars DHE heat exchanger in the jail or for total replacement the cost would be \$15,960. We are only running on one broiler due to the other one shut down because of a leak. So we have one broiler pushing hot water for both buildings. The funds would come out of the maintenance and repair fund. For both to be replaced, the rough cost would be \$25,000.00. Recommending to replace both. Commissioner Burton made a motion to go with the recommendation of replacement of the unit at \$15,960.00. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried
- 2) Grant proposal and Contractual Agreement - Dr. Moore, Health Department – The grant is from United Way in the amount of \$40,000.00. Eli Lilly is awarding a Grant in the amount of \$40,000.00. We are not asking for government money. This will benefit our community. Commission Mowery made a motion to proceed with the proposal. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 3) United Way of Grant County, Alicia Hazelwood – She is requesting to bring back Adult Recess on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Memorial to Labor Day . This is a way to get people to socialize, come out and get food, play some fun games, unwind and relax, and to just take a break through the week. We are requesting to have the three parking spaces blocked off on the Adams Street side of the Courthouse for our food vendor, which again this year is Pappy's Food Truck. They are following all state guidelines as far as cleaning and social distancing. Second request would be to come back and speak at your next Commissioners' meeting on June 1, 2020, with what adult recess will look like while implementing social distancing practices. Approval by common consent to start the process.
- 4) Proposal of LOW Agreement 2021 budget - Jim McWhirt, Auditor - There are some increases that range from 2.7% to 4%. Increases are expected. Recommending that this be approved. The Commissioners need to sign off on this. Approval by common consent.
- 5) Replacement of Vacancies Joint Resolution - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner - Resolution #2 2020: Any position can be replaced without addressing the council as long as it is budget neutral. Commission Mowery made a motion to approve. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 6) Terry Burnworth, Pyramid
 - 1) Bid openings Phase 6, General Flooring- No bids at this time. Recommending to use local preferred vendor. Cost is \$25,000.00. Commissioner Burton made a motion to seek a local preferred vendor. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
 - 2) 24/7 Chair Rental Agreement - We chose Shelby Products. They do revamp their chairs once a year for quality and comfort. Asking for approval on an agreement lease. The cost is \$2,856.00 a year for three years, with a total cost of \$8,568.00. It will be paid from the 1122 account. The lease was also recommended by the policy board. Commissioner Burton made

- a motion to approve the lease. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
- 3) Phase 2 Coverage Update – There is a pre-submission meeting with the vendors that are interested today at 11:30 a.m. This is a three site system. There is a northern side at IWU Tucker building , south east site of Eastern Indiana Wifi, and a south west site at the old liberty elementary school. Will be finalizing the MOU for the fifty year use of these sites. This is just a report.
 - 4) Central Dispatch - Soft opening June 8, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Meeting was brought to recess by Commissioner Bardsley at 11:30 a.m. Next Commissioners' meeting will be Monday June 1, 2020, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.