

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**June 1, 2020**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 1, 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, Commissioner Ron Mowery, and County Administrator Justin Saathoff. Commissioner Mike Burton was 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.

Commissioner Bardsley said the prayer and it was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Mowery.

**CLAIMS**

May 26, 2020 preapproval – general \$126,831.86, other \$6291.02, general \$16,104.78 = \$149,277.66.

May 27, 2020 single - ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation \$18,369.00.

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

June 1, 2020 claims - highway \$615,321.09, other \$46,574.90, general \$79,710.58 = \$741,606.57.

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

**PAYROLL**

Formal approval of payroll #11 - Preapproval was given on May 26, 2020 to be paid out on May 29, 2020 in the amount of \$508,411.60. Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify the preapproval of payroll #11. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

**MINUTES**

None

**RECIEPT OF MONTHLY REPORT, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES- FOR 3/16/2020 TO 4/15/2020**

Received by common consent.

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

- 1) Robert Jackson, EMA – EMA has scaled back to doing briefings on Mondays and Fridays and are continuing to monitor the number of cases with help from the health department. The state is releasing some PPE this week for first responders. Mr. Jackson will do a pick up on Thursday. Everyone is preparing for a second wave of the virus. The state has advised to apply for FEMA first, which is a 30/70 payout, then the Cares Act which is a 100% payout at \$2.1 million.
- 2) Robert Jackson, EMA - Requested approval to apply for a \$4,000.00 grant from the HIS. This grant is made for search and rescue, which is why EMA wants to use it for a drone. It can also

be used to help with looking at damage from floods, tornadoes, and storms. It will be very helpful for an aerial view. Approval by consent was given by the Commissioners.

#### **IT REPORT**

None

#### **HIGHWAY REPORT - David White**

- 1) Presented a copy of the Annual Highway Report. He will e-mail the Commissioners with a copy for filing.
- 2) Made a request on behalf of Light House Church of God to close J street on Sunday June 14, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for morning church service.
- 3) Bridge Construction for #254 - Contacted BF&S to draft the contract for the inspection.
- 4) Received a letter from DNR on the 600 East project. They need three consecutive years of information. The three years were completed but somewhere in the reporting they have lost some of it. They want Highway to do one more year to check in on trees and shrubbery. United gave a proposal to go out and inspect it now so that they can give their recommendation on tree growth and planting. They will do a follow up at the end of the season. The fee for that is \$5,200.00. United will report all of that back to DNR. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the \$5,200.00 for United. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 5) The loader went down at the recycle center on one of the bail loaders. Mr. White found a place in Indianapolis for a replacement motor at a cost of \$2,700.00 and it has been ordered.
- 6) Chip sealing will be starting on Wednesday. Next Monday, Mr. White will be working with Area Plan for the first tear down in Jonesboro.
- 7) Received one bid for the concrete overlay for bridge #82 on Garthwaite Road and bridge #606 on 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Jonesboro. The bid comes in from Hoosier Pride Excavating in Springport IN. This is from the Community Crossing Grant for 2020. The combined bid of \$374,521.00 will be reviewed and Mr. White will come back with a decision at the June 15, 2020 Commissioners' meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Courthouse Elevator Repair - Vince Beneke, Maintenance - There are problems with the doors not opening all of the time. Mr. Beneke received an estimate from ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$38,243.00 for the door operating repair. There will be a one week downtime for this replacement. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the \$38,243.00. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 2) Request for Additional Electronic Recording Vendor - Kathy Foy, Recorder - Requested permission to proceed with agreement with Synrgo, Inc. This has already been approved by county attorney, Kyle Persinger. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to proceed with the agreement. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 3) Adult Recess Proposal - Alicia Hazelwood, United Way of Grant County - Requested to use the pavilion and lawn space for adult recess. United Way will provide hand sanitizer station and wipes to wipe down after use. United Way will be asking everyone to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Guests will be encouraged to bring their own chair. The benches will be spaced out and marked for available seating. This will be in the media so that everyone will know what

is expected and what United Way is doing to make people feel safe. Would like to invite different organizations for different events such as yoga and meditation (providing their own mats etc.). Games will be provided such as corn hole, connect four, movable putting greens (bring own putter and ball), and hand jam. Everything provided is a material that can be cleaned when each person is done. Adult recess will be every Wednesday from 11 am to 1 pm starting June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

- 4) Terrorism Coverage - Greg Lane, IMG – This was adopted in 2001, post 911, and revamped in 2007. Domestic was also added and recertified in 2015. 60/40 is provided for peace of mind. This is a federal program. Covered events would have to be declared a terrorist act by one of three people that include the Secretary of State, Homeland Security, and the Attorney General. The cost is \$3,799.00 per year. Commissioners Bardsley and Mowery agreed that this is needed. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to continue the terrorist policy. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 5) Proposal for Disinfecting Common Areas - Dawn's Cleaning Solution - To provide staff to disinfect all common areas in the Courthouse, Complex, and Corrections building twice a day, Monday through Friday. This will continue monthly as Commissioners evaluate the pandemic cleaning needs. The bid for this added cleaning service is \$1,548.00 per month. Commissioner Burton made a motion to accept. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
- 6) Proposal to Eliminate ElectRX Program - Justin Saathoff, Administrator/HR – ElectRx is a third party mail in prescription service that provides name brands at no cost to the employee. The program cost is out weighing the usage. There is very little employee usage with this program. Working on an alternative through Anthem, but will not be finalized until January 1, 2021. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to opt-out of contract with ElectRX at the end of the 2020 year. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 7) Proposal to Waive Waiting Period of Benefits for Central Dispatch - Justin Saathoff, Administrator/HR - Commissioner Burton made a motion to waive the waiting period. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried
- 8) Proof of Loss Fidelity - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner - Seeking permission to sign this is for Travelers Indemnity Company for fraudulent credit card charges, accrued interest, NSF, and special investigation which will be paid by county's insurance company once signed. Agreed by common consent by Commissioners Mowery and Burton.
- 9) Area Plan Commission Appointment - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner - Submitted letter from Larry Strange, Area Plan, for the appointment request. There has been a change in the law and have to make a change between July 1, 2020 and October 2020. The information was brought before the drainage board. The surveyor is asking for a farmer be appointed to represent drainage types of situations. The Drainage Board is looking for volunteers at this point. Will research for persons interested and send to drainage board for their thoughts.
- 10) Resolution to Open County Building - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner - Resolution 3-2020 – In conjunction with Indiana's "Back on Track" program from the Governor on May 26, 2020. All county building are to be open to their employees and for services. The public will come in via appointment only. Social distancing will apply as recommended by the CDC. Phase two will begin on June 15, 2020. All state building will open completely with full access, again with the social distancing and safety protocols. This is to keep people as safe as possible. The board would like to adopt this Resolution. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve Resolution 3-2020 in its entirety. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 11) Pyramid Agreement Extension - Terry Burnworth - The Central Dispatch project was supposed to be done two weeks ago but extensions are needed due to the pandemic. An agreement

extension would be an extra cost of \$20,500.00. This will be for an additional 30 days. Commissioner Mowery made a motion for the 30 day extension of the agreement. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

- 12) Tower Location MOU's - Terry Burnworth, Pyramid - The first location would cover the south west part of the county. The location would be the old Liberty school, owned by Sherry French, for a fifty year agreement. The second location is the Walnut Creek Golf Course owned by the Ballengers. Seeking approval at this time to get the agreements drafted. The county attorney has already reviewed and added some red lines that will be incorporated into the agreement. This will not be signed until RFP for Phase 2 is in, which is due June 15, 2020. It will be scored with the various options and the expansion of the system while verifying it meets the requirements. Approval was given by common consent pending phase 2.
- 13) An Ordinance Establishing The Grant County Department of Public Safety Communications - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner - Ordinance 9-2020 - This is for the purpose of creating Central Dispatch. This will provide service for all of Grant County. The director will be the county department head. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve Ordinance 9-2020. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
- 14) COVID-19 Community Testing & Research - Dr. David Moore, Health Department - As part of opening up again, seeking the ability to do COVID-19 testing with our local Health Department. This would help if there would be an outbreak. Dr. Moore would like to have an internship program so that the health department will be involved with the community. Ann Vermillion will be overseeing this program. An \$8,000.00 check from United Way was put into the general county budget to get the program launched and to serve as a gap if there were other issues. Antibody testing is now available. The program begins mid May 2020 and extends through December 2020. Asking for approval to move forward to apply for the grant. At that time, a more detailed grant will be presented. Dr. Moore is anticipating that no cost will come from the county's funds as he is looking for grant money to cover all costs. If the grant does not go through, the program will be stopped. \$400,000.00 from Eli Lilly has been committed to the United Way. Antibody testing can be performed from a finger stick or a blood draw. If paid directly, the cost is \$10.00. If it goes through insurance, the cost will be \$50.00. The students have taken the HIPPA training so that they know the patient confidentiality aspect. Commissioner Bardsley did state that with the Cares Act this will make testing revenue neutral.
- 15) County Council Agenda Request - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner – Seeking permission to be placed on the Council's next agenda in regard to the Cares Act. While getting reimbursed on specific items related to the pandemic, we still have the question of reimbursement for possible payment to employees that had to work during the county shutdown. By our policy, there is a question of time in half pay during that three week shut down. A dialogue with the council on how we properly reimburse those who worked needs started. Commissioners Burton and Mowery gave permission for Commissioner Bardsley to be put on council agenda.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Meeting was brought to recess by Commissioner Bardsley at 11:40 a.m. Next Commissioners' meeting will be Monday, June 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.