

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
July 6, 2020

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 6, 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, Auditor Jim McWhirt, and Justin Saathoff, County Administrator/HR. Commissioner Mike Burton was present WebEx.

This Grant County Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 10 am 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.

A prayer was said by Commissioner Bardsley and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Mowery.

CLAIMS

June 22, 2020 – General - \$104,298.60, Other - \$16,364.84, Highway - \$362,288.54 = \$482,951.98.

Single June 17, 2020 - Bowman Construction - \$15,192.36.

June 29, 2020 - General-\$132,277.99, Other-\$10,712.07, Highway-\$129,193.83 = \$272,183.89. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to ratify the claims presented. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

July 6, 2020 – Highway - \$201,252.44, Other - \$74,928.14, General - \$155,245.74 = \$431,426.32. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

PAYROLL

Formal approval of payroll #13 - Preapproval was given on 6/24/2020 in the amount of \$514,028.47 and was paid out on 6/26/2020. Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify the preapproval of payroll #13. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

MINUTES

None

RECIEPT OF MONTHLY REPORT, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES - APRIL 16, 2020 TO MAY 15, 2020 AND THE ANNUAL REPORT – JUNE 16, 2019 TO JUNE 15, 2020.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve and receive the monthly and annual reports. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

RECEIPT OF MONTHLY REPORT, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT - Month Ending 5/31/2020.

Commissioner Burton moved to accept the report. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

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

Robert Jackson, EMA Director – Mr. Jackson is receiving COVID-19 daily updates from the health department. For six weeks, Grant County is remaining flat with about four cases per day. Marion General

Hospital is currently seeing a decrease in COVID patients. EMA continues to work on a reserve for PPE since the state has cut off any shipment of PPE to the county.

Jim McWhirt, Auditor - State Board of Accounts is ready to begin their annual auditing, which will be done virtually due to the pandemic.

IT REPORT

Marcus Elliott

- 1) Requested approval to purchase a portable court room setup. It does include a mixer. The total cost is \$10,827.98. The payment would be made from the FTR fund and equipment fund. This is all reimbursable due to it being a COVID-19 purchase.
- 2) Requested approval to purchase six HP laptops for reserve. The cost is \$6,060.00. IT currently has four in reserve, but would like to keep ten in reserve in the event that we have a second wave of the virus. This purchase is also reimbursable due to it being a COVID-19 purchase.
- 3) Requested approval to purchase a colored printer for EMA so that it can be used in the command bus. It has already been ordered, but formal approval is still needed. The cost is \$823.00.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the three requests from IT. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

HIGHWAY REPORT

David White, Highway Superintendent

- 1) Detroit Salt has already been notified that they have the bid for the 2020-2021 Season at \$79.73 per ton which makes them the lowest bid. Received by common consent.
- 2) The on-road fuel tanks need to be cleaned. The price for a one-time cleaning from Clean Fuel National out of Keystone, Indiana is \$7,131.64. This includes all three tanks. They do offer a three year contract that includes twice a year cleaning and filter replacement on all three tanks. The cost would be \$5,616.65. Mr. White recommended the one-time cleaning now and to go into the three year contract for spring and fall cleanings of 2021. If the company does not prove their value in the first year, they will not be used in the next year. This will be paid out of contractual services. Approved by common consent.
- 3) In reference to the contract for bridge #254, we will be receiving \$1,659,680.00 from the state, which is their 80% portion. The contract was presented and signed with blue ink as required by the state. The county's payout will be 20%, which is about \$364,000.00. Requested formal approve. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the contract. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 4) Inspection is being done by Butler Fairman & Seufert Inc. No amount is available at this time. The amount is based on 15% of the projected total. This is to go to bidding on March 21, 2021. All right-a-ways, all designs, and all engineering work has been completed. The state is reviewing everything at this time. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the inspection by Butler Fairman & Seufert Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 5) Part-time inspection for bridge #82 and #606 with United Consult is currently ongoing. This is for the concrete overlays that the state is going to help pay half for with the Community Crossing Grant in the amount of \$22,800.00. United Consult will monitor this in stages. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to enter into a contractual service with United Consult. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 6) Highway has chipped and sealed 100 miles of roads thus far, all west of state road 9. This was completed on June 25, 2020. The total cost was around \$650,000.00.
- 7) Currently working on log jam cleanouts at Branson and Washington Street bridges. Pennsylvania will be done in the next two weeks.

- 8) The Community Crossing INDOT money came to \$186,260.00 for bridge #93. The funds have been given to the Auditor's office. Local road and street were right around \$500,000.00, the recycle center was at \$136,000.00, and MVH was around \$600,000.00. That gave approximately \$2.7 million to work with.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Proposal for Amending Areawide Zoning Ordinance, Resolution #4 - 2020 - Larry Strange, Area Plan - The city and town of Jonesboro have withdrawn their right to waive inspections. The town of Matthews does not want to participate at this time either. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to adopt resolution #4-2020. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 2) Area Plan Commission Appointment - Larry Strange, Area Plan – The appointment has to be a Grant County resident, effective October 2020 unless an extension is given until October 2021. There are three options:
 - A) Appoint a resident from Grant County, which you would need to appoint yearly.
 - B) Appoint the County Surveyor, which you would not need to appoint yearly.
 - C) Develop an ordinance before October 2020 for an extension until October 2021. At that time that person must be a Grant County resident. Commissioner Bardsley said that they have a candidate in mind. A decision will be made by October 1, 2020.
- 3) Request for Radio Purchase for the Town of Swayzee - Rodney Faulk, Prosecutor - Tyler Keith, Swayzee Town Marshal is also present. He has been the town marshal for about two years. They are in need of two car radios at this time. Currently, only one works. Fund 4921 was made for this purpose. Prosecutor Faulk requested to use funds from this account in the amount of \$6,591.62. The quote is from Motorola. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to allow funds to be used to purchase the car radios. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 4) Request for Courthouse Soil Collection -Torri Williams, Equal Justice Initiative – In August of 1930, there were two black individuals that were victims of lynching on the Courthouse square. The two victims were J. Thomas Shipp and Abram Smith. "The terror that occurred that night, yet over a century ago, has become a collective identity of this community. The request at this time is to participate in a soil collection and possibly someday a memorial Grant County would join other communities across the country acknowledging their history. Today we are asking permission to take a soil sample to add to the National Memorial of Peace and Justice. The soil will be housed in Alabama and also here in Grant County." Commissioner Mowery a motion to approve the request to obtain the soil collection. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 5) Request for Grant Application - Tim Eckerle, Economic Growth Council - The current fund was established in 2004. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the grant application as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 6) Community Correction Grant Application - Chris Cunningham, Corrections - This is a regular process that is done yearly. There are three separate divisions to this grant.
 1. Community Corrections Grant = \$881,128.00.
 2. Court Recidivism Reduction Program = \$391,450.00.
 3. Jail Treatment = \$52,500.00Total = \$1,325,078.00
This is all generated state grant dollars. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the grant submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

- 7) Proposal of Film Storage - Kathy Foy, Recorder - This is with US Imaging, Inc. in the amount \$1,500.00 yearly. Requested approval for this agreement for off-site storage.
- 8) Proposal of Media Conversion – Kathy Foy, Recorder - This will make it easier for searches and will be dated from 1967-1993. The amount being \$256,322.01 this will come out of the perpetration fund, this is a one time fee. This is not mandated by the state but most counties have already initiated this process. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve both requests. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
- 9) 2020 Covered Bridge Certification - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner- The Commissioners will sign this acknowledgment and Auditor Jim McWhirt will submit it to the state. There is only one covered bridge in Grant County and it is located in Matthews.
- 10) Review of IDACS Coordinator Position Status - Michael Clayton, 911 -This position is subject to the rules and laws set forth by Indiana Code 5-2-8 as it applies to Terminal Agency Coordinators along with any subsequent federal, state, or local law or ordinances. Requested to make this position a non-exempt position. Commissioner Mowery moved to make the Operation Manger/IDACS Coordinator a full-time, non-exempt position. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried
- 11) Review of Executive Order 2020 - 6/10 - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner - A temporary position was created to ensure all employees' temperatures are taken to ensure a healthy work environment. That part time potion will be paid by the Cares Act or FEMA due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The state is at a 4.5 stage moving forward, so the county needs to continue to monitor employees. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to ratify Executive Order 2020 - 6/10. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 12) Economic Development Commission Appointment - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner – In a past meeting, a veto was given for the nomination from the county council. The council has reviewed and submitted another nomination. They are recommending David Morgan III. He is a famer from the Swayzee area. Commissioner Mowery moved to appoint David Morgan III for the E.D.C. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 13) Amendment to Families First Coronavirus Response Act Policy - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner – This will be tabled at this time for further discussion. It will be addressed again at the next meeting on July 20, 2020.
- 14) Review Pay Requests - Todd Durnil, Pyramid-, Claims for Shelby Products, LLC in the amount of \$18,812.44 and JG Bowers, Inc. Bowman Construction Co., Rex Collins Electric, Inc., Elwood Fire Equipment Co., and Pyramid Architecture/Engineering totaling \$104,822.96. These are monthly bills for the contractors.
- 15) Construction Update - Todd Durnil, Pyramid – Work is currently being done on the back stairwell and some electrical. The flooring will be down this week. Talked to Dawn's Cleaning about doing a deep clean once the flooring is done. They will bring in a crew to do the deep clean. By mid-month, everything should be complete.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

Meeting was brought to recess by Commissioner Bardsley at 12:00 p.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Monday, July 20, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.