

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
July 20, 2020

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 20, 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, Commissioner Mike Burton, Auditor Jim McWhirt, and Justin Saathoff, Administrator/Human Resources.

This Grant County Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:01 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.

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

CLAIMS

July 13, 2020 – Highway - \$73,337.99, other - \$137,924.07, and general - \$247,296.74 = \$458,558.80. Commissioner Burton made a motion to formally ratify the claims as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

July 20, 2020 – Highway - \$330,109.42, other - \$30,064.45, and general - \$113,746.54 = \$473,920.41. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

PAYROLL

Formal approval of payroll #14 - Preapproval was given on 7/8/2020 in the amount of \$528,884.49. This was paid out on 7/10/2020. Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify the preapproval of payroll #14. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

MINUTES

None

RECIEPT OF MONTHLY REPORT, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT- MONTH ENDING 6/30/2020-

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to receive the report as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

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

Bob Jackson, EMA - The EOC met this morning on day 131 of operation in the COVID-19 pandemic. The county is currently seeing a spike in positive cases. In keeping a fourteen day average, the county has seen about four a day for the past six weeks. Grant county is now averaging twelve cases a day. Most do not require hospital admission. The few that do are not critical care stays. Weekly meetings with the schools will be held once they go back so that data can be monitored closely. This pandemic may require starts and stops for the schools.

HIGHWAY REPORT

David White

- 1) Chip and Seal in the town of Fairmount has now been completed.
- 2) The aluminum box structure being replaced between Ninth Street and state road eighteen on 700 West will be completed today.
- 3) Bridge #82 Garthwaite road was started. The closure estimation is about three weeks.
- 4) Bridge #73 on 700 east will be closed Thursday and construction is scheduled for about three months. The school has been notified to reroute buses once schools resume classes.
- 5) A spreadsheet for the 2020-2021 bridge projects was handed out to the Commissioners for review. This spreadsheet does include grant money and Highway has been notified of a receipt of cash balance. This will help due to the number of big bridge projects coming up this year and next.
- 6) Highway will begin recycling of some county roads on 7/21.

OLD BUSINESS

Amendment to Families First Coronavirus Response Act Policy - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner - It is possible to test positive up to forty days. The Commissioners want to ensure that employees are continuing to be paid so that no annual salary will be lost. Employees are required by current CCD standards to have two negatives to return to work. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to adopt resolution 5-2020 as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Proposal of Courthouse Gazebo Repairs - Vince Beneke, Maintenance - Received an estimate from Painting Concepts for maintenance on the two courthouse gazebos which include power washing, replacement of any broken spindles and handrails, and the re-staining (inside and out) of both gazebos. The estimate is \$1,560.00 per gazebo with the final amount being \$3,120.00 for both. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the request. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 2) Special Exception Requests, Communication Towers - Larry Strange, Area Plan – The Monroe Township tower proposal is located at 7453 East 400 Marion, IN just east of 700 by the golf course. The area is zoned residential. The actual location is on the west side of the golf course across from the lake. No houses will be impacted. The second proposed location is at 8420 South 300 West in Fairmount, IN of Liberty Township. It is at the old Liberty School on state road 37. This area is zoned agricultural. These towers are for the public safety communication system. Mr. Strange asked for a favorable, not favorable, or no recommendation for the board of zoning appeals for the meeting on August 3, 2020. Todd Durnil, Pyramid commented that this is just going through the process to inform the community that the towers are going up in these locations so that everyone is aware. This gives the public the opportunity for any objections. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to proceed with a favorable recommendation on both applications. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 3) Resolution Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment Resolution 6 - 2020 - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner – The submittal of the COVID Application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and addressing related matters will be coming from the office of the Economic Growth Council. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve Resolution 6 - 2020. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 4) Central Dispatch Update - Terry Burnworth and Todd Durnil, Pyramid – The flooring was completed on Friday. All of the stairs now have tread. A handrail has been placed up the backstairs. Painters have been in for touch up. The cleaners were in on Saturday for a deep

cleaning. Phase 2 interviews were held last week. Best and finals bids are due this week and recommendations will be presented on August 3rd.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Becky and Doug Moore of 809 S Barclay Fairmount, Indiana 46928 and Penny Benedict of 923 N Cottonwood Fairmount, Indiana 46928. Becky stated that they live at a very dangerous intersection in Fairmount. "Tyler Street has become a drag strip. Pulling out of the driveway is a major challenge. Over the last year, I have almost been hit six times. The current speed is 35 miles per hour. I have involved the Fairmount police department and the Grant County Sheriff department to get incident reports but by the time they arrive, the people have already gone." The petitioners requested a three way stop for safety purposes. There are several children in the neighborhood and safety is a big concern at this point. This has been going on for several years. Commissioner Mowery asked if she has spoken to the town board. Becky replied that she had not, but she has learned that the town of Fairmount only incorporated Tyler street from Walnut to Henley Ave. Walnut East is all county right of way. David White commented that if does belong to the county, a traffic study would need to be done and other reports will need to be collected. Commissioner Bardsley stated that monitors will have to be put out to gather a traffic study. David White stated that he will check with LTAP to have access to the monitor that will collect the speed and amount of traffic. It will be set for a week from Monday to Monday. The results will be presented at a future Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to proceed forward with the traffic study so the situation that has been brought before us today can be corrected. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

The meeting was brought to recess by Commissioner Bardsley at 11 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be Monday August 3, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.