

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**August 3, 2020**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 3, 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 April Ailes, Executive Administrative Assistant. Justin Saathoff, County Administrator/HR, joined via WebEx.

This Grant County Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:00 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 meeting.

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

**CLAIMS**

July 27, 2020 – general - \$114,489.54, other - \$129,257.11, and highway - \$28,344.71 = \$272,091.36. Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify the preapproved claims. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

August 3, 2020 – general - \$80,553.40, other - \$61,475.90, and highway - \$8,392.89 = \$150,422.19. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

**PAYROLL**

Formal approval of payroll #15 - Preapproval was given on 7/21/2020 in the amount of \$528,304.61 and was paid out on 7/24/2020. Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify the preapproval of payroll #15. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

**MINUTES**

None

**Weights and Measures**

Report for 6/16/2020 to 7/15/2020 - Commissioner Mowery made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

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

Robert Jackson, EMA – Mr. Jackson reported that there has been a spike in positive COVID-19 cases in the county and EMA is continuing to monitor. The fourteen (14) day average has improved. It went from fifteen (15) to twelve (12) positive cases a day. Grant County is running around six percent (6%). This average is calculated by the percentage of confirmed cases to total tests. With school starting back, it is suspected that it will bring issues along with it. EMA is meeting with the schools, hospital, and health department every Tuesday afternoon.

## **IT**

Marcus Elliott, IT - Requested a three (3) year extension with AT&T Centrex. This is for the county's fax lines. If extended, the rates will be locked in to what they are now. In the next three years, the county needs to look into upgrading. This was preapproved on July 27, 2020 by Commissioner Bardsley. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to ratify the action of the president regarding AT&T. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

## **HIGHWAY REPORT**

David White, Highway Superintendent

- 1) Highway is set to pour the deck on bridge #82 Garthwaite road this Wednesday morning.
- 2) The deck has been removed from bridge #93 on 700 East. Work continues.
- 3) Road recycling is set to take place this week on 100 N, 600 E, 800 E, and 450 N.
- 4) Requested to purchase a used dump truck in the amount of \$21,500.00 from Selking International in Decatur, Indiana. It is a 2003 with 88,000 miles. The current one is a 2000 and it is in bad shape. This will be paid out of the 1176 fund. Commissioner Mowery moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 5) Asked to purchase six (6) new plows. Stainless steel is recommended as they tend to last longer. Clark Truck Equipment of Crawfordsville, Indiana sent a quote of \$11,236.00 per plow, which is a total of \$67,416.00. A transfer would be needed from the Council in order to cover the cost. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the request presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried.
- 6) Currently finishing up log jams on Pennsylvania and Lincoln Blvd.
- 7) Received a copy of the contract from INDOT for bridge #254 Pennsylvania Street. This will go to bid in March of 2021.
- 8) The road study was set up last Thursday at Tyler and Barclay as requested. Tyler was monitored for five (5) days and then switched to Barclay for five (5) more days. The results should be ready to present at the next meeting on 8/17/2020.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Area Plan Commission Appointment - Larry Strange, Area Plan - Commissioner Bardsley stated that he is waiting on a return call and availability.
- 2) Request for Permission of Courthouse Ground Usage - Brad Hodson, Veterans Affairs – Mr. Hodson spoke on behalf of the Veterans' Court mentor program. Asked that we be allowed to use courthouse ground to have Rock's concession come in they have agreed to donate a portion of the sales to the program. No date has been set looking to do this in September 1 maybe 2 days. Approved by consent.
- 3) Proposal of Fair Housing Ordinance and Block Grant Program - Mikayla Marazzi, Grant County Economic Growth Council – Requested for two forms and three items to be approved and signed. The first being exempt certification, four-factor analysis. This for the COVID rapid response grant. The Fair Housing Ordinance has been updated. The last one was in 2005. Commissioner Burton made a motion to consider the presented items and to sign once all have

been looked over and reviewed by the county attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

- 4) Proposal of Janitorial Services Agreement - Dawn's Cleaning Solution – This proposal is for post-construction and deep cleaning of the Dispatch Center. The bid for this service is \$960.00. The Central Dispatch Center must be added to the list of buildings for cleaning services. For the months of July and August 2020, beginning July 27, 2020, the bid for the service is \$2,366.00. The addition to the contract would be from September to December 31, 2020 bid with the cost totaling \$7,574.00. Commissioner Burton made a motion to except the proposal and addition to the original contract. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
- 5) Capital Asset Management Plan - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner – This plan is officially now open for discussion regarding loans and bonds. The county has several projects going on or needed that must be prioritized. The plan is looking at about seven (7) million dollars. There are several replacements and repairs that could run a couple of hundred thousand per unit. Asked for suggestion on how to prioritize. Auditor McWhirt stated that it is not an easy decision but it is one of those things that need to be decided quickly in order to move forward. Commissioner Mowery stated that a decision needs to be made regarding the other two (2) floors at the Old Salin Bank building and what to do with the unoccupied space. Renting out some of the space was suggested in order to get some type of return on investment. Commissioner Bardsley stated that the Commissioners will take the priorities to the council with the top priority being the central dispatch public safety towers.
- 6) Request for Placement of Bench Memorial - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner - The family came together and requested a park bench with a memorial for Payton Rogers, who lost her life tragically on June 2018, to be placed at Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Washington. It will become part of the landscape and would be a permanent fixture. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to ask maintenance to place the bench on Third and Washington. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
- 7) Recommendation of Public Safety Communication System, Phase 2 - Todd Durnil, Pyramid - Motorola has been accepted as the top vendor. Requested to enter into contract with Motorola for the county's needs. Commissioner Burton made a motion to grant permission to begin negotiations with Motorola. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
- 8) Project Update - Todd Durnil, Pyramid - Phase 1 is now complete. Some clean up is still being done in the storage areas. The subbasement still needing a spray out.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ron Turner, 7720 Scarborough Blvd. S Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46256, is starting a new church and requested to use the southeast corner of the courthouse square on Saturday September 5, 2020 at 6 pm for a church service. There will be social distancing required. A power source is requested and needed. They plan to have open church on October 4, 2020 at the Holiday Inn Suites subject to change due to the pandemic. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the use of the courthouse square for this spiritual gathering. Seconded 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 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.