

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
August 17, 2020

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 17, 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, County Administrator/HR.

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 so that the public has easier access to this meeting.

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

CLAIMS

8/3/2020 Single Preapproved Claims - Vectren - \$50.67, Gas City Utilities - \$902.51, and Spectrum - \$63.50 = \$1,016.68.

8/10/2020 – general - \$206,677.17, other - \$47,631.81, and highway - \$54,252.11 = \$308,561.09.

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

8/17/20 - general-\$32,815.10, other\$95,364.76, and highway \$24,377.10 = \$152,556.96.

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

PAYROLL

Payroll #16 was preapproved on 8/4/2020 in the amount of \$506,649.33 and was paid out on 8/7/2020. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to ratify the preapproved payroll #16. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried

MINUTES

None

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

Amanda Simmons, Chief Deputy EMA – Grant county is at 843 positive cases and 30 deaths. EMA is working on submitting different projects for the Cares Act reimbursement funds. EMA did receive preapproval to use the funds for a truck and trailer. This truck would strictly be used for PPE pick-up and distribution. Ms. Simmons asked for permission to proceed with this preapproval. EMA has also submitted for preapproval for a 40 x 80 ft. storage barn that would be placed at the training center location (EMS). Storage racks and cabinets for the EOC are needed for PPE. Commissioner Bardsley asked what line item would be used and if there are funds available for the request since these do not qualify to be paid out of the Cares Act fund or if a transfer of funds is needed to meet the request.

Information for this request should be answered at the next meeting on September 8, 2020 so that the request can be expedited. Ms. Simmons stated that EMA continues to work with the schools and that she is going to reach out to the surrounding counties to see what their back to school plans are and compare the differences.

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None

HIGHWAY REPORT

David White, Highway Superintendent

- 1) Requested for the recycle center to have Tawa Mulch and Landscape Supply out of Findlay, Ohio to mulch landscaping. They have used this company the last two (2) years. Recommended using this company for this year at a cost of \$6,265.00.
- 2) The ditch on 500 East is taken care of and cleaned out.
- 3) The six (6) new snow plows have been ordered and should be in sometime in December.
- 4) Received the speed study for Barclay and Tyler Street in Fairmount. The petitioners are to be contacted to attend the next meeting on Tuesday September 8, 2020 for the reading of the results.
- 5) Garthwaite Bridge has been completed and is back open.
- 6) Mr. White is currently working with Scott Rogers on 200N 800E on the survey where the proposed new ditch may go. The drainage board is working with Mr. White in regard to old tile.
- 7) The highway department is currently putting down pug mix on 375E off of Wheeling (a.k.a Gun Club Road) and also 362E.
- 8) The bridge on 1000E 250N has been closed due to a hole in the deck. Mr. White recommended to use Debco Metal Culverts out of Francesville, IN. He has had success with them in the past and it is a cost saver. A good reliable bridge will last fifty (50) plus years. The bridge on 1000E is 60 ft. long and 24 ft. wide. Mr. White recommended to make it a bit longer. Commissioner Bardsley asked about traffic, as to whether the bridge would stand up to the needs. Mr. White stated it has a 93 ton weight limit and it will meet all safety standards. He will gather more information. Soil samples are to be done by a private company. This will be brought back to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Resolution Designating County as Vote Center County - Pam Harris, Clerk – The public meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2020. Grant County currently has thirty-two (32) locations. This will be decreased to eleven (11) (twelve (12) with the courthouse). Requested approval from the Commissioners and a resolution agreeing to the idea. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve Resolution 2020 -7. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Resolution Authorizing COVID Application - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner – A public hearing has already taken place. Resolution 2020 - 6 was adopted on August 17, 2020. Commissioner

Mowery made a motion to use the current resolution number 2020 – 6. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

- 3) Renewal of School Resource Officer Contract - Tim Holtzleiter, Chief Deputy - This contract is for Eastbrook Schools. Everything on the contract is the same as last year with the exception of a salary increase. \$1,100.00 was added annually. Required signatures to continue this program from the commissioners. Commissioner Burton made a motion to sign and continue the resource officer contract with Eastbrook Schools. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried. The new contract was signed by the commissioners.
- 4) Holiday Pay for Central Dispatch - Michael Clayton, 911 Director – The policy in the county handbook was not figured into the pay structure for central dispatch. After speaking to the policy board, Mr. Clayton came before the commissioners to ask for a grandfather clause for the employees who came over from the Sheriff's department to central dispatch. The Sheriff's department formally paid \$7.50 an hour for holiday pay but only to those who worked the holiday. By the county employee handbook, regular employees get paid a little \$8.26 an hour. Commissioner Bardsley stated that when the pay structure was set for the dispatchers, part of the equation was overlooked and did not prepare to pay holiday pay. The \$7.50 amount will be used outside the scope of the law enforcement contract. The policy board did not make a recommendation. This is to correct an error of the county and will need to be retroactive back to July 4th and Labor Day. "We need to make sure that we have money for the rest of the year," Commissioner Bardsley stated. Central Dispatch does work 7 days a week, 365 days a year and they must be working to receive the holiday pay benefit. The scale to be used for the holiday pay for the Central dispatch must be acknowledged. Commissioner Bardsley recommended that the regular \$8.26 amount per the handbook be used for holiday pay. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve and concur with the employee handbook for holiday pay and for it to be retroactive back to July 4th. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried. Auditor McWhirt added that an amendment to the handbook should be made for clarification purposes. Commissioner Bardsley stated that there may be a need for a public safety communication portion to the handbook. These suggestions will be taken to the County Attorney.
- 5) EMD Training Update - Michael Clayton, 911 Director – Central dispatch currently has five (5) full time operators that are certified. Training is needed to triage or, in some cases, treat medical elements that occur within the scope of their practice. Dispatchers can assist with CPR, bleeding, strokes, and other issues through EMD training. This is in no way a replacement for emergency medical responders heading to the scene and will not slow down response time in any fashion. Also, EMD work would only be done while an ambulance is in route unless the caller is unable to provide an address. Mr. Clayton stated that he currently estimated the cost for the remaining training and certification at \$57,000.00, but he hopes to cut that number at least in half due to the change in the scope from when he received an initial quote. Commissioners were in agreement that the training should happen as soon as possible.
- 6) Review of Pay Applications - Justin Saathoff, County Administrator/HR – The payment request packets #2, #8, and #7 can be paid as the proper documents come in for Fredrick's and the resolution is made with Rex Collins Electric. Commissioner Burton made a motion to pay per the conditions placed. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
- 7) Project Update - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner - Some of the flooring may need to be taken back up to get better access to a clean out. The contractors have not gone through the final pick list nor has the final walk-through been done to make sure everything meets all standards. Commissioner Mowery questioned the plumbing issues. He stated that phase two (2) is being talked about and he wants to be assured that phase one (1) is satisfactory with everyone. He is

concerned with the plumbing and that there may be some wasted expense and that he would like some clarification on the project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ruth Ann Sumpter, Daughters of the American Revolution - Requested to use the courthouse lawn to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th amendment. Also requested to designate August 26th as Women's Equality Day. The amendment was first introduced in 1878 and gave women the right to vote. Ms. Sumpter said that "it is a special day and should be recognized as a special day." She also invited the commissioners to attend the event. The gathering would begin at 6:15 pm on August 26th and will have some speakers and music. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the gathering. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

The meeting was brought to recess by Commissioner Bardsley at 11:10 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.