

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
Monday November 2, 2020

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 2, 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 County Administrator/HR Justin Saathoff.

This Grant County Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Commissioner Bardsley. The prayer was led by Commissioner Mowery and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Burton.

CLAIMS

10/26/2020 preapprovals - general \$234,284.65, other \$20,496.78, highway \$901.27 = \$255,682.70.

10/28/2020 single preapprovals - Crossroads Ambulance Sales & Service (EMS) = \$4,395.00.

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

11/2/2020 - general \$51,817.83, other \$56,298.08, highway \$30,144.48 = \$140,540.14. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

PAYROLL- #22

Preapproval was given on 10/27/2020 in the amount of \$509,204.73 and it was paid out on 10/30/2020. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to ratify payroll #22. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

MINUTES

None

RECEIPT OF MONTHLY REPORT, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT- MONTH ENDING 9/30/2020

Commissioner Burton made a motion to receive the monthly report ending 9/30/2020. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

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

1. Bob Jackson, EMA – Grant county had another 17 positive cases reported today. That makes 960 total positive cases since March 1. There was another spike last week. Many utility workers throughout the county have tested positive which hurts those departments as far as manpower. The state will update the county's ranking status on Wednesdays. Contact tracing is working well. It is vital when looking at schools, churches, and even funeral functions and gatherings. Commissioner Bardsley stated that it is important to notify local health department if you test positive or are in quarantine due to possible exposure. This will help with the contact tracing and help let the county know where and when any other person may have been exposed. For a list of essential workers, go to FEMA.gov.

2. Auditor McWhirt did mention that the resolutions and ordinance that have passed over the last year are in the process of being submitted to make sure our code books are up to date.

IT

Marcus Elliott, Director

1. The updated agreements for AT&T to be signed will be brought to the November 16th Commissioners' meeting. This will double speeds. This is an offer of 400 megabits download and upload and will save money. The updated leasing agreement will also be brought to the November 16th meeting. This will buy out the county's storage and allow for new data center in central dispatch. It will also allow for existing equipment to be retired. A trade in can be done on the old equipment and put towards the lease. This is a four year plan. The total cost of the lease, including the buyout, is \$370,000.00.
2. Hotspots were purchased due to five of the voting faculties not having WYFI access. Two locations are unconfirmed. These hotspots are prepaid. The county credit card was used for activation. This will allow the county to use on an as needed basis. This will be paid out of the contractual services fund.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Tony Smith, Highway

1. The Highway dept. applied for two Community Crossing Grants on October 23, 2020, totaling \$800,000.00 for the Washington Street bridge. The second grant was \$1.2 million for paving, which the county pays half. The response time for that is going to be closer to the first of the year.
2. The building behind Central Dispatch has been torn down and removed.
3. The deck for bridge #93 on 700 W has been poured and should be back open in about three weeks.
4. The Highway dept. is preparing for the weather ahead. It looks like snow and ice are coming.
5. Mr. Smith requested to put a Highway truck in the Christmas Parade again this year. This request was approved by common consent.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Central Dispatch Update - Michael Clayton, Central Dispatch (via WebEx)
 - a. The Point Isabell tower was repaired on October 14th and is working great.
 - b. The drive thru building in the west lot was taken down two weeks ago.
 - c. Central dispatch is currently down ten operators. Twelve hour shifts are being mandated. Personnel is about half way through the quarantine time.
 - d. Mr. Clayton requested for another fogging to sanitize building. Dispatchers have been cleaning and taking temperatures. Their workstations have also been spaced out to avoid close contact.
 - e. Overtime is being paid out. Mr. Clayton is also working as an operator.
2. Health Insurance Renewal Summary and Recommendations - Michelle Bunker, IMG – IMG has been monitoring the service provided over the last year and particularly over the last 8 months with the Covid situation. As part of the overall evaluation, IMG compared the numbers that were expected for 2020 and then projected them through the end of the year resulting in the

2021 renewal projection output. It is expected to end the year at about a 12% decrease. Moving into 2021, a 2% decrease is anticipated. Overall, the county's numbers have been running well. The wellness program is certainly working. Retaining anthem, as the stop loss carrier and the pharmacy benefits, is recommended for 2021. It is recommended to not decrease the stop loss tier. It is currently at \$200,000.00. There is a new laser coming to the group at an additional \$600,000.00 putting the total at about \$800,000.00 per individual. IMG recommended implanting a special drug accumulator this year. IT helps in the event that someone is on specialty medication. It could definitely help with cost. IMG also recommended continuing using the benefit administration system for your 1094 and 1095 reporting and Cobra coverage. Open enrollment will be November 12th through November 25th. More information will be emailed out this week. Virtual enrollment will be offered for those who need assistance. Employees will be able to log in on any device at work or at home with BerniePortal. Commissioner Burton made a motion to renew with IMG for 2021 and adopt their recommendations. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

3. Ratification of Preapproval for Vote Center Locations, Mark Bardsley, Commissioner - Commissioner Mowery made a motion to ratify the preapproval. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
4. Ratification of Preapproval of Mold Assessment, Mark Bardsley, Commissioner - Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify the preapproval. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
5. Ratification of Preapproval for Parks Pest Control – Courthouse, Mark Bardsley, Commissioner - Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify the preapproval. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
6. Request for Approval of Sixth Floor Remodeling, Mark Bardsley, Commissioner - Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify the preapproval. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

PUBLIC

None

This meeting was brought to recess by Commissioner Bardsley at 10:55 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be held on Monday November 16, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.