

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
Monday November 16, 2020

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 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 Stacey Stevens from Payroll. Commissioner Mike Burton and County Administrator/HR Justin Saathoff joined via WebEx.

This Grant County Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by Commissioner Bardsley. The prayer was led by Commissioner Bardsley and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Mowery.

Commissioner Bardsley spoke on the emergency health state of management. "Due to COVID, we may be looking towards a possible lockdown situation again, meaning appointments only."

CLAIMS

11/9/2020 preapprovals - general \$219,729.99, other \$33,087.75, highway \$417,116.30 = \$669,934.04. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to ratify the preapproved claims. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried

10/16/2020 - general \$93,852.88, other \$82,035.78, highway \$583.06 = \$176,471.72. Also, an election expense in the amount of \$31,315.52. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve claims and election expense as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried

PAYROLL- #23 – Preapproval was given on 11/10/2020 in the amount of \$519,297.54 and paid out on 11/13/2020. Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify payroll #23. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

MINUTES

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve March 2, 2020 and March 16, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

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

1. Jim McWhirt, Auditor - The updates for resolutions and ordinances are sent in this time every year. They are being processed at this time. The cost is between \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00.
2. Bob Jackson, EMA - The county had a severe increase in positive cases. There is a meeting on Thursday, including churches and businesses in the area, to talk about mask enforcement and social distancing. The schools are already involved and have really good results. "We are currently waiting to hear from the state to know if our county is going to red status."

IT

Marcus Elliott

1. The AT&T update was presented. A meeting will be set up with AT&T due to the paperwork not being clear with cost estimates.

2. An updated plan from Presidio for the buyout on the existing lease was presented. A five year term in the amount of \$472,180.96 was introduced. Payments will be quarterly in the amount of \$26,425.00. This will be taken out of the equipment budget. This was put into the 2021 budget. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve pending attorney approval of the contract. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

HIGHWAY REPORT

David White, Superintendent

1. Paving is scheduled for tomorrow morning on Bridge #93 on CR 700 East. The guardrail will be done on Thursday. The bridge should be opened to the public by the beginning of next week.
2. The snowplows were taken out of storage last Friday. The Highway dept. is in the process of putting on the sanders. Mr. White called in about 1,500 tons of sand.
3. Asphalt crack sealing is currently being done out on Lawson Rd.
4. Bridge inspections are due in by November 18th by 2 pm for 2021-2024. Mr. White has already received one and is waiting on the rest. After scoring, the results will be sent to the state. The number of bids will be presented at the next Commissioners' meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Central Dispatch Update, Mike Clayton
 - a. All employees are back, up to full staff.
 - b. EMD update, still making decision on the package and how to finance the commutation equipment, policy board is pushing for EMD. This has to happen this is what was expected from our end. Still to be discussed about the funds for this at the County Council meeting on Wednesday.
 - c. Fogging, still working on a schedule, recommendation is at least once a week.
2. Vince Beneke, Maintenance
 - a. Mr. Beneke recommended shelving for the EMS building from Lowe's. Lowe's has shelving at \$199.00 per shelf. 22 are currently available. Menards has shelving at \$199.40 per shelf. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to preauthorize shelving purchases as needed from Lowe's. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
 - b. Mr. Beneke informed the Board of Commissioners that the last corner of the concrete repair project should be completed today.
 - c. Building fogging is to be done once a week on the weekends. The battery units are not lasting as long as needed. Two more batteries units are on order. Mr. Beneke is also searching for the corded units.
3. Community Corrections Advisory Board Appointment, Chris Cunningham, Corrections - Commissioner Bardsley spoke on Mr. Cunningham's behalf. The Corrections department would like to re-appoint Dr. Maryann Dematio to the advisory board for another four year term. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the renewal of the four year term for Dr. Maryann Dematio. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

4. Joint Resolution for Cares Act Reimbursement Procedure - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner – This issue is tabled until after the council meeting on 11/18/2020. A special session is scheduled for 11/20/2020 and can be brought back to the table at that time. Commissioners are in agreement and it will be tabled until Friday 11/20/2020.
5. Ratification of Preapproval for FFCRA Policy Amendment, Mark Bardsley, Commissioner – This issue will be tabled at this time.
6. Project Update, Terry Burnworth and Todd Durnil, Pyramid-
Neither were in attendance. Bob Jackson of EMA spoke on their behalf.
 - a. A stop work order was issued by the fire marshal on the EMS building. There were discrepancies in the original plans that were sent to the state. The plans have been updated and resubmitted to the state.
 - b. The BZA did approve the Upland (Southeast public safety site) tower site so now all three sites are moving along. The next step is for the Commissioners to approve the Marion and Upland sites. The Commissioners are still waiting on the paperwork for this at this time.
7. Recommendation on 6th Floor Construction, Mark Bardsley, Commissioner – A quote for \$400.00 was presented to the Commissioners for a deep cleaning by Dawn's Cleaning Solution of the 6th floor post remodeling. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to have Dawn's cleaning to come in at a cost of \$400.00. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley due to a lost connection with Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

PUBLIC

Margaret Gibson, 651 E 950 S, Fairmount, had submitted a variance to construct a pole barn they are wanting on their property. The paperwork was turned into Area Plan and the Gibsons were told that it would be discussed at today's Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Bardsley stated that they had not received the paperwork so the Commissioners will have to contact Area Plan to see where they are at with the variance. Commissioner Bardsley stated they could move this to December 7, 2020 at 10 a.m.

The meeting was brought to recess by Commissioner Bardsley at 11:10 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.