

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**MONDAY JANUARY 4, 2021**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners' met in regular session on Monday, January 4, 2021 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 County Administrator/HR Justin Saathoff. Commissioner Mike Burton was present via WebEx as allowed through the Governor's state of emergency declaration during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This Grant County Commissioners' meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Commissioner Bardsley. The prayer was led by Commissioner Bardsley. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Mowery.

**CLAIMS**

Preapprovals:

12/14/2020 - Star Card member - \$201.19

12/15/2020 - Riverside FCU - \$98.15

12/22/2020 - Presidio Networked Solutions - \$21,136.91

12/23/2020 – Vectren - \$458.10

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

Blanket preapprovals for 12/28/2020 – Vectren - \$264.66, Chronicle Tribune - \$234.90, Rabb Water - \$7.50, Star Financial - \$87.69, Verizon - \$189.95, and Walmart - \$264.62.

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

Blanket preapproval dockets:

12/29/2020 - Bundle 1 \$10,260.53

12/30/2020 - Bundle 2 \$24925.83

12/31/2020 - Bundle 3 \$11543.29

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to ratify the preapproved bundle claims presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

PAYROLL #26 was preapproved on 12/21/2020 and paid out on 12/23/2020 in the amount of \$507,269.41. Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify payroll #26 as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

**MINUTES**

None

Receipts of the Monthly Report of the Circuit Court - Month ending 11/30/2020

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

**APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021**

The Board of Commissioners voted to retain Mark Bardsley as board president and Mike Burton as vice president, which is the same structure as 2020. The Commissioners' appointments to various boards and commissions including the Drainage Board, Economic Growth Council, EMA Advisory Board, LEPC, East Central Indiana Solid Waste District, EIC Planning District, Area Plan Commission and Technology

Committee will remain the same in 2021 as it was in 2020. The board also approved the reappointments of a number of department heads including; County Attorney Kyle Persinger, IT Director Marcus Elliott, Weights and Measures Mark Fleming, VA Director Brad Hodson, Maintenance Director Vince Beneke, Health Office Dr. William David Moore, EMA Director Bob Jackson, EMA Director Duaine Ashcraft, County Administrator/HR Director Justin Saathoff, Public Safety Director Michael Clayton, and Highway Superintendent David White. Commissioner Bardsley did comment that at this time the Area Plan executive director is currently open. Brenda Harrison is serving as interim director until this position is filled. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the reappointments as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

#### Communications & Board Updates (Elected Officials, Boards, special Committees)

Commissioner Bardsley announced that the Board of Finance, which meets one time a year, will meet January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 11 a.m. following the 10 a.m. Commissioners' meeting.

Auditor McWhirt reported that US Bank has been in contact and they have funded the lease.

Bob Jackson, EMA Director, stated that the first EOC briefing was completed for 2021 and the county is in the process of starting the vaccines. There is an online process to register for the vaccine. It will track when the second dose is to be administered. "We will learn in the next week what age group will be able to receive the injections and we are anticipating yet another surge due to the holidays."

Commissioner Mowery met with maintenance and Captain Todd Fleece to discuss the mold and air quality at the detention center. The system is maxed out and needs replaced. This will help with air quality so that the mold problem can be focused on, which needs addressed as soon as possible. A determination needs to be made as to if the plan is to move the females to the detention center. Commissioner Bardsley commented that they, along with the council, will continue to move forward on that decision.

#### IT

Marcus Elliott, Director

1. Mr. Elliott requested to purchase three new standing desks and monitors for IT in the amount of \$2,754.00. This would be funded by the IT equipment fund. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the request for three standing desks. Seconded with support by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried
2. Mr. Elliott requested to purchase a Magicard 300 dual sided ID card printer in the amount \$1,949.00. It comes with a 3 year warranty. This would be a split for funding. Half from IT equipment and half from the Commissioners' cumulative capital development equipment fund. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the request for the Magicard 300. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

#### HIGHWAY

David White, Superintendent

1. The Indiana agreement for the drug and alcohol testing has been reviewed by the county attorney. Alcohol testing is \$40.00 and drug testing is \$55.00. This is per CDL requirements. The Commissioners agreed for the agreement to be signed off on without objection.
2. 3 bids were received for fuel and gravel. Mr. White will score and review the bids. Recommendations and awards will be ready for the next meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Due to the advertisement stating that bids will be taken until noon, anyone turning a bid in by noon will be added to the ones that have already been received per Commissioner Bardsley.
  - a. Dawson Oil of Marion, Indiana - Fuel bid

- b. Petroleum Traders Corporation of Fort Wayne, Indiana - Fuel bid
- c. Irving Materials Inc. of Peru, Indiana - Gravel bid

3. Mr. White presented the Community Crossing Grant contract with IDOT for 2021. The first one is for \$413,485.96. This will be for the Washington Street Bridge. This is a 50/50 matching grant. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve contract A249-21-LG200414 local road agreement. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
4. A contract for the paving projects was presented in the amount of \$399,253.54. The contract is a 50/50 match. This will cover north off 100 S to County Line Road to 600 E. This is local road contract A249-21-LG200415. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Health Board Appointments (2) - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner  
The two openings in the Grant County Health Board will be filled with former Health Department employees following the Commissioners' approval. The board appointed Brandy Swanner to serve the remaining one year of Chuck Poling's term on the Health Board. Poling resigned after being elected as an at-large member of the County Council in the November election. Ms. Swanner is a former employee of the Grant County Health Department's environmental division. Dr. Jeffery Miller stated that he did not wish to continue to serve on the Health Board for another term. Kathy Glickfield was appointed by the board to begin a new four-year term this year. Ms. Glickfield worked as a public health coordinator/food inspector in the Health Department's food division. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to appoint the two replacements for the Health Department. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Central Dispatch Update - Michael Clayton, Central Dispatch  
Compare to last year's statistics, Central Dispatch is down about 5,000 calls. This is a rough estimate. There were some phone issues around the Christmas holiday. This problem was attributed to the Nashville bombing but has since been resolved. Regardless of the situation, county dispatchers stepped up and made it work. Site trunkings were also experienced. This just means that at times we could only communicate within Grant County and throughout the state due to the rain. "We are hoping that in six to eight months this will be a thing of the past because we will be on our own system and not relying on the state's system."
2. Proposal of Kitchen Equipment Purchase - Capt. Todd Fleece, Sheriff's Dept.  
Captain Fleece requested to purchase a new steamer for the jail kitchen. The current one is broken. It is thirteen years old and parts are now obsolete. The cost is \$18,250.00. It is the Crown EXC-2-36 from Federal Supply USA Company. This was the cheapest model and it is comparable to what is there now. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the purchase of the steamer for the jail pending payment line item identification. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
3. Schedule Annual Board of Finance Meeting - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner  
The meeting will be on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 11 a.m. following the regular Commissioners' meeting.

4. PSC Rebid Opening and Recommendations - Todd Durnil, Pyramid
  - a. Bragg Excavating of Marion, Indiana – package 31 earthwork in the amount of \$118,575.00, base bid with alternates of \$18,625.00 with the total being \$137,200.00. There was not a fencing bid.
  - b. Imperium Group Inc. of Carol Stream, IL – package 32F fencing in the amount of \$48,500.00 and package 31 earthwork in the amount of \$123,900.00.
  - c. Keith Sullivan Excavating of Marion, Indiana - package 31 earthwork in the amount of \$133,500.00.
  - d. Cobalt Civil, LLC of Winchester, Indiana - package 31 earthwork in the amount of \$83,500.00 and package 32F fencing in the amount of \$54,000.00.After review, recommendations and awards will be at the next meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
5. Proposal of Tower MOU'S - Gary Bates, Pyramid

The following site proposals were presented: Sherry French for the Liberty southwest tower, Justin Riddle for the west tower, and the Ballinger's for the southeast tower. The county attorney has reviewed the documents and all owners have signed off. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to adopt and sign the MOU's as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
6. Broadband Ready Community Ordinance Proposal - Gary Bates, Pyramid

This is a standard ordinance that the county attorney has reviewed. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve Ordinance 1-2021 Broadband Ready Ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
7. Review of Payment Request - Todd Durnil, Pyramid

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve contracts 1 and 2 for JG Bowers in the amounts of \$83,242.03 and \$49,296.49 and the Pyramid Consultants for \$2,018.43 with a total of \$134,556.91. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
8. FFCRA Policy - Justin Saathoff, County Administrator/HR

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act expired as of January 1, 2021. Commissioner Bardsley stated that was unaware of federal guidance on how to handle sick leave for the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021. He noted that Governor Eric Holcomb has extended the public health emergency due to COVID through at least the end of January. Commissioner Mowery moved to continue to provide up to two weeks of paid sick leave outside of an employee's regular allotment of sick days through January 31, 2021 if they have not previously used this time and if they are eligible with the qualifying reasons outlined in the policy. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

PUBLIC  
None

The regular session was brought to recess by Commissioner Bardsley at 11:21 am. The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.