

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY JANUARY 19, 2021

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 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 joined the meeting via WebEx as allowed by the Governor's state of emergency declaration.

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

CLAIMS

Preapprovals for 1-11-2021- general \$697,685.39, other \$38,924.43, and highway \$22,763.43 = \$759,373.56.

Single preapprovals for 1-7-2021 - Bright House \$124.00, AT&T \$2509.99, AT&T \$135.29, and AT&T \$77.08.

Preapproval for 1/8/2021 - JG Bowers \$49,296.45 and \$83,242.03.

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

Preapprovals for 1-19-2021-general \$158,837.11, other \$29,901.42, highway \$8,348.81, making the total \$197,087.34.

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

PAYROLL

Formal preapproval of payroll #1 was given on 1/5/2021 and paid out on 1/8/2021 in the amount of \$530,326.90. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to ratify payroll #1. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

MINUTES

The minutes from 5/4/2020 and 5/18/2020 were submitted for approval. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/4/2020 and 5/18/2020. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BOARD UPDATES (Elected Officials, Boards, special Committees)

Commissioner Bardsley stated that it was reported in the EOC meeting that MGH and the county has begun giving vaccines. The county has given out 240 vaccines so far. Some of the elderly in nursing homes can go through Walgreen to get their vaccine. Rumor has it that Meijer will also be giving out vaccines in the near future. It was noted this morning that the 70's age range has been opened up to receive the vaccine. They will have to have an appointment. The stock received will dictate availability. The CDC releases vaccines to the state and then, in turn, it is distributed to each county.

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None

HIGHWAY

David White, Superintendent

- a. In regard to the fuel, stone, and gravel bid for 2021, Mr. White recommended IMI for the stone and gravel bid and to continue using Dawson Oil for the fuel. This was unanimously approved by common consent by the Board of Commissioners.
- b. Mr. White reported meeting with the United Consulting firm on bridge inspections for 2021-2024. They were the top ranked firm for the position. They are going to prepare a contract for negotiate prices.
- c. Bridge #39 (location 1000 E) design work with United Consulting has been received alongside the contract. Mr. White will review and present the contract at the February 1st, 2021 meeting.
- d. The annual recertification for ERC (Employee Responsible in Charge) for bridge and regular state projects has been received. This is a requirement with federal aid projects.
- e. The Highway Department is currently helping with the groundwork around the towers to help save the county money.
- f. In regard to the EMS Garage Addition, Mr. White met with Bob Jackson, EMA Director, at the construction site. Within a few weeks, the Highway Department will be stripping the dirt and laying stone for the parking lot.
- g. Mr. White was contacted by Selking International truck service out of Ft. Wayne Indiana. The Highway Department used to buy international dump trucks from them but have not purchased one since around 2009. The city of Fort Wayne recently ordered four brand new chassis and bought them with bigger motors like Grant County uses. They had a department change and decided that they did not want the chassis and have since then ordered four new trucks. Mr. White was asked if Grant County would like to purchase the other four chassis. The original plan was to build one single axel chassis this year, but they have it at such a low rate Mr. White went and looked at them. It was explained that if Grant County was to buy all four trucks, there were at least five trucks that the county needs to rid of. Mr. White has contacted government deals.com to put some of the equipment online to sell. He has also talked to some local communities about selling some of the trucks to them. The new trucks are \$85,000.00 a chassis. They come with a five year warranty per unit for motor and exhaust systems. The hydraulics, bed, plow hitch and sander are \$61,686.00 total cost per unit making the total purchase \$595,944.00. When the other five trucks are sold, it will generate \$170,000.00, which would cover one complete truck. \$200,000.00 was budgeted for equipment in 2021. Mr. White would need to go to the council for additional funding. If and when Mr. White goes to the council to transfer funds, he will let them know of plans to purchase one large and one small excavator to help with the tower, Area Plan, and EMS projects that are planned. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the new chassis. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Central Dispatch - Michael Clayton, Director
Nothing to report at this time.

2. Request for Permission of Equipment Rental - Vince Beneke, Maintenance
Administrator Saathoff is speaking on Mr. Beneke's behalf. The windows at the courthouse need cleaned. It hasn't been done in eight to nine years. A quote was received from Wike Equipment Inc. from Marion, Indiana for a 60 ft lift. It will be a two to three day job with a rental cost of \$300 daily or \$800.00 weekly. This will include the courthouse and a couple of other projects. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to proceed with this request. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
3. Proposal of MicroVote Maintenance Agreement - Pam Harris, Clerk
Commissioner Bardsley spoke on the behalf of the Clerk of Courts. This is a standard yearly agreement that needs to be signed. Administrator Saathoff stated that it has been reviewed and approved by the county attorney. The cost is \$120,000.00 per year. Commissioner Mowery did add that there were certain things that needed improvement. He also suggested to have the Commissioners, the Council, and the Clerk to meet to try and improve result time in the 2022 election year. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the agreement and to sign as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
4. Request for Permission to Hold Blood Drive - Megan Borgmann
The date would be March 31st, 2021 from 9 am to 1:30 pm. The Star Bank has offered to allow the Bloodmobile to park in their lot. The county's name would be on the promotional material. Administrator Saathoff was asked to assist with promoting the event. The Board of Commissioners agreed by common consent.
5. Proposal of Liability Coverage for 2021-2022 - Greg Lane, IMG
This was tabled until the next Commissioners' meeting on February 1st, 2021 at 10 am.
6. Presentation of 100R - Jim McWhirt, Auditor
The annual report was presented. This report shows all compensations paid out to the county employees. This report will be published and advertised. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the 100R report as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
7. Proposal of Carpet Bids - Justin Saathoff, Administrator/HR
Three bids for the fifth floor carpeting were received., Kyle's Fine Paints of Marion, Indiana was recommended as the lowest and best bid at \$8,884.14. This would include five rooms and a hallway. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve and accept the bid for Kyle's Fine Paints to do the carpeting. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
8. Presentation of Carpet Cleaning Bids - Justin Saathoff, Administrator/HR
Two bids were received. Stanley Steemer was recommended as the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$3,162.42. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the bid from Stanley Steemer for the carpet cleaning in the courthouse. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
9. Request for Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment - Brenda Harrison, Area Plan
On January 4th, 2021, the Area Plan Commissions met at a public hearing and gave a favorable recommendation, by a vote of 9-0, to zone this land just outside of Van Buren from Agriculture (AG) to General Business (GB) for a new Dollar General. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve and accept the presentation of general ordinance 2-2021 as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

10. Ratification of Purchase Preapproval - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner

Commissioner Bardsley asked to ratify the preapproval in the new amount of \$18,750.00 for the steamer that the jail kitchen had to purchase. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to ratify the preapproval with the new amount of \$18,750.00. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

11. Review of Payment Requests - Todd Durnil, Pyramid (via Webex)

- a. The EMS building payment request packet #3 for JG Bowers in the amount of \$25,225.35 needs paid as soon as possible. This cost covers the shell of the building, but it does not cover the interior walls.
- b. Payment request packet #10 includes 2 payments for Benchmark and 3 payments for Rex Collins with a grand total of \$36,824.18. This will take care of everything with the Central Dispatch project with the exception of Hamilton Hunters, which we will be presented next month.
- c. Grant County Public Safety Communication (PSC) - Phase 1 payment request packet #8 for J&K Communications in the amount of \$7,893.80 was presented. This was for communication lines for the EOC. This will be paid from the 911 fund.
- d. Grant County PSC Project Phase 2 payment request packet #1 for J & K communication, Inc. and Pyramid Architecture/Engineering with a grand total of \$224,544.26 was presented. This is for them putting together the base stations for the towers and the engineering that goes along with that. Mr. McWhirt Auditor stated that J & K Communication will be paid from the US Bank escrow and lease fund once it is approved by the Commissioners. The Pyramid Architecture/Engineering will be paid from the 911 fund.

Commissioner Burton made a motion for all payment requests to be approved. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

12. PSC Bid Update - Todd Durnil, Pyramid (via Webex)

The two bids received at the last meeting for site work and fencing are still over the engineer's estimates. In talking to workers within the county, it could be done internally at a much cheaper rate. The recommendation from Pyramid is to reject the two bids that were received for site work and fencing and to use county staff to do the work in house. Commissioner Burton made a motion to reject the bids received for the site work and fencing. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried. Commissioner Bardsley stated that permission was already given earlier in the meeting for the work to be done in house.

PUBLIC

None

The regular session was brought to recess by Commissioner Bardsley at 11:21 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

