

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16th, 2021

The Grant County Board of Commissioners' met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx due to dangerous outside conditions from a winter storm.

In attendance via WebEx were Commissioner Mark Bardsley, Commissioner Ron Mowery, Commissioner Mike Burton, Auditor Jim McWhirt, and County Administrator/HR Director Justin Saathoff. Commissioner Bardsley stated that we are still under the Governor's state of emergency declaration that allows for the use of WebEx for public meetings.

This Grant County Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Commissioner Bardsley. Commissioner Bardsley led the prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was not performed.

MINUTES

The minutes from prior 2020 meetings held on July 20th, August 3rd, and August 17th were approved by common consent.

CLAIMS

Preapprovals 2/8/2021: general - \$69,510.02, other - \$70,705.54, highway - \$7,792.37 = \$148,007.93. Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify the preapprovals as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

2/16/2021: general - \$135,902.62 and other - \$12,398.00 = \$148,300.62

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

PAYROLL

Formal approval for payroll #3 given on 2/3/2021 and paid out on 2/5/2021 in the amount of \$539,299.59.

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

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

EMA Director, Bob Jackson, reported that the number of positive COVID-19 cases continue to decrease. Grant County is currently in the yellow status with the state.

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None

HIGHWAY – Bob Jackson on behalf of Superintendent David White

Mr. Jackson reported that the county east-west roads are drifted heavily with snow. The work crews are making progress. There have been reports of several abandon vehicles. Improvements with the roads should be seen by midafternoon today.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Corrections Annual Report - Chris Cunningham, Corrections

This is an annual report that has been approved by the state. The board is very active and oversees the pretrial committee. Grant County will be the first county certified with a pretrial agency in the state of Indiana. The board is currently working with the department of Corrections to create a new program so that when defenders are released more is known about their mental health. This would be a first for an Indiana county as well. Basic summary data was presented. In 2018 there were 666 level 6 filings and in 2020 there were 881. That is about 200 more filed in two years. The baseline in 2015 was 239 people that were sent to the department of corrections. In 2020 there were only 92 sent to the department of corrections. Of those 92, there were 29 that were parole violations. This speaks for our county as far as public safety is concerned. Mr. Cunningham asked for the approval of this report for submission to the Indiana Department of Corrections. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to adopt the Community Corrections Annual Report so that it can be filed with the state. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

2. Employee Training Fund Request - Rodney Faulk, Prosecutor

Prosecutor Faulk requested funds from the 4921 fund for two Marion police officers to attend the Reed school training course. The training is four days long. The total cost is

\$1,150.00 plus reimbursement for food and gas. Commissioner Mowery moved to approve the request. Seconded with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

3. Alcohol and Tobacco Commission Appointment - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner
By common consent of the Board of Grant County Commissioners, the reappointment of Stacy Sample for the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission for Grant County, IN was approved. The term will be a one year from January 2021 to December 2021.
4. EMS Addition and Tower Updates - Todd Durnil, Pyramid
The EMS barn construction has been completed. The gas company still needs to install a new meter. There was some pushback from the historic preservation on the letter. The FAA has approved all three tower sites.
5. Payment Review - Todd Durnil, Pyramid
This agenda item was tabled until a later date.
6. Board of Finance Meeting – Mark Bardsley, Commissioner
There will be a Board of Finance meeting following the March 1, 2021 Commissioners' meeting.

PUBLIC

None

This regular session was brought to recess by Commissioner Bardsley at 10:49 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS:

ATTEST:

MICHAEL H. BURTON

JIM MCWHIRT
AUDITOR

MARK BARDSLEY

RON MOWERY