

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**MONDAY APRIL 5TH, 2021**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 5th, 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 Mike Burton, County Administrator/HR Justin Saathoff, and Auditor Jim McWhirt. Commissioner Ron Mowery attended the meeting via Webex as allowed under the governor's state of emergency declaration due to the pandemic. Commissioner Bardsley called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and also led the prayer. Commissioner Burton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLAIMS**

**3/29/2021** Preapprovals - general \$318,135.12, other \$22,590.75, and highway \$17,412.79 = \$358,139.36. Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify the claims as presented. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

**4/5/2021** - general \$223,405.35, other \$91,148.87, and highway \$15,736.94 = \$330,291.16. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

**PAYROLL**

Payroll #7 was preapproved on 4/30/2021 and paid out on 4/1/2021 in the gross amount of \$853,414.09. Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify payroll #7. Seconded with support by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

**MINUTES**

None

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

Bob Jackson, EMA – In regard to COVID updates, the EOC briefing this morning reported eleven new cases, which brings our total cases to 7,396. Marion General Hospital stated that their census is steady with few positive cases come in. The turnaround for release for those cases are 24-48 hours. There have been two breakthrough cases, which is someone who has had both vaccines and are through the fourteen day period and still test positive. There are currently five variant cases in Grant County.

Grant County is currently in an elevated risk for fires. Dry conditions will continue for some time. The rain that is coming this week is substantially below normal. With the dry conditions and wind, residents need to take caution if they should have to do open burning.

**IT**

None

**HIGHWAY - David White, Superintendent**

Bids were opened for the Community Crossing Grant. This will be for bridge #728 Washington Street. Mr. White will review the bids and come back towards the end of the meeting with a recommendation.

- a. Duncan Robertson's bid for bridge #728 was \$729,622.00.
- b. Primco Inc.'s bid for bridge #728 was \$634,281.92.
- c. Brooks Construction Company's bid for paving on 600 E was \$171,504.00. This would cover from Montpelier pike to 100 S. Their bid from 600 E to 700 N was \$1,046,405.00.
- d. Brooks Construction Company's bid for annual asphalt paving mix for intermediate mix was \$52.00 per ton and \$60.00 per ton for surface mix. This will be reviewed at a later time and brought to the next meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> for recommendation.
- e. Marathon Petroleum Company's bid for liquid asphalt for 80/90 was \$1.45 a gallon and \$348.66 price per ton.
- f. Clink Group's bid for liquid asphalt for 80/90 was \$375.00 per ton.
- g. Asphalt Material's bid for liquid asphalt for 80/90 was \$350.16 per ton. This will also be reviewed and discussed again on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

The highway department is currently working with Area Plan in Jonesboro for demolitions. It is expected that three more will be completed by midweek. Another building on Water Street is set to come down the beginning of next week. Also set for next week is the start of the paving for the EMS parking lot. Lastly, The federally aided job on bridge #254 (Pennsylvania) is supposed to go back to bidding on May 5<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the minutes, resolution, or ordinance stating that the

Commissioners gave consent for Commissioner Bardsley to electronically sign as President of the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request for Permission to Use the Courthouse Square - Ryan Drown, Fusion Arts Alliance  
The Alliance is organizing Congruence Arts and Music Festival. The date would be Saturday, 9/18/2021. Artists and vendors will be present. Electrical hookup will be needed. The mayor of Marion has already approved for the city to close off Adams Street between State Roads 18 E and 18 W. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the use of the courthouse square on 9/18/2021. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
2. Request for GIS data extracts - Rhonda Milner, WTH Technology, Inc.  
Ms. Milner requested the following updated data extracts from your GIS system for their customer, Gas City Utilities. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
3. ECI Regional Planning District Appointment - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner  
The Grant County Board of Commissioners appointed County Administrator/HR Director Justin Saathoff by common consent. There will be four meetings per year that Administrator Saathoff will attend.
4. EMS Garage Addition Update - Bob Jackson, EMA  
The concrete to the approach walk in door was done on Friday. Some punch list items have been corrected. They are making progress. Mr. Jackson received an email from Todd Durnil stating that he acknowledged the concerns. Vectren was out and buried a new gas line and service has been disconnected to the old building.
5. American Rescue Plan Act Update - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner  
The county is set to receive between \$12.7 and \$12.8 million. There are major areas to look at such as sewer, water, broadband, and health systems. The funds have to be used by the end of 2024 and whatever is left over will go back to the federal government. The county will need to develop an ordinance on the expense plan stating where the money will be spent. Clarification is still needed on precisely how the money can be spent. Auditor McWhirt stated that the money will come in two payments with the first one being around May 11<sup>th</sup> and the other half a year from then.

The meeting recessed for 5 mins. Commissioner Bardsley called the meeting back to order at 10:48 am.

6. Remembering Congressman John Robert Lewis - Dr. Richard Hart  
Since July of 2020 friends from all over the county have been uniting for the purpose of commemorating the late Congressman John Robert Lewis. On 9/19/2020, a commemorative tree planting ceremony took place at the Faulkner Center. A maple tree was planted. An essay contest was held from 9/19 to 10/21/2020. 4 of the 5 school districts as well as 3 colleges participated. On April 10, 2021, a memorial plaque dedication in honor of the late Congressman will take place at the Falkner Center in front of the newly planted maple tree. The 4 winners of the essay contest will be recognized at that time. "The exciting thing was that 120 essays were submitted. This means that conversations were being had at home, on school buses, and all over the county on how to understand voting rights and how can we help in our own thinking and make a difference." The majority of the writers were in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This free event will take place Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. All are invited.

David White, Highway Superintendent

- a. Collin Sullivan from Butler, Fairman and Seufert Inc. have reviewed the bids for bridge #728 (Washington Street) and recommended Primco as the lowest and best bidder in the amount of \$634,281.92. The engineers estimate was \$721,808.00. Primco has completed similar jobs and it is felt that this company is capable of completing the project. Commissioner Burton made a motion to accept the recommendation and award the contract to Primco in the amount of \$634,281.92. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
- b. It is recommended at this time that Brooks Construction Company only complete the northern part of 18 to 700 North in the estimated cost of \$1,046,445.00. Commissioner Burton made a motion to award the paving project contract to Brooks

Construction in the amount of \$1,046,445.00. Seconded with support by  
Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

**PUBLIC**

None

This regular Session was brought to recess by Commissioner Bardsley at 10:56 a.m. The next  
scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS:

ATTEST:

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MICHAEL H. BURTON

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JIM MCWHIRT  
AUDITOR

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MARK BARDSLEY

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RON MOWERY