

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY JUNE 7TH, 2021

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 7th, 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, Commissioner Mike Burton, County Administrator/HR Justin Saathoff, and Auditor Jim McWhirt. Commissioner Bardsley called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Burton led the prayer and Commissioner Mowery led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Bardsley stated that the county remained under a health emergency according to the state until at least through the month of June 2021.

Claims

Single Preapproval 5/21/2021 - Visa \$192.98

5/24/2021 – general - \$111,454.78, other - \$6,126,116.99, highway - \$3,878.48 = \$6,241,450.25

6/1/2021 – general - \$420,533.26, other - \$51,160.95, highway - \$51719.28 = \$523,413.49

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

6/7/2021 – general - \$78,127.48, other - \$27,508.86, highway - \$0.00 = \$105,636.34.

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

Payroll

Payroll #11 was preapproved on 5/11/2021 and paid out on 5/25/2021 in the gross amount of \$525,552.58. Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify payroll #11. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

Minutes

The meeting minutes from 2/16/2021, 3/1/2021 and 4/5/2021 were presented. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the minutes presented. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

Communications & Board Updates (Elected Officials, Boards, Special Committees)

Jim McWhirt, Auditor – Auditor McWhirt stated that his Chief Deputy, Angie Jarvis, is working on completing property tax settlements for the spring. She is just waiting on some final approvals from the state auditor's office. Once the approval is given, the money will be distributed.

Bob Jackson, EMA – There were eight new cases over the weekend. Mr. Jackson recently attended a district meeting (Districts 3 & 6) to hear what is happening in other counties. Grant County seems to be doing very well, not only through the pandemic but also how it was managed. Commissioner Bardsley mentioned that the county's death toll is now at 177. The county is currently trending behind the state's average with vaccines. The public can receive them at the Grant County Health Department with no wait. EMA is inquiring about pop-up sites and how to inform the community.

IT – Marcus Elliott

None

HIGHWAY - David White, Highway Superintendent

1. The recommendations for the 2021-2022 salt seasons are Detroit Salt (non-treated salt) at \$81.33 per ton and Cargill (treated salt) at \$99.31 per ton. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to support and accept the recommendations. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

2. Mr. White requested to set a bid date of July 6th for the Community Crossing Grant project for 900 east from Wheeling Pike to 1200 south. Delaware County is paving from State Road 28 to Wheeling Pike. It should be advertised on June 18 & 25, 2021. The Commissioners gave consent without objection to proceed.
3. The annual LTAP report needs approval for the state. This will require all three signatures from the Commissioners. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the annual report for LTAP. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
4. Four additional structures have been removed in Jonesboro in conjunction with Area Plan. The Highway department will cease further removal until fall/early winter to allow work on other projects.
5. Mr. White received approval from the state on the bridge inspection with United Consulting Firm. This is a four year project starting October 2021 (first round of inspections). Another round of inspections will take place in 2 years. The total cost for the inspections are \$435,253.99. This covers all four years. The county is required to pay 20% of the cost. The county will pay the full amount before receiving the 80% back. The 20% payment will be \$87,050.50. The federal government reimburses the 80% and the state approves the contract. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the contract with United Consulting. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
6. The chip seal project is set to start around June 21st. Mr. White is waiting to hear back from Brooks in regard to the paving timeline.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Presentation of IMG Service Agreement Renewal - Michelle Bunker, IMG
This item will be tabled until the next Commissioners' meeting on June 21, 2021.
2. Request to Paint Jail - Reggie Nevels, Sheriff
Sheriff Nevels requested to paint the entire inside of the jail. The jail was built in 1980 (41 years ago). In 1990, three additional floors were added. Of the 41 years, the jail has only been painted once. The Sheriff recommended using MHP & Restoration out of Ft. Wayne, Indiana for the project. Paul Ducharme, Vice President of MHP, gave the history of the company stating that they have painted other jail facilities and that they are no stranger to the work needed in the county jail. If selected, MHP would come in and complete some tests and ensure the best products that will adhere to the walls. The estimated time of completion is four to six months. Commissioner Bardsley asked how it would be handled since this is a 24/7 facility. Mr. Ducharme said that they have dealt with similar high-use areas in the past and will work second shifts or even weekends. Sheriff Nevels said that the project's estimated cost is \$479,000.00 and it will be paid out of commissary funds. Commissioner Burton made a motion to proceed with the project. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
3. Ratification of Homeland Security Grant Project - Bob Jackson, EMA
Mr. Jackson requested ratification to proceed with the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation Grant. This is a state grant that was preapproved by Commissioner Bardsley. This is a \$4,000.00 grant that would allow the purchase of external defibrillators for the Old Salin Bank building and the Marion police department. Currently, the MPD has no defibrillators to take in the field with

them and they are normally the first ones on the scene. The Commissioners gave common consent to move forward with the grant.

4. Low Associates Agreement Extension Proposal - Jim McWhirt, Auditor
This extension is for a renewal for the 2022 financial and tax software through Low. This will ensure uninterrupted service and maintenance. The agreement requires for all three commissioners to sign. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
5. Van Buren Public Library Board Appointment - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner
There is an opening for a Van Buren Public Library Board Member at this time. Currently, a Van Buren Public Library Board Member is no longer eligible due to term limits. He is on his 7th 4-year term. This will be brought back at the next Commissioners' meeting on June 21, 2021.
6. Review of Payment Request - Terry Burnworth, Pyramid
The first payment request is from Muegge Plumbing & Heating of Greenfield, Indiana in the amount of \$1,710.00. This closes out the contract and will be paid from the 911 fund. The next request is from MPX Solutions of Anderson, Indiana for \$7,165.17 for additional rebar fabrication. The next request is from Rex Collins Electric of Marion, Indiana for \$60,628.50. The last request is from Pyramid Architecture/Engineering of Indianapolis, Indiana for \$29,700.00 for ongoing expenses in the tower project. These will be paid from the general fund. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the payment request as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
7. Salin Bank Building Proposal and EMS Garage Project Update - Terry Burnworth, Pyramid
The EMS addition is down to the final stages of the punch list. The sewage hookup is to be completed in two weeks. The proposal for the Salin Bank building is in two phases: 1) Exterior stabilization and 2) Interior rehabilitation. At this time, Mr. Burnworth is asking for funding from the Grant County Council for phase 1. Phase 2 interior can be done over time. The A&E fee is \$58,000.00. If approved, it will take about 30-40 days to get all of the bidding documents together. Stabilization would start by September and should be a 90-100 day completion time frame. Commissioner Bardsley tabled the discussion until the next meeting to allow for further review and digestion of the proposal.

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None

This regular session was brought to recess by Commissioner Bardsley at 11:07 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, June 21st, 2021 at 10:00 am.