

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY JULY 19TH, 2021

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 19th, 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 Director 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 announced that according to the governor, Indiana is still in the State of Health Emergency and guidelines are in place. Grant County will continue to abide by those guidelines.

Claims

Single Claim Preapproval **7/16/2021** - Visa Card member Service for Grant County Sup II \$691.15

Claims Docket Preapproval **7/12/2021** - general \$192,588.48, other \$25,693.01, highway \$72,241.34 = \$290,492.83.

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

Claims Docket **7/19/2021** - general \$30,782.52, other \$157,032.31, highway \$105,022.46 = \$292,837.29.

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

Payroll

Payroll #14 was preapproved on 7/6/21 and paid out on 7/9/2021 in the amount of \$521,346.90.

Commissioner Mowery made a motion to ratify preapproved payroll #14. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

Minutes

None

Receipt of Monthly Report, Clerk of the Circuit Court - Month Ending 6/30/2021.

Commissioner Burton made a motion to receive the monthly report ending 6/30/2021. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

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

1. Bob Jackson, EMA – There were 4 new COVID-19 cases over the weekend. The Delta variant is now present in Grant County. Schools are working with the Health Department as they are about to begin a new school year. There were reports of funnel clouds Saturday afternoon. They were cold funnel clouds and are not considered dangerous. The alert system and sirens did function properly.
2. Michael Clayton, Central Dispatch – Central Dispatch is set to go fully live next Monday, 7/26/2021 with emergency medical dispatch. Someone from priority dispatch will be there for a couple of days and will be working with all three shifts. The mobile dispatch consoles were received and work very good. This is a laptop that is designed to be mobile, requiring only a Wi-Fi connection.

IT – Marcus Elliott

1. Quotes for a three year and five year contract with Schneider Electric (CM Buck & Associates, Inc. Indianapolis, Indiana) was presented. Clarification is needed on the quote. The funding also needs to be discussed. Mr. Elliott recommended to go with the five year contract. This item was tabled until clarification is available.
2. Commissioner Bardsley inquired about the 911 panic buttons. Mr. Elliott stated that the system is in place but all phones need tested before the full implementation.

Highway - David White, Superintendent

1. Road repair on State Road 18 is scheduled. The unofficial detour is 400 west to 200 east and back up 500 west. A letter of understanding needs to be signed. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve and sign the letter of understanding. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
2. A bid was submitted for 900 East to 1200 South to Wheeling Pike by Brooks Construction. They had the lowest bid at \$80,429.00. Mr. White recommended to award the bid to Brooks Construction. Commissioner Burton made a motion to accept the recommendation presented. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
3. Mr. White requested permission to apply for a Community Crossing Grant for Bridge #39 located at 1000 East 200 North to 250 North. The consulting firm did not feel that they had enough time to get the permits needed for Bridge #789 (Marion). Mr. White presented a financial letter that the Commissioners needed to sign. The board has no problem with this being used out of the matching fund to help pay for getting the project done. This will also have to go before the county council for approval. This letter will be submitted with the application. The letter only requires one signature. With common consent, the Commissioner president signed the letter.

Old Business

1. Proposal for Central Dispatch Building - Terry Burnworth, Pyramid
The exterior building project has been increased to \$900,000.00 from \$823,000.00 and the interior project to \$1.6 million from \$1,598,000.00. Building materials and steel prices have increased by 30%. The exterior work has the roof and the membrane for water proofing for the front sidewalk and asphalt in the rear parking area. Mr. Burnworth recommended to do the exterior project pending funding. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to move forward and approve pending council approval. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.
2. Presentation of Change Order, JG Bowers - Terry Burnworth, Pyramid
The amount for change order #6 is \$2,600. 00. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to approve the payout of change order #6 in the amount of \$2,600.00. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried
3. Payment Request Review - Terry Burnworth, Pyramid
Pyramid requested the release of funds for payment packet #5. They include the following: trade package 35TM, application 3, to MPX Solutions of Anderson in the amount of \$23,554.80 and professional services #1910405-19 Pyramid of Indianapolis in the amount of \$20,278.19. The grand total is \$43,832.99. Commissioner Burton made a motion to release the funds for packet #5 in the amount of \$43,832.99. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.
4. Van Buren Public Library Board Appointment Mark Bardsley, Commissioner
There are no candidates to present at this time. This item was tabled.

New Business

1. Request for GIS Data Extraction - Nick Scheib, Commonwealth Engineers

Mr. Scheib requested permission to obtain GIS data from the county with regard to the aerial photography that appears on the Grant County's GIS website. His company is currently working with the town of Upland (drainage study) and the Marion Schools (traffic study). Commissioner Mowery made a motion to grant permission to access of the aerial views, a second with support by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

2. Application for Development Standard Variance - Ryan Malott, Area Plan

The address in question is 2560 E. Marksara Drive Marion Indiana, 46952 and the owner is James K. Bennett. Mr. Bennett is requesting a variance of 10 foot off the east property line instead of the 23 foot requirement. This is for an accessory building reason and the request is being made so that the new structure would line up with an existing driveway. This is not impeding in any way. Commissioner Mowery made a motion to give a favorable recommendation. Seconded with by Commissioner Burton; motion carried.

3. Request to Begin Bidding Process - Rhonda Wylie, Assessor

This has to be done every four years. Ms. Wylie requested to move forward on the bidding process for reassessment. This is a bid that has to be advertised in the newspaper.

Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve to move forward in the bidding process. Seconded by Commissioner Mowery; motion carried.

PUBLIC

1. Robert Embry, Chairman of Grant County Soil and Water District

Mr. Embry wanted to thank the Board of Commissioners for the recommendation to the council for the request of the emergency funds for the Soil and Water District.

2. Robert Sparks, 966 N 1000 E Marion Indiana, 46952

Mr. Sparks discussed a right of way issue. Area Plan is wanting to enforce the right of way on his property. He has lived there for 26 years. Mr. Sparks presented pictures of damage done to his property. The damages were done by one individual farmer driving through his property. The pictures were from 2018 to the present. Law enforcement has been out to the property several times due to individuals complaining about the rocks that are placed by the road, which are all visible. Mr. Sparks commented, "My yard is very well taken care of and I am open for suggestions as to how to keep this individual out of the yard. Mr. Malott seems to think there is a safety concern. I'm not here for a debate of any kind but I just want a solution to the problem."

Mr. Sparks requested a variance of 5 foot instead of the 20 foot requirement. "This is the only defense I have to keep others out of my yard. The last time the sheriff was out, I moved the rocks and once again the individual drove through and tore up my yard up again. I then received a letter from Area Plan stating that the trees and rocks must be removed out of the right of way and that this must be done by 7/19/2021 or the county would remove them." Commissioner Bardsley commented that the county attorney needs to be involved for guidance in this situation.

3. James Todd, Area Plan in support of Debra Keefe, 2621 W Chapel Pike, Marion Indiana, 46952

Mr. Todd stated that, "Mrs. Keefe has a serious water problem." This was approved by the drainage board in 1997 on the word of the Surveyor that all the water would be contained in the subdivision and go to the holding pond. It was not built that way. it was recorded as a utility easement behind the owner's house with no utility easement on the east side of the home. The water was directed by the developer to save money. There is a utility box in the easement that shorts out when it is needed for the sump pumps due to the amount of water that floods there and over the road. Mr. Todd has had two meeting with the Marion utilities including one with the mayor. They did hire an engineer to come up with a pipe size ,which he recommended 36

inches. The city offered to put a 24 inch one in but wanted the owner to sign a waiver stating that if it did not work, the owner would be liable. On the advice of her attorney, she didn't sign it. She was then told to go to the county Highway department to see if they could help. The owner hired an engineer of her own. He also recommended a 36 inch pipe. Commissioner Mowery excused himself from the meeting due to a prior commitment. Pictures and videos were presented of the damage that is being caused. The homeowner just wants the problem fixed. She has already spent thousands of dollars fixing the damage done to the house. The homeowner is just asking to fix what was done wrong in the first place. She did receive a bid of \$39,000.00 for the 36 inch pipe. Commissioner Bardsley commented that the owner has done the right thing by coming through the Drainage board and Marion utilities. Marion utilities is willing to put in \$20,000.00. The question now is with this not being on Crane Pond, who will be receiving the water. Mr. Todd spoke saying that regardless, it needs fixed. Apparently, no supervision or inspection was conducted when the subdivision went in. The owner is willing to put the other \$10,000.00 in to have the 36 inch pipe installed. Commissioner Bardsley stated that he would like to speak with David White and James Todd to see if there is a package to work with the city utilities and make everyone happy. The owner stated she would keep the grate clean. She already takes care of that corner anyway, but would not sign anything making her liable. Commissioner Bardsley ended by saying that, "This is a slow process but we will see what we can do."

This regular session was brought to recess by Commissioner Bardsley at 11:40 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.