

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAY 2, 2022**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Grant County Complex Council Chambers located at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, IN.

In attendance were Commissioner Mike Burton, Commissioner Mark Bardsley, Auditor Jim McWhirt, County Administrator/HR Director Justin Saathoff and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens. Commissioner Ron Mowery was absent.

Commissioner Bardsley called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Commissioner Bardsley led in prayer. Commissioner Burton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PREAPPROVED CLAIMS**

April 25, 2022:	General:	\$80,630.06
	Other:	\$208,640.10
	Highway:	\$13,305.77
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$302,575.93</b>

Commissioner Burton made a motion to formally ratify the preapproved claim dockets as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

**CLAIMS**

May 2, 2022	General:	\$43,062.37
	Other:	\$89,831.59
	Highway:	\$40,411.61
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$173,305.57</b>

Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the claim dockets as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

**PAYROLL**

Payroll #9 carried a gross total of \$525,734.92. Formal preapproval was given on April 26, 2022 and paid out on April 29, 2022. Commissioner Burton moved to ratify the preapproval of payroll #9 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

**MINUTES**

None

**Board Updates**

None

**Receipt of Monthly Reports**

Commissioner Burton made a motion to receive in the monthly reports from the Clerk of Courts and Weights and Measures as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

**IT Report**

IT Director Marcus Elliott requested signatures on the Data Refresh Project RFP from the BSN Group. This has been sent to Kyle along with the leasing agreement for review. Commissioner Burton made a motion

for approval as requested pending the approval of the attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

### **Highway Report**

1. Superintendent David White requested approval for Brooks Construction to do the 2022 paving projects. Superintendent White presented the Commissioners with a copy of the bid and a list of the roads to be paved. This year the Highway Department will pave 22.11 miles. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve Brooks Construction for asphalt materials for 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.
2. Superintendent White stated that he received a letter from the state notifying that Grant County was awarded \$350,000 for the matching Community Crossings grant. This is for bridge #789 on 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Marion. Superintendent White asked for approval to receive the funds. Commissioner Burton made a motion to receive the \$350,000 from the Community Crossings grant as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.
3. Superintendent White stated that he did not get the \$650,000 Community Crossings grant for the chip seal program and asked for consent to move forward with the bids. He stated that he would like to set the open bid date for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Commissioners gave consent without objection”.
4. Superintendent White presented the Commissioners with a letter from BF&S and asked permission to get the engineering work/scope of work started. This is for work done on Branson Street bridge #712. The cost is estimated to be around \$200,000 for the design work. Commissioner Burton made a motion to get the agreement and engineering work started. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.
5. Superintendent White stated that he received two (2) bids for bridge #138 on 1100 S, which is east of State Road 37. The bids are from USI in the amount of \$113,950.00 and SJCA for \$110,245.00. Superintendent White is recommended SJCA. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the agreement with SJCA in the amount of \$110,245.00. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.
6. Superintendent White asked for permission to help other communities (Fairmount and Van Buren) with paving and chip sealing routes that extend onto county roads again this year. Commissioners Burton and Bardsley gave common consent.
7. Superintendent White stated that there is a small structure east of Wheeling Pike that needs changed and tile replaced. Superintendent White has permission from the farmer to tile it and go on his property to get around the structure while replacing it. Superintendent White asked for permission to extend the structure and leave all the tile for the farmer. Superintendent White has talked to the Surveyor’s office and it is not on the ditch assessment. Commissioner Bardsley stated that Superintendent White will need to work with the county attorney so that the owner will receive that as a private crossing and assume any future work and will not be county property after the work is completed.

8. Superintendent White asked if he could move forward in getting quotes and prices for a storage building so that machinery can be removed from the Boys and Girls Club. Commissioners Burton and Bardsley gave their consent to get the quotes and prices for a storage building.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Presentation of payment request packet #12 - Todd Durnil, Pyramid  
Pyramid was not present. Auditor McWhirt stated that a portion of the payment has been paid but more documentation is needed. Auditor McWhirt suggested this item be tabled until the documentation is provided. Commissioners Burton and Bardsley agreed to table this item.
2. Hog Daze Event Request - Don Osborne, Indian Motorcycle Preservation Society  
Commissioner Bardsley stated that the waiver of liability from the county attorney needs to be signed and returned. Once the waiver of liability has been signed and brought back, the Indiana Motorcycle Preservation is free to go on with the event.
3. Policy Change Proposal, Sick Bank - Justin Saathoff, Administrator  
Administrator Saathoff presented the sick bank policy changes. This is an amendment to the Grant County personnel policy handbook pertaining to the sick bank. This will be resolution #2-2012. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve resolution #2-2012. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.
4. Solar Ordinance Discussion - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner  
Commissioner Bardsley stated that he did not want to proceed with a solar discussion in Commissioner Mowery's absence. He stated that the Commissioners are working towards having a response back to the APC by the first meeting in July. Commissioner Bardsley will take comments from the public in the meeting during the public comments section.
5. Area Plan Demo Update - Ryan Malott, Area Plan  
Director Malott stated that Area Plan has started on their 18<sup>th</sup> demolition since April 2021, the most in a 20 year period. Last year the Council gave Area Plan \$70,000 in additional appropriation for unsafe structure and Area Plan were able to take down 9 structures before even touching that money this year. Another 9 is planned for demolition and there is still \$60,000 left. This has been made possible with help from the Council with funding and the Highway Department with the demolition.
6. Areawide Zoning Ordinance Amendment Proposal - Ryan Malott, Area Plan  
Director Malott had a petition for a zoning map amendment that was tabled from the last meeting. This is for a property to go from agricultural to general business so they can bring in a car lot and repair shop. The property is located at 3940 W 900 S located inside of Hackleman. This went through a public hearing with the Area Plan Commission on April 4. The Area Plan Commission put forth an unfavorable recommendation to the Commissioners. Commissioner Bardsley stated that it would be in best interest to not entertain a motion on this and let it die.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Presentation of Payment Request Packet #14 - Todd Durnil, Pyramid  
Pyramid was not present. Auditor McWhirt cited an email from Pyramid that suggested this item be tabled until the next meeting. Auditor McWhirt also suggested to table the request from

Pyramid in the amount of \$5,519.48. Pyramid has signed off the Rex Collins claim stating that the work has been completed. If that is correct, payment could be made without delay. The amount is \$31,700. The third one is a \$6,000.00 payment to J&K. That payment is through US Bank. The paperwork is included and has been signed off by Pyramid. EMA Director Bob Jackson confirmed that the electrical work has been completed. Commissioner Bardsley expressed he would not be adverse at all to paying the first three and not paying on professional services with Pyramid until further clarification is provided. Commissioner Burton made a motion to pay Rex Collins. One payment for \$20,093 and another for \$11,678.30 and one payment to J&K for \$6,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

1. Grant Overview Presentation - Melissa Stephenson, Court Services

Melissa Stephenson presented a packet explaining the grants that the Probation department, Family Recovery Court, and Community Corrections currently have. The total number of active grant awards is 17. The grants are as follows:

IOCS Pretrial Services \$203,873.00  
BJA Drug Court \$466,032.00  
OJJDP Family Court \$493,722.00  
IOCS Justice Partners \$59,999  
IOCS Drug Court \$8,500  
IOCS Veterans Treatment Court \$7,000  
DART Drug Court Grant \$1,500  
DART Drug Court Alumni \$1,200  
IOCS Family Recovery Court \$8,500  
FRC Grant Award (IOCS) \$7,390  
CIP Grant Award \$41,609.51  
IOCS Interpreter Grant \$9,590.55  
IOCS Reentry Court Grant \$10,000  
Dart Grant Community Corrections \$3,000  
Community Corrections Supervision \$881,128  
Court Recidivism Reduction Program \$391,450  
Jail Treatment 1006 \$52,500.00  
TOTAL: \$2,007,158.06

2. Indexing Project Update - Kathy Foy

Recorder Foy presented two (2) addendums for the Condor Company, which is the indexing company that has been doing the back indexing for the microfilm in the Recorder's office. One addendum is for the years 1967-1973. The second addendum is for the years 1974-1979. The county attorney has already approved both addendums. This is paid for out of the Recorder's perpetuation fund. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the new contracts and give permission for Recorder Foy to sign off for the County. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

3. Purchase and Programming Ordinance Proposal - Bob Jackson, EMA

EMA Director Bob Jackson presented an ordinance for Grant County Public Safety Communication System Purchase and Programming of Land Mobile Radios. This ordinance establishes the requirement for a comprehensive communications plan to provide for the administration of the Grant County Public Safety Communication System (PSCS). This will be Ordinance #3-2022.

Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve ordinance #3-2022. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

4. Courthouse Carpet Bids - Justin Saathoff, Administrator  
Administrator Justin Saathoff presented two (2) carpet bids for Judge Kenworthy's office at the courthouse. The bids were as follows: Morrell \$3,125.00 and Staggs \$3,000.17. Administrator Saathoff recommended Staggs. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the carpet bid from Staggs in the amount of \$3,000.17. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

#### **Public Comments**

**Non-Solar** - Dwayne Rogers of 3525 S Boots Street, Marion requested permission to place signage on the courthouse square. Commissioner Bardsley stated that Mr. Rogers would be able to as long as he is present and holding them. Commissioner Bardsley put a two (2) week time limit on the request. If more time is wanted, Mr. Rogers may come back and ask for an extension on the time limit.

**Solar** - Jackie Sheets of 9409 E 1200 S expressed her concern about the solar discussion being tabled and Commissioner Mowery being absent. Commissioner Bardsley stated that the Board of Commissioners are working on the ordinance independently and will come together for public discussion before the recommendation is given to the APC by the first meeting in July.

Herald King of 707 S Sims Street, Swayzee asked if there would be a draft online for the public to look at. Commissioner Bardsley stated that they are currently viewing the draft the APC sent them (draft #7).

Andy Ellis of Fairmount encouraged the Commissioners to approve the ordinance that has been presented to them.

Myron Brankle of 5450 E 550 N, Van Buren spoke against solar and expressed concern for local agriculture and farmland.

Andy Lyons of 1514 Marlin Drive, Marion spoke against solar and stated that every Commissioner needs to be present, face to face to discuss this.

Commissioner Bardsley recessed the meeting at 11:40 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting is May 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.