

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
June 6, 2022

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 6, 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, Mark Bardsley, Auditor Jim McWhirt, County Administrator/HR Director Justin Saathoff, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

Commissioner Bardsley called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Commissioner Bardsley stated that “Two (2) of two (2) members are present, with the most recent announcement that Mr. Mowery has resigned at the end of last month with some health issues. We wish him well and we will miss him. We are looking forward to the process of the caucus at the end of this month and a new Commissioner to be appointed in July.” Commissioner Burton led in prayer. Commissioner Bardsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PREAPPROVED CLAIMS

May 09, 2022: General: \$ 239,815.31
 Other: \$ 54,899.33
 Highway: \$ 5,108.41
 TOTAL: \$ 299,823.05

April 18, 2022: General: \$151,150.09
 Other: \$ 54,375.29
 Highway: \$ 9,576.40
 TOTAL: \$ 215,101.78

Single claim approval: U.S. Bancorp Gov. Leasing & Finance: \$71,585.77. Preapproval was given on May 9, 2022.

May 16, 2022: General: \$ 245,534.51
 Other: \$ 57,377.04
 Highway: \$ 70,029.20
 TOTAL: \$ 372,940.75

Single claim approval: Voyager Fleet Systems Inc.: \$707.36. Preapproval was given on May 18, 2022.

May 23, 2022: General: \$ 222,175.76
 Other: \$ 73,450.29
 Highway: \$ 153,693.39
 TOTAL: \$ 449,319.44

May 31, 2022: General: \$ 54,554.43
 Other: \$ 28,163.77
 Highway: \$ 13,462.81
 TOTAL: \$ 418,768.23

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

CLAIMS

June 6, 2022: General: \$ 315,803.96
Other: \$ 89,501.46
Highway: \$ 13,462.81
TOTAL: \$ 418,768.23

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

PAYROLL

Payroll #10 carried a gross total of \$531,547.18. Formal preapproval was given on May 11, 2022 and paid out on May 13, 2022. Payroll #11 carried a gross total of \$523,595.51. Formal preapproval was given on May 24, 2022 and paid out on May 27, 2022. Commissioner Burton moved to ratify the preapproval of payrolls #10 and #11 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Bardsley stated that the minutes can be approved by consent. Commissioner Burton agreed to accept the minutes from November 1, 2021 as presented by common consent.

Receipts of Monthly Reports

Commissioner Burton made a motion to receive the monthly report (April 30, 2022) from the Clerk of Courts as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

Board Updates

Auditor McWhirt expressed that settlement is complete and he is waiting to hear from the state for approval. He expected that to happen soon. As soon as that is done, the money will be disbursed to the various units in the county. Auditor Jim McWhirt also stated that the State Board of Accounts will be here this week to do the 2021 audit.

Commissioner Bardsley asked if the Auditor's office has received anything about the second installment of the ARP money. Auditor McWhirt stated that he had not yet.

EMA Director Bob Jackson stated that the number of cases doubled in the month of May from April according to a report from the hospital. The availability and popularity of home testing kits makes it very difficult to obtain the true number of positive cases. An uptick is expected from Memorial Day events. Another uptick is expected during the fall season.

IT Report

1. IT Director Marcus Elliott requested approval of a cell phone stipend for the new Tier 1 IT employee, Chris Lorando. Commissioners Bardsley and Burton gave common consent for approval once the proper paperwork has been completed.
2. Director Elliott requested approval to migrate to the cloud. The cloud is essentially a storage system. There is currently an onsite device with Barracuda, but it is 5-6 years old. The cloud will be much more efficient. Currently, the county uses Office 365 and comes bundled with email

protection services. This will make the county's security footprint better regarding email, as emails are a high attack target.

3. Director Elliott also requested to add a device maintenance fee to a new upgraded copier in the Health Department (Nursing Department). The cost is \$50.00 or less a month when added to our maintenance fee plan. Commissioner Burton moved to approve as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

Highway Report

1. Superintendent David White opened the oil bids that were received. The first company was the Klink Group for 80/90 at \$605.00 per ton. The next company was Asphalt Materials for 80/90 was \$451.20 per ton. Superintendent White stated that he will review the bids and have a decision by the end of this meeting.
2. Superintendent White gave an update on bridge #254 (Pennsylvania Street). The bridge was opened on May 27 at 10:00 am.
3. Superintendent White stated that the county has a new driveway permit and right of way permit that needs to be incorporated. The county attorney has reviewed and approved the permits. Superintendent White provided the Commissioners with copies of the new permit forms. Commissioner Bardsley asked if the new permits have anything to do with the ordinance that is already in place. Superintendent White answered that it did. The fee on the right of way permit was raised significantly. The fee was a flat \$75.00 per permit regardless of the distance. The has changed to a fee of \$100.00 for every quarter of a mile. Inspection fees have changed to \$100.00 up to 1,320 feet and an additional \$100 for every 1,320 feet after that. The driveway permits went from \$25.00 to \$50.00. Superintendent White will check with Kyle to see if this needs to be brought before the Grant County Council. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve pending direction from the attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.
4. Superintendent White presented the annual budget (financial information) for 2021, which totaled 7.2 million. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the annual operation report for 2021 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.
5. Superintendent White presented the salt prices. The salt prices were as follows: Compass Minerals \$91.47 per ton, Cargill \$99.64 per ton, and Morton Salt \$90.76 per ton. Superintendent White recommended Morton Salt for \$90.76 per ton for the 22/23 season. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve Morton Salt at \$90.76 per ton for winter salt. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.
6. Superintendent White presented an agreement entering services with SCJA Incorporated in the amount of \$110,245.00. This is for bridge #138 on county road 1100 South, East of State Road 37. This agreement is for design work and anything else that is needed. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.
7. Superintendent White presented a copy of an e-document for the Auditor's and Commissioners' offices to sign. It was for bridge #789 on 10th street, stating \$350,000 from the state was received.
8. Superintendent White stated he plans on working on 100 North this week.

9. Superintendent White stated that he received a phone call from Mr. Ron Morrell, who runs the Boys and Girls club in Marion, regarding the storage building. The county currently stores equipment at the Boys and Girls club storage building. The intent is to build a storage building at the Highway department and transfer the old storage building to the Boys and Girls Club. Commissioner Bardsley stated that the county has deeded most of that property to the Boys and Girls club. That property now belongs to them, except where the garage/outbuilding is located. It makes sense to get rid of that property. Commissioner Bardsley asked to move forward with the process and to include the county attorney in all actions. Superintendent White will work on the project and bring it back to the Commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Presentation of Payment Packet Request #12 and #14 – Todd Durnil, Pyramid
Pyramid was not present. Commissioner Bardsley stated that “We have been advised earlier that we not pay this until we get all of our punch list items done. I think we need to have a meeting with Pyramid and make sure we get all of our concerns taken care of.” EMA Director Bob Jackson stated that “We have some projects that are not completed yet, so before we send a payment to them, I personally would like to hold that until we show the county is getting what we paid for.” Bob Jackson expressed he would set up a meeting and make sure the county is being protected.
2. Solar Ordinance Discussion – Mark Bardsley, Commissioner
Commissioner Bardsley stated that there would not be a solar discussion this meeting. A basic finding of facts will be released at the next Commissioners’ meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Grant Applications - Amanda Simmons, EMA
Amanda Simmons asked for approval on a preparedness grant through FEMA. It is a non-matching grant, so the county would not be out any funding. Commissioner Burton made a motion to move forward on the grant application. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.
2. Review and Ratification of Parking Lot Proposal - Bob Jackson, EMA
Director Jackson asked for ratification of the parking lot proposal at the Salin Bank. Some repair work needs done to the parking lot. The lot needs to be paved in order to maintain it. Mr. Jackson has been in talks with Indiana Michigan about removing the poles in the middle of the lot and adding a spotlight on the back side of the lot. There are currently 2 lights the county pays for at \$18.95 a month. The new light will be about .45 cents less a month. There is no cost for I&M to do the work. Commissioner Burton made a motion to ratify the preapproval of the removal of the light pole. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.
3. Equipment Purchase Request - Pam Harris, Clerk
Pam Harris was not present. Clerk Harris would like to purchase a scanner in the amount of \$999.99. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.
4. Ratification of Request for Grant Application Preapproval - David Moore, Health
Dr. Moore requested approval of the preparedness grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. This is a revolving grant that is used every year. This grant was preapproved previously. Commissioner

Burton made a motion to ratify the preapproval of the preparedness grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley.

5. Presentation of Fee Proposal - David Moore, Health

Dr. Moore requested approval of fee changes. The first fee change was for vaccination charges. There is currently a \$2 charge. The request would be to remove that charge. The second fee was for food establishments. There is an annual fee of \$60.00 for mobile vendors. The request is to increase the fee to \$75.00 and to raise the late fee from \$50.00 to \$100.00 if they did not get their permit before the event. The last fee change was for brick and mortar establishments. If the establishment is late filing their application, they were fined \$20.00 a day up to \$250.00. The change request would be for not obtaining their license in time, the fine is \$100.00 and the establishment is closed until you turn your license in. The request would be for this to take effect January 1, 2023. This is an ordinance that will replace the standing 2019 ordinance. This will be Ordinance #3-2022. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve Ordinance #3-2022. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

6. Community Corrections Advisory Board Appointment - Chris Cunningham, Corrections

Mike Conner is the current appointment from the County Council. He sent an email a few weeks ago explaining he has some workload issues that keeps him from serving. Mike Roorbach has volunteered to take the appointment. He is already on as a lay person so we would be switching him to a Council appointment. The appointment would be for four (4) years or the length of the elected term. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the appointment as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

7. (& 9) Amendment to Areawide Zoning Ordinance, R1 to AG and Application for Special Exception, Eccles - Ryan Malott, Area Plan

The petition and application is on behalf of Mickey and Holli Eccles. The request is to rezone R1 residential to AG agricultural. The Eccles are looking to open a small car repair shop and business, which would not be allowed in R1. They are hoping to rezone to agricultural where it is allowed, by special exception. A public hearing was held on May 2. The APC gave a favorable recommendation. There was no opposition at the public hearing. There are several square miles located around this property that are currently being used as agricultural. The home is located almost in the middle of a square mile so it is isolated. The closest home is one quarter mile away. Director Malott requested a favorable recommendation for general ordinance #4-2022 and a favorable recommendation for Mickey and Holli Eccles. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve ordinance #4-2022 to amend Grant County code section 153 areawide zoning ordinance providing for the effective date thereof moving from residential to agricultural and making a change zoning favorable recommendation for that property. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

8. Amendment to Areawide Zoning ordinance I1 to MH - Ryan Malott, Area Plan

This is a rezoning for Shady Acres mobile home park off of 39th street. Larry Bright is the owner of the property. The property is zoned an I1. The mobile home park was established in 1950. In doing research, I1 zoning would not allow mobile homes to be installed. This is more of a correction to the zoning map. It was requested that Mr. Bright come in and rezone it so he would not have any problems if he tried to sell it. Area Plan gives a favorable recommendation. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve general ordinance #5-2022 moving the

property in question from industrial to mobile home. The common address is 1000 E 39th street in Marion. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

10. Application for Development Stand Variance, Kolb - Ryan Malott, Area Plan

The petitioners are Timothy and Donna Kolb. They are wanting to build a 16 x 40 pole barn/storage building with a 0 foot setback on the west side of the property. They are currently zoned for residential suburban. This would normally require a 17 foot setback. According to GIS, the property line runs along the gravel driveway. Director Malott requested a favorable recommendation. Commissioner Burton made a motion for a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

11. Ratification of Courthouse Remodel Preapproval - Justin Saathoff, Administrator

Administrator Saathoff requested ratification of the remodeling in the Public Defender's office. This is for carpeting: Kyle's bid was \$1,979.20 and Staggs' bid was \$2075.49. Commissioner Bardsley stated we did preapprove this, so we need a ratification for the preapprovals for the Courthouse remodel. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

12. Request for Shapefiles/Data - Justin Saathoff, Administrator

Valid Ready.org requested Commissioner and Council district files via GIS data. With approval, they will be put into contact with Snyder GIS. Commissioner Burton and Commissioner Bardsley approved by common consent.

13. Special Event Proclamation - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner

Tim George from WBAT joined the meeting via WebEx. Commissioner Bardsley credited Councilman Mike Roorbach with the idea behind the proclamation. Commissioner Bardsley stated that "We, as Commissioners, would like to present the following Proclamation of the Grant County Board of Commissioners. Whereas WBAT Radio is celebrating its 75th year in broadcasting in Grant County, Indiana. Whereas William C. Fowler was a 1940 Marion High School graduate and a Grant County native. Whereas William C. Flower began broadcasting in 1949 for WBAT Radio one year after it was founded. Whereas William C. Fowler was a member of the first Indiana All Star basketball team to play Kentucky and Grant County's first athlete to be named to the team. Whereas William C. Fowler was elected to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame as a broadcaster in 1976 and again in 1986 as a player. Whereas William C. Fowler supported the community through volunteerism with JC's, United Way, Exchange Club and many other community programs. Now therefore we, the Grant County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that the newly reopened bridge over the Mississinewa River located on Lincoln Blvd. and Pennsylvania Avenue in Marion, Indiana, to be renamed the WBAT William C. Fowler Memorial Bridge in Grant County, Indiana, and encourage all Grant County residents to recognize WBAT and William C. Fowler for years of service to our community and to take due note if this observant, effective June 7, 2022. Commissioner Burton made a motion to adopt. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Highway Superintendent David White recommended Asphalt Materials for the asphalt bids. Commissioner Burton moved to approve as recommended. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Bardsley recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday June 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.