

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
October 17, 2022**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Grant County Complex Council Chambers located at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, IN.

In attendance were Commissioners Mike Burton, Steve Wright (via WebEx), and Mark Bardsley. Also present were 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 led in prayer. Commissioner Burton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PREAPPROVED CLAIMS

October 11, 2022: General: \$59,715.63
 Other: \$28,402.50
 Highway: \$54,004.77
TOTAL: \$142,122.90

SINGEL PREAPPROVED CLAIMS

October 7, 2022: AT&T Mobility (IT) \$2,152.90.

Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the claim dockets as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright (via WebEx); motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

October 3, 2022: General: \$204,500.15
 Other: \$ 41,626.59
 Highway: \$34,371.93
TOTAL: \$280,498.67

Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the claim dockets as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright (via WebEx); motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll #21 carried a gross total of \$521,164.08. Formal preapproval was given on October 11, 2022 and paid out on October 14, 2022.

Commissioner Burton made a motion to formally ratify preapproved payroll #21 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright (via WebEx); motion carried 3-0.

Receipts of Monthly Reports

Commissioner Burton made a motion to receive in the monthly reports from Weights and Measures for 6/16/22 to 7/15/22, 7/16/22 to 8/15/22, 8/16/22 to 9/15/22. Seconded by Commissioner Wright (via WebEx); motion carried 3-0.

Board Updates

EMA Director Bob Jackson stated that the county continues to trend downward with COVID. EMA is currently watching the weather due to expected high winds and snowfall. Director Jackson stated that he is waiting on installation of the service door at the upland tower. Expected install date is 2 weeks out. All radio tower testing has been completed and everything went well. The VHF side is scheduled to release on December 1st. It has been determined that changes to some tones and radio frequencies of all VHF radios in the county need reprogrammed. That is mainly the fire service in Grant County that uses the VHF radios. Director Jackson noted that his office would be gone the rest of the week at an EMA conference.

Commissioner Bardsley stated that the board would now address the fencing proposal under Old Business. The initial quote for the fencing was \$4,985.00. The Commissioners originally requested black vinyl and no barbwire. The revised quote came in at \$6,150.00. This will be installed after the new asphalt is poured. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the Messler Fencing proposal at \$6,150.00 including the material and labor cost. Seconded by Commissioner Wright (via WebEx); motion carried 3-0.

IT Report

IT Director Marcus Elliott presented quotes for the EMS project. The first quote is to complete the cable work and install a generator. The quote is from Rex Collins Electric for \$18,838.00 and includes labor and materials. The next quote is for IT upgrades, 2 switches, a firewall, and 5-year support on those devices. The quote is from The DSN Group at \$22,379.00. The last quote is for a controller and the setup of 2 doors. The quote is from Stanley at \$9,155.00. The total of these three quotes is \$50,372.00. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright (via WebEx); motion carried 3-0.

Director Elliott met with CIH concerning the camera install at the Courthouse and Juvenile Detention Center. Director Elliott presented a quote for 9 cameras, which includes installation and the cable. The quote for the courthouse is \$34,132.94. The quote for the Juvenile Detention Center is \$20,268.82. This price does not include any discounts. If the 2 projects are grouped together, a discount will be provided. After some discussion, Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve both quotes pending what the discount would be before signing any paperwork. Seconded by Commissioner Wright (via WebEx); motion carried 3-0.

Director Elliott also stated that the Detention Center has been having power issues that have to do with a UPS battery backup. A UPS battery backup cabinet was hit during a storm and at this moment is running in bypass mode. The detention center will lose power on the 1st floor if there is a power fluctuation. This is also for a UPS for the county in the server room on the 5th floor. The cost bundled in with the battery cab network is from Electric Plus in the amount of \$3,500. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the quote from Electric Plus for \$3,500 (via WebEx). Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 3-0.

Highway Report

Superintendent David White gave an update on current projects. The pipe on 800 S, just east of 1100 E, has been replaced. Painting and guardrails are scheduled this week on Bridge #39 on county road 1000 east. Trusses are being set today on the new storage building at the Highway department. Superintendent White had a quote from Butler, Fairman, & Seufert for the engineering work on the Branson Street bridge to help apply for federal aid in the amount of \$2,500. The Commissioners gave consent for

Superintendent White to proceed. Phase 1A of bridge inspections are set to begin this month. These are the bridges that must be inspected every 12 months. Central Dispatch and D-Home parking lots will be paved on October 31. Superintendent White also asked about signing off on the Boys and Girls Club. Commissioner Bardsley stated that our attorney, Kyle Persinger, thought it best to sign the Boys and Girls Club at the same time as the cell tower that is there. Superintendent White stated that painting of the railroad crossings has been completed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fencing Proposal, Salin Bank Building – Bob Jackson, EMA
Previously cared for during the Board Updates Section.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposal of Facility Assessment Agreement - Dale Davis, Envoy
There are five (5) buildings that would undergo a conditions assessment: the jail, detention home, annex, courthouse, and the former Salin bank building. The jail and the detention home will be done through a jail study, as regulated by Indiana code. For the annex, courthouse and former Salin bank building study, Envoy suggested partnering with Halstead Architects. They will see what it takes to get these buildings back to 100% and will investigate what the ADA requires. Once this is done, options can be weighed and reviewed. The same manner of study will be for the jail and the detention home. The contract that Halstead provided is for \$78,000 and would take about 6 months to complete. After some discussion, Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the assessments project. Seconded by Commissioner Wright (via WebEx); motion carried 3-0.
2. Program Update and Request for Funding - Linda Johnson, Guardian Advocates
Mrs. Johnson updated the board on the Guardian Advocates program. She asked the Commissioners to please keep the program in mind when funding is discussed.
3. Presentation of Ordinance and Purchase Agreement - Barry Grossman, Crossroads Bank
Mr. Grossman presented the agreement for the purchase of four (4) new ambulances that are being financed through Indiana Bond Bank. The amount is \$1,042,762.00 with a 4.2% fixed rate and a first payment date of June 1, 2024. Mr. Grossman is looking for a resolution to be put in place for this purchase. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve Resolution #4 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Wright (via WebEx); motion carried 3-0.
4. Application for Development Standard Variance and Special Exception - Ryan Malott, Area Plan
The petitioner of 10560 S 500 E in Marion is seeking a special exception to allow a farm truck/mechanical repair business in an agricultural zoned district. There is a 4,800 ft pole barn/garage on the property that was built in 2018 and has been used by the family to repair their own equipment and trucks. Commissioner Burton made a motion for a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Wright (via WebEx); motion carried 3-0.
5. Application for Development Standard Variance, Smith – Ryan Malott, Area Plan
The Standard Variance is to add on to the above business on the south end. which we have issued permits for those. The addition to the north is going to be a 2,125 square foot single story, lean-to addition. This will be 10 foot off the property line. The standard requires a minimum of 30 foot off the property line. There is an additional 10 ft. off the right of way. The building will be 20 foot off the road. The highway department is concerned that there is a line of sight issue with the lean-to. After

some discussion, Commissioner Wright made a motion (via WebEx) for no recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 3-0.

6. Equipment Purchase Request - Pam Harris, Clerk

Clerk Harris requested new printers through MicroVote for the election. These are high speed printers. The cost is \$8,250 for new and \$7,150 for used with a 12-month warranty. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the purchase of the printers with a caveat of the approval of the transfer in the Commissioners' budget. Seconded by Commissioner Wright (via WebEx); motion carried 3-0.

7. Presentation of Union Agreement - Jim McWhirt, Auditor

Auditor McWhirt presented the Sheriff's union agreement. This agreement needs the signature of a commissioner. Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright (via WebEx); motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Bardsley signed the agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Sparks of 966 N 1000 E is asking for the road to be widened. Mr. Sparks presented pictures of damage to his yard and feels as though this is being done on purpose by a certain individual. This has been an ongoing issue. Commissioner Bardsley stated that he would work with the Highway department to see what can be done to help.

The next Commissioners' meeting is November 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Bardsley recessed the meeting at 11:47 a.m.