

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SESSION
December 30, 2022**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 30, 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, and Mark Bardsley. Also present were Auditor Jim McWhirt, County Administrator/HR Director Justin Saathoff, and Financials Deputy Nissha McCormick.

Commissioner Bardsley called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Commissioner Burton led in prayer. Commissioner Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Bardsley stated that the purpose of this special session is to review the vacancies that have been noted to the board from the Clerk of Courts via the Auditor's office. The Auditor's office notified the board of Commissioners within the 10 day notification period. Currently there are the following vacancies: 1 Pleasant Township vacancy, 2 Liberty Township vacancies (1 that just occurred this morning which cannot be acted upon), and 3 Richland Townships vacancies as well a trustee vacancy. The Commissioners have the option to reappoint those current names that have held positions on these boards and trustee positions. Mr. Keller resigned from his position this morning. This will force the Democrat party of Grant County to hold a caucus. The Commissioners' options are for the other remaining vacancies are either reappoint or not. If not, this pushes open seats back to the democratic or republican chairs and caucuses for them to go through that process. Discussion ensued amongst the Commissioners. Commissioner Wright made a motion for the vacancies to go through their respective caucuses. Seconded by Commissioner Burton; motion carried 3-0.

The next Commissioners' meeting will be held on January 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Bardsley recessed the meeting at 10:22 a.m.