

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
February 6, 2023**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Grant County Complex Council Chambers located at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, IN.

In attendance were Commissioners Ron Stewart, Steve Wright, and Mark Bardsley. Also present were Auditor Angela Jarvis, County Administrator/HR Director Justin Saathoff, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

Commissioner Bardsley called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Grant County Detention Director Jason Camery led in prayer. Commissioner Bardsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PREAPPROVED CLAIMS**

January 23, 2023:   General: \$205,905.94  
                          Other:    \$130,231.64  
                          Highway:  \$4,940.32  
                          **TOTAL: \$341,077.90**

January 30, 2023:   General: \$55,412.37  
                          Other:    \$45,784.85  
                          Highway:  \$7,581.20  
                          **Total:   \$108,778.42**

**PREAPPROVED SINGLE CLAIMS**

January 19, 2023: Wisconsin Surplus (Highway Dept.) \$45,385.00  
Preapproval was given on January 18, 2023.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to ratify the claim dockets as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

February 6, 2023:   General:     \$330,148.09  
                          Other:       \$107,966.50  
                          Highway:    \$27,537.24  
                          **Total:       \$465,651.83**

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

**PAYROLL**

Payroll #2 carried a gross total of \$554,2990.12. Formal preapproval was given on January 17, 2023 and paid out on January 20, 2023.

Payroll #3 carried a gross total of \$595,200.51. Formal preapproval was given on January 31, 2023 and paid out on February 3, 2023.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to formally ratify preapproved payroll #2 and #3 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

### **Receipt of Monthly Reports**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to receive the Clerk's report month ending December 31, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

### **Minutes**

None

### **Board Updates**

EMA Director Bob Jackson updated the Board of Commissioners. COVID numbers are on a steady decline. Director Jackson introduced Rob Kesling from Indiana Michigan Power. The AEP Foundation has made a donation to Grant County in the amount of \$29,881.00 for the purchase of fifteen 800 megahertz radios for the EOC. Many county radios will become outdated with the new system.

### **IT Report**

Commissioner Bardsley asked IT Director Marcus Elliott about the switch over to the .gov site. Director Elliott expressed it is still a work in progress.

### **Highway Report**

Superintendent David White opened the bids for stone and fuel for 2023. The first one is from Rock Creek stone quarry for #11 stone at \$13.35 per ton. IMI's bid for #11 stone is \$15.70 per ton. The only fuel bid received is from Dawson Oil for road diesel at \$3.85 per gallon and \$3.68 per gallon for gasoline. These bids will be taken for review and a recommendation will be made at the next meeting.

Superintendent White applied for a Community Crossings grant for Bridge #16 on E00W, north of 600 N, for total replacement. We also applied for some paving projects on 38<sup>th</sup> street from the river bridge to 400 East and Garthwaite road from 38<sup>th</sup> street into Gas City. It will probably be May before awards are announced.

The Highway Department assisted Area Plan in removing a structure in Jonesboro. Another demolition in Sweetser is scheduled.

Work on Bridge #789 on 10<sup>th</sup> street began last Monday. The old bridge has been removed and new construction is under way.

Blackford County will be sending an updated road usage agreement. They are building wind turbines and need Grant County's Road access in that area to bring in stone and materials. Once received, the agreement will be sent to the attorney and Commissioners for review.

The state is requesting an unofficial detour on state road 37 from State Road 26 to State Road 9 for repaving. Details will be made available by the next regular session.

2 electric quotes were presented for the new storage building for meters and temporary electricity: Carl Burman Electric for \$8,000.00 and Rex Collins for \$6,930.00. The recommendation was made to use Rex Collins. The Commissioners gave consent for Superintendent White to go with the lower bid.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Proposal of Liability Renewal - Greg Lane, IMG  
Greg Lane stated he previously met with Nancy Bender and Justin Saathoff regarding the renewal. Mr. Lane gave copies of the proposal to the Commissioners. Mr. Lane presented the proposal, highlighting changes and updates. The renewal deadline is February 15, 2023. The Commissioners asked for time to review and compare this renewal.
2. Review of Annual Report - Chris Cunningham, Corrections  
Chris Cunningham stated that the annual report is a function of the Community Corrections Advisory Board, and the Commissioners oversee the contractual obligations of the grant. Mr. Cunningham quickly went through the report with the Commissioners. Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.
3. Community Corrections Advisory Board Appointments - Chris Cunningham, Corrections  
The Community Corrections Advisory Board is made up of a collaboration of all different systems and community impactors from the courts to law enforcement to prosecutors, public defenders, and community members. Mr. Cunningham presented 2 appointments. One is an educational administrator position this is currently filled by Alex Husky and needs renewed. He is the director at IVY Tech. The other one is our Chief Public Defender, Bruce Elliott.
4. Preventative Maintenance Proposal - Vince Beneke, Maintenance  
Maintenance Supervisor Vince Beneke presented 2 quotes for generator preventative maintenance. The jail generator quote is \$12,850.00 for a 3-year plan. The Juvenile Detention Center is \$12,025.00 for a 3-year plan. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.
5. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment, AG to GB - Ryan Malott, Area Plan  
Ryan Malott presented an amendment request by Kathleen Rumble. The request is to rezone 7025 Wheeling Pike, Jonesboro from Agricultural to General Business. A public hearing was held on January 9 and a favorable recommendation was set forth. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to adopt ordinance #2-2023. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.
6. Presentation of Lease Agreement, Shelby Products - Kevin Hicks, Central Dispatch  
Public Safety Communications Director Kevin Hicks requested to renew a 3-year lease on the dispatch chairs. The lease includes 3 high-back chairs and 3 low-back chairs. Those would be replaced on an annual basis from the wear and tear. These chairs are used 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The total of \$8,467.20 can be paid upfront or annual payments in the amount of \$2,851.20 may be made. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the annual payment plan of \$2,851.20. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.
7. GIS Data Request - Justin Saathoff, Administrator  
Administrator Saathoff presented a GIS data request from Jacobs Engineering Group. Commissioner Bardsley commented that Schneider Geospatial holds the county's GIS information and it is not released without permission. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

8. Local Alcoholic Beverage Board Appointment - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner

Mr. Tim Street's appointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Board has expired. He is willing to continue to serve. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the reappointing of Tim Street to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

Commissioner Bardsley stated the Grant County Purdue Extension and Grant County Soil & Water Conservation District annual meeting will be held on February 26, 2023.

Commissioner Bardsley stated there will be a Board of Finance meeting following this regular session. Commissioner Bardsley recessed the meeting at 11:09 a.m.