

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
February 21, 2023**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 21, 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, Steven Wright, and Mark Bardsley. Also present were Auditor Angela Jarvis and County Administrator/HR Director Justin Saathoff and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

Commissioner Bardsley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Bardsley led in prayer. Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PREAPPROVED CLAIMS**

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| January 23, 2023: | General:      | \$88,980.79         |
|                   | Other:        | \$30,718.63         |
|                   | Highway:      | <u>\$24,996.02</u>  |
|                   | <b>TOTAL:</b> | <b>\$144,695.44</b> |

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

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| January 30, 2023: | General:      | \$277,598.33        |
|                   | Other:        | \$45,849.20         |
|                   | Highway:      | <u>\$0.00</u>       |
|                   | <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$323,447.53</b> |

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

**PAYROLL**

Payroll #4 carried a gross total of \$603,536.38. Formal preapproval was given on February 14, 2023 and paid out on February 17, 2023.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to formally ratify preapproved payroll #4 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from September 19, 2022, and October 3, 2022, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-1 abstention (Stewart).

**IT Report**

IT Director Marcus Elliott requested to add a small HP laser jet pro printer for Central Dispatch. Public Safety Director Kevin Hicks has been paying AT & T \$70-\$80 for toners because the machine he has is not covered under the existing plan for the copiers and printers. Kevin will pay for the new machine out of his budget. Permission is needed to add the machine to the current maintenance agreement. The

monthly cost is \$4.50. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the purchase and make the addition to the county's inventory. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

Director Elliott presented a quote from Rex Collins of \$10,320.00 for labor and equipment. This is to install a manual bypass switch for Central Dispatch. The unit carries power to the devices during an outage until the generator turns on. This is also utilized when updating and performing maintenance. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve moving forward with the manual bypass switch for \$10,320.00. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

### **Highway Report**

Superintendent David White recommended Dawson Oil Company for the fuel bid. Bids from Rock Creek and IMI were received for the stone bid. Superintendent White recommended both of them, as some products are cheaper at IMI and vice versa. The Commissioners approved Superintendent White's recommendations by common consent.

3 parcels need to be purchased for right of way for Bridge #16 on E00W between 600 and 700 North. Parcel one is \$3,100.00, parcel two is \$1,900.00, and parcel 3 is \$500.00. The engineering firm, United, is doing the work and they will talk to the landowners. If they agree to sell, a claim will be presented, and it will be paid out of the bridge fund.

Superintendent White stated he was contacted by the city of Marion to help them replace a culvert pipe around Marshall and Illinois in Marion. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the Highway Department to help the city of Marion. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White requested to set up liquid asphalt and material bids for March 20, 2023.

Superintendent White presented a handout to the Commissioners and expressed he received a phone call from INDOT on bridge #712 (Branson Street). He proposed paying for the right of way and design of the project over 4 years enabling the county to bid for construction in 2028. All federal aid project is an 80/20 split on costs. The county's cost would be \$95,600.00. The total project would be \$478,000.00. Commissioners agreed by consent.

Superintendent White has a meeting with Mrs. Keefe at Crane Pond at 1:00 pm today.

Superintendent White stated he can have things moved out of the Boys and Girls Club soon and that it should only take a couple of days.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Proposal of Liability Renewal - Greg Lane, IMG**

Administrator Saathoff explained this is just a ratification of a preapproval for the liability renewal. IMG was able to further negotiate with the carrier for a better rate. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to ratify the liability renewal with IMG. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

#### **2. Health Board Appointment - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner**

A recommendation was made for Sara Seward from Marion Health to be appointed to the Grant County Health Board on February 21, 2023, to December 21, 2026. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Presentation of Grant Awards - Melissa Stephenson, Court Services**

Court Services Director Melissa Stephenson presented grant awards. \$215,518.00 were awarded in pretrial services. This is an annual award. Due to changes in 2022, this grant only covers 30% of fringe benefits of the 3 staff. Last year, the Commissioners agreed to pay the 70% remaining deficit of the fringe benefits out of the Commissioners' budget. Ms. Stephenson requested to continue this practice. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve as requested for pretrial services. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

Director Stephenson explained the other grant awards as follows:

BJA Grant - \$466,032.00 over 3 years, expiring on September 30, 2023. A no cost extension will be filed.

OJP Grant - The original amount was 493,722.00 spread over 3 years. This is currently operating on a no cost extension. The extension expires on September 30, 2023.

Justice Partners - This runs October 1, 2022, to the end of September 2023.

Drug Court Grant - This expires June 30, 2023, and is \$5,600.00.

Veterans Treatment - \$7,000.00.

Superior Court II – \$8,500.00 for family support.

DART - \$1,500.00.

Community Corrections has the following grants:

Re-entry - \$8000.00

Dart - \$8,000.00

Supervision - \$881,128

Recidivism - \$391,450.00

Jail Treatment - \$52,500.00

Court Supervision - \$78,742.00

### **2. Opioid Settlement Grant Proposal – Kelly Hostetler, Marion Health**

Ms. Hostetler described a matching grant opportunity related to the Opioid settlement. The grant requires the Commissioners' signature and a contribution of a minimum of \$1,000. The grant would assist Marion Health with resources to combat the current opioid crisis. Commissioner Bardsley commented that the money could be taken out of ARPA or the Opioid Settlement funds. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the \$1000.00 for the Opioid Settlement matching grant. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

### **3. Event Request - Don Osborne, Indiana Motorcycle Preservation Society**

Mr. Osborne requested to have a time trial race in the same location as the motorcycle race in 1920 that gave motorcycles their "hog" name. All laws will be followed and overseen by the Sheriff's department. This will not be for speed, but a contest of who can come closest to the original winning time. This is a way for the nonprofit organization to preserve some history and to promote safe motorcycling. Commissioner Bardsley stated that a liability waiver will need to be signed. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the requested event on June 3, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

### **4. Presentation of Malcon Agreement - Angie Jarvis, Auditor**

Auditor Jarvis presented an agreement with Malcon for ambulance reimbursements. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the proposal for the preparation of Medicaid ambulance cost rewards. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

5. Farm Lease Bid Opening and Auction - Justin Saathoff, Administrator

Administrator Saathoff presented the only one bid that was received. This is for the 71 acres of farmland on Garthwaite Road. The bid price was from Michael Devore for \$260.00 per acre and was accompanied by a \$1000.00 check made to Grant County. This is a 3-year lease. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to accept the bid of \$260.00. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

6. Transfer of Real Property – Mark Bardsley, Commissioner

Commissioner Bardsley presented an assignment request resolution from Swayzee regarding a transfer of tax sale certificate real property parcel number 27-5-26-202-005.000-28 with a property address of 101 S Taylor Street, Swayzee, owned by Charles E Watkins with a partial description. This will remove the property from the Commissioners' sale. This would be Resolution #3-2023. Commissioner Stewart approved Resolution #3-2023. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

7. GIS Data Request - Administrator Justin Saathoff

Administrator Saathoff presented a GIS data request from Ryan LLC. They are inquiring about parcel account numbers, parcel size, address information, owner name and mailing address, asset values, descriptions, property classification codes, tax areas and districts, and exemptions applied. They are looking for permission to work with Schneider. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the authorization to deliver the request. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

The next scheduled meeting will be March 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.  
Commissioner Bardsley recessed the meeting at 11:33 a.m.