

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

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 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 10:00 a.m. Pastor Chris Williams of Lakeview Wesleyan Church led in prayer. Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PREAPPROVED CLAIMS

February 27, 2023: General: \$138,619.52
 Other: \$180,818.28
 Highway: \$30,629.24
 TOTAL: \$350,068.04

Single Preapproval - Visa Cardmember Service \$721.66. Preapproval given on 2-24-2023.

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

March 6, 2023: General: \$391,003.14
 Other: \$83,365.48
 Highway: \$4,046.78
 Total: \$478,415.40

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

PAYROLL

Payroll #5 carried a gross total of \$568,610.91. Formal preapproval was given on February 28, 2023, and paid out on March 3, 2023.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to formally ratify preapproved payroll #5 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

Minutes

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from October 17, 2022, November 7, 2022, November 21, 2022, December 5, 2022, December 19, 2022, and December 30, 2022, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-1 abstention (Stewart).

IT Report

IT Director Marcus Elliott stated that maintenance installed the monitors for the Courthouse cameras. This will finish the outside monitoring system once cable lines are installed. Director Elliott also presented

a quote from MetroNet of \$1,069.95 a month for internet services. Director Elliott recommended this as a secondary service in the event that AT&T were to go down. After some discussion, the Commissioners asked for other price comparisons. No action was taken.

Highway Report

Superintendent David White updated the Board of Commissioners. The asphalt and liquid asphalt bids will be opened at the next meeting. The Keefe matter in Crane Pond is still being evaluated. A pipe has come out of the ground at 1200 E, north of State Road 18, on Friday evening. There are plans to meet with a company to evaluate the damage and repair. They are ready to start driving pilings on the west side of the 10th street bridge, the east side is already done. This is moving along on schedule.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution of Opioid Grant Contribution - Justin Saathoff, Administrator

Administrator Saathoff presented a resolution formalizing the Commissioners' \$1,000 contribution to Marion Health that is needed to pursue the Opioid Settlement Grant. The \$1,000 will be paid from the unrestricted Opioid Settlement account. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve resolution #4-2023. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction and Update - Bill Walters, ECIRPD

Bill Walters from Eastern Central Indiana Regional Planning District expressed they received the resiliency EDA grant of \$400,000.00 to go through 2025. ECI's Grant County intern was in attendance and is paid for 100% through the resiliency grant. ECIRPD has interns in all 4 counties Grant, Delaware, Blackford, and Jay counties. Mr. Walters spoke about several grants that are currently available.

2. Assignment of Parcels Request, Jonesboro - Mike Conner, SHSHC&P

Mike Conner presented the Commissioners with a request to sign a tax certificate for Jonesboro. The plans for the 5 properties are to get the titles to the properties through the tax deed process. One property is intended for a community garden. The other 4 properties are to be cleaned up, including demolition, and sell them to new residents returning them to the tax roll. Mr. Conner explained the process. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve resolution #5-2023. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

3. Union Agreement Amendment - Del Garcia, Sheriff

Sheriff Del Garcia stated last month he went before the County Council to amend the union contract for the Sheriff's office. The amendment added additional jail positions including a Captain's administrative position, a couple of civilian positions, and 4 sergeant positions. The goal is to restructure the jail staff to make it self-sufficient. The County Council has already given their approval. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

4. Grant County Communications Plan - Bob Jackson, EMA

EMA Director Bob Jackson presented the updated communications plan for the county for emergency communications. This is the first update since bringing on the combined dispatch center. This requires the signature of the Commissioner President. The ordinance for this has already been passed (#3-2022). Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the 2023 Communications plan as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

5. Resolution for the Lease of Real Estate - Justin Saathoff, Administrator

Administrator Saathoff presented the resolution for the farm lease. The winning bidder, Michael Devore, has already signed the lease. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve resolution #6-2023. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

7. Jail Repair Request - Vince Beneke, Maintenance

Maintenance Supervisor Vince Beneke explained there is a floor drain that the trap is rotted out in the kitchen of the jail in the basement. A quote from EMCOR Services was presented for \$12,956.00, which includes an x-ray of the floor to make sure there is not anything electrical there before they cut the concrete, repair of the trap, and whatever is compromised under the floor. They will also add another floor sink for the other counter that sits next to it. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve EMCOR Services at 12,956.00 as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

Supervisor Beneke also stated the Sheriff is remodeling 2 employee restrooms on the 1st floor. It was discovered that 2 sewer pipes are cracked, releasing foul odors. Bowman Construction has submitted a bid of \$6,700.00 for the repair. The concrete wall needs to be taken out to reach the pipes. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

8. Presentation of Title VI Resolution - Nancy Bender, HR

Nancy Bender stated that the county received an email from INDOT indicating noncompliance with Title VI and ADA transition plans. Ms. Bender will be updating the Title VI plan. Randy Miller and Associates updated the last ADA plan. The Title VI and ADA coordinator will be transitioned to the County Administrator, Justin Saathoff. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve resolution #7-2023 for Title VI. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve resolution #8-2023 for ADA pending attorney approval and the president to sign off. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lois Jones of 3982 N Quarry Road, Marion expressed interest in the appointment to be on the ECIRPD board for the Surveyor. Commissioner Bardsley asked Ms. Jones to speak with Grant County Surveyor James Todd for more information.

The next scheduled meeting will be March 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Bardsley recessed the meeting at 11:16 a.m.