

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
April 3, 2023

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 3, 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. Grant County Sheriff's Chaplain John Pearson led in prayer. Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PREAPPROVED CLAIMS

March 27, 2023: General: \$159,556.36
 Other: \$74,142.65
 Highway: \$11,332.81
 TOTAL: \$245,031.82

Single Preapprovals-

Visa Cardmember Service \$436.93
Star Financial \$1,476.11 - Approval given 3-28-2023
Grant County Treasurer \$1,692.17 - Approval given 3-29-2023

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

April 3, 2023: General: \$204,294.06
 Other: \$97,146.32
 Highway: \$21,343.96
 Total: \$322,784.34

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

PAYROLL

Payroll #7 carried a gross total of \$570,451.65. Formal preapproval was given on March 28, 2023 and paid out on March 31, 2023.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to formally ratify preapproved payroll #7 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

Minutes

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes from January 3, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Session on 1-5-2023 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

Board Updates

EMA Director Bob Jackson gave a brief update about the storms over the weekend. There were two tracks of storms. One went through Swayzee, doing quite a bit of damage mainly between west Madison Street and west Marks Street and then from the edge of town for about 2000 feet. IDHS is sending a damage assessment team. The other track was from 500 East (Mill township), just north of state road 22 by Farmington Road and went 5 ¼ miles to 900 East. A preliminary team comes tomorrow and will make the determination to send the FEMA team. EMA has had lots of help from the Highway department, Sheriff's department, and I&M. Most of the electricity has been restored. Discussion ensued concerning keeping people out of the way of the cleanup from emergency weather conditions.

IT Report

IT Director Marcus Elliott presented updated pricing for the access control at the courthouse. The quote is \$33,880.73. This is for an entrance for the judges. This will give them access control for all the doors and ties in with the fire system and the cameras. After some discussion, the Commissioners asked Director Elliott to refine the quote to just one door.

Highway Report

Superintendent David White stated that the roads were all open by noon on Saturday after the storms.

Superintendent White gave his recommendations for the asphalt and liquid bids; Asphalt Materials at \$1.96 per gallon for asphalt and Brooks at \$69.00 per ton for surface and \$71.45 a ton for paving. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve Asphalt Materials for liquid asphalt and Brooks for hot mix. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

The Highway department received \$58,000 for road repairs in February from the wheel tax. Superintendent White presented a copy of the federal aid letter for Branson Street. The request was for \$7 million. Grant County was not awarded the aid. Superintendent White will work on an agreement to prepare for design work, right of way, etc. An overlay is also being done on the 38th Street project. The deck to the 10th Street bridge will be poured by the end of the week. Approximately half of the bridge decks have been cleaned of salt and sand. A timeline/list will be presented at the next meeting for chip sealing and paving. Bridge #166 and #162 need repaired. Hoosier Pride Excavating gave an estimate of \$42,000 for #166 and \$38,600 for #162. Commissioner Wright made a motion to move forward on the bridge work. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

All snowplows have been painted, cleaned, and put away for the year. The salt and sand supplies are full for next year. Also, the contractors began with the electricity for the new garage.

Superintendent White met with the gentleman that represents part of Crane Pond last week in regard to the Keefe project. A couple of culvert pipes need installed for a waterway into the pond.

The Highway department has completed a couple of tile jobs for farmers in the last couple weeks and also has assisted Area Plan in a demolition in Sweetser.

3 parcels were purchased for Bridge #16 for under \$4,000.00.

The pipe on Marshall Street will be installed next week for the city.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Amendment of Ordinance Restricting Addresses on Website - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner
Commissioner Bardsley explained a recent request from a former employee to restrict their information. State law does allow this. Initially this was done for judges, law enforcement, and victims of domestic violence. It was pointed out the current Indiana code now allows for surviving spouses of law enforcement officers after a line of duty death, an employee of the department of child services, current and former probation officers, and former community corrections officers to be included in the restriction. This is for their safety and wellbeing. With this request, the attorney amended the original ordinance so it would come up to the current state statute allowances. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve ordinance #7-2023. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

2. Ratification of ADA Resolution - Nancy Bender, HR
Commissioner Bardsley explained that he had to preapprove the American Disabilities Act resolution due to time constraints under a state deadline. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to ratify resolution #8-2023. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

3. Tax Sale Update - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner
Commissioner Bardsley stated there is a tax sale scheduled for April 5 at 10:00 a.m. It is normally hosted in the council chambers. It has been brought to the Commissioners' attention that there is a possibility of a large turnout. The capacity of the chambers is 75. Arrangements have been made to move the sale to the 4-H fairgrounds. Proper notice will be given on the doors of the county building and on the website. The sale time will be changed to 10:30 to allow a little extra time for bidders. The Board of Commissioners agreed by common consent to formally approve the move to the 4-H fairgrounds at 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Commissioner Bardsley noted the Board of Finance will meet 10 minutes after the conclusion of the regular session.

The next scheduled meeting will be April 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Bardsley recessed the meeting at 11:05 a.m.