

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
April 17, 2023**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 17, 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. Pastor Troy Bishop of Sunnycrest Baptist Church led in prayer. Commissioner Bardsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PREAPPROVED CLAIMS

April 10, 2023: General: \$106,147.33
 Other: \$43,809.67
 Highway: \$994.13
 TOTAL: \$150,951.13

Formal preapproval was given by Commissioner Bardsley on April 10. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to ratify the claim dockets as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

April 17, 2023: General: \$386,598.00
 Other: \$145,320.44
 Highway: \$83,763.02
 Total: \$615,681.46

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

PAYROLL

Payroll #8 carried a gross total of \$574,169.02. Formal preapproval was given by Commissioner Bardsley on April 11, 2023, and paid out on April 14, 2023.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to formally ratify preapproved payroll #8 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

Minutes

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17, 2023, and the special session from January 27, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

Board Updates

Commissioner Bardsley stated that the State Board of Accounts has completed preliminary interviews with the Elected Officials and will be on site for the next 2 months to complete their 2022 audit.

EMA Director Bob Jackson stated President Biden approved Indiana for the request of the disaster declaration in 12 counties, including Grant County. 800-621-FEMA or www.disasterassistance.gov should

be used for application and more details. Discussion ensued concerning small business grants/loans for the disaster relief. Damage assessment is still ongoing. IDHS, FEMA, and the Red Cross are assisting. 9 family dwellings have been declared as destroyed thus far, with 5 of those being mobile homes. Approximately 75 structures were damaged in some form. EMA has reached out to all municipalities within the county that has warning sirens. Some repairs were made. Two tests were performed. There were 2 failures out of 30.

IT Report

IT Director Marcus Elliott reported progress on the in.gov website and email changeover. Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday.

Director Elliott expressed that he is anticipating a quote for access control doors at the courthouse very soon. Discussion also ensued about what would be needed to get the detention center back up and running.

Highway Report

Superintendent David White reported that the county was accepted for the Community Crossings grant for the first round of 2023. \$957,500.00 was received. This is for three different projects: the bridge replacement on E00W between 600 and 700 north, resurfacing Garthwaite road from 38th Street (200 south) into Gas City limits, and paving from 37th Street from Stone Road to 400 east. Superintendent White requested for the President of the board to sign off on the e-docket to get the projects started. Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept the \$957,500.00 Community Crossings matching grant funds and to approve Commissioner Bardsley to sign the e-docket. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White reported progress on the 10th Street project. The expectation is to have this completed by the middle of May. The job on Marshall Street for the city has been completed. Preparation work is still being done for the Crane Pond project.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of Continuity of Operations Plan - Tara Street, Health

Tara Street presented a Continuity of Operations plan for the Health Department. This has been reviewed and approved by the Health Board and EMA. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the Continuity of Operations plan as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

2. Tax Sale Services Support Addendum - Angela Jarvis, Auditor

Angela Jarvis presented an addendum to the Tax Sale Services agreement from SRI. There is a tax sale scheduled for October 12th, 2023. One change was noted. There is an increase of their services per parcel to \$125. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the SRI tax sale service addendum as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

3. Credit Card Vendor Proposal - Tiffany Griffith, Treasurer

Treasurer Griffith expressed concern with the current credit card vendor. Their resources are becoming outdated and complicated. Taxpayers and the Treasurer's office are having more and more difficulties with their services. Treasurer Griffith has been communicating with Adam Ek from InvoiceCloud regarding

their services. They have expanded services with a simplistic, upfront approach. Mr. Ek was introduced. He explained some of the advantages InvoiceCloud has over the county's current vendor. The cost for InvoiceCloud is \$140.00 per month, which includes all maintenance, support, and upgrades. There are no upfront costs and there is no cost until the service is live. Discussion ensued between the board and Mr. Ek. The Commissioners gave their consent for InvoiceCloud to send their contract for review.

4. ARPA Discussion – Mark Bardsley, Commissioner

Commissioner Bardsley requested to discuss the ARPA funding. Grant County is holding \$12.7 million. \$2.5 million has already been committed by resolution to Gas City for their event center. There are other requests that need public discussion such as \$500,000 from the airport for a water and sewer project, \$200,000 from the Drainage board for various projects, and \$1.2 million for a boiler and chiller project for the jail and annex buildings. These requests need to be sent to the advisor for review and criteria approval. All Commissioners agreed by comment consent. This would leave \$8,074,857 for potential HVAC repair, renovations, and/or a new jail.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Bear, formally of Shady Acres mobile home court, expressed complaints about the new owner of the trailer court. Ryan Malott, Director of Area Plan, stated this is the first he has heard of these complaints. Commissioner Bardsley suggested Mr. Bear go talk to Director Malott in Area Plan.

The next scheduled meeting will be May 1, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Bardsley recessed the meeting at 11:27 a.m.