

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
July 3, 2023**

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

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

PREAPPROVED CLAIMS

June 26, 2023: General: \$260,900.04
 Other: \$392,517.62
 Highway: \$177,868.73
 TOTAL: \$831,286.39

PREAPPROVED SINGLE CLAIM

Cardmember Services (Highway Dept.) \$216.93
Preapproval was given on June 21, 2023.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to ratify the claim dockets above as presented. Second by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 2-0.

PREAPPROVED SINGLE CLAIMS

Southeastern Equipment (Highway Dept.) \$484.86
Preapproval was given on June 21, 2023.

Avertest LLC (Community Corrections) \$5,191.35
Preapproval was given on June 26, 2023.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to ratify the preapproved claim as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 2-0.

July 3, 2023: General: \$235,702.41
 Other: \$190,504.38
 Highway: \$197,188.19
 TOTAL: \$623,394.98

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the claim dockets as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 2-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll #13 carried a gross total of \$574,918.74. Formal preapproval was given on June 21, 2023 and paid out on June 23, 2023.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to formally ratify preapproved payroll #13 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 2-0.

Minutes

None

Receipt of Monthly Reports

None

Board Updates

None

IT Report

None

Highway Report

Superintendent David White gave an update on a few projects. The Highway department assisted Blackford County with the tile project on county road 1150 east just south of 26. A new ditch is being put in on Wheeling Pike named the Simons ditch. Phil Chastine submitted a request to cross Wheeling Pike at 100 east. The Surveyor's office is going to buy the pipe to install. Chip sealing has been completed in Van Buren, Monroe, and Jefferson. Fairmount and Mill are next. Bridge #16 is to go to bid next meeting on the 17th. This is out on E00W by Wabash County. United Consulting should be present during the opening of bids. This is a Community Crossings grant and it must be in contract by August 1st.

Superintendent White requested to purchase two tandem axle chassis. Quotes were given by Vamac at \$157,612.67 and Selking International at \$136,345.40. he requested to purchase one from each company. One will be ready by the end of the year and the other one will not be built until next summer. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve buying 2 truck chassis requests as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 2-0.

Superintendent White stated he has emailed the Commissioners the 2024 budget.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Jonesboro Road Transfer - Steve Wright, Commissioner

Commissioner Wright presented a road transfer memorandum of agreement between Grant County and the city of Jonesboro. It is requested by Mayor McNutt that Grant County transfer some roads to Jonesboro for future development. The board has not received any objections. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the Jonesboro Road Transfer request. Second by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Boys & Girls Resolution and Quitclaim Deed - Steve Wright, Commissioner

Commissioner Wright presented a resolution honoring the commitment of the Boys and Girls Club of Northeast Indiana Inc. to the citizens of Grant County. This is a resolution to donate county property that was used for Highway equipment storage to the Boys and Girls Club. Boys and Girls Club Executive Director, Ronnie Morrell was present to receive the donation and spoke about his visions of the newly

acquired space. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve resolution 12-2023. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Wright stated the need to authorize President Bardsley to sign a quit claim deed. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to authorize Commissioner Bardsley to sign the quit claim deed. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 2-0.

2. Presentation of ADA Plan - Justin Saathoff, Administrator

Administrator Saathoff presented newly updated Americans with Disabilities Act and Title VI plans. Randy Miller and Associates assisted with the ADA plan. Title VI was updated by the county HR office. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to receive and approve the plans as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 2-0.

3. Request for Cellular Phone Allowance, York - Justin Saathoff, Administrator

A request for a cell phone stipend for Kade York was presented. Mr. York is the newest member of the county's maintenance team and maintenance rotates on call nights and weekends. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the cell phone allowance for Mr. York. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 2-0.

4. Contract for Services - Angela Jarvis, Auditor

Auditor Jarvis presented a contract with former Grant County Auditor Jim McWhirt for his services and assistance through budget hearings. Auditor Jarvis explained this would be paid out of the Ineligible Homestead fund. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Morgan of Upland asked Highway Superintendent David White if he had an estimate of time on the bridge in Upland. Superintendent White stated he was told by Upland it would start maybe next spring. Mrs. Morgan asked the Commissioners if the bugs were getting worked out at the new towers. Commissioner Wright explained the issues and assured Ms. Morgan they are being addressed. Mrs. Morgan also stated Blackford County hospital emergency room is closed to the public and she wanted to bring this to everyone's attention.

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

Commissioner Wright recessed the meeting at 10:25 a.m.