

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

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 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, Mark Bardsley, and Steve Wright. Also present were Auditor Angela Jarvis, County Administrator/HR Director Justin Saathoff, and Chief Deputy Auditor Cori Anderson.

Commissioner Bardsley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Bardsley asked for a moment of silence for Commissioner Ron Mowery who passed away last week. Pastor Paul McPherson of New Life Fellowship in Gas City led in prayer. Commissioner Bardsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PREAPPROVED CLAIMS

Commissioner Wright made a motion to ratify the claim dockets for October 23rd and October 30th and the individual preapprovals from Avertest and Elan Financial as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

November 6, 2023: General: \$105,328.69
Other: \$34,678.22
Highway: \$52,859.17
TOTAL: \$192,866.08

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

PAYROLL

Payroll #22 carried a gross total of \$577,526.82. Formal preapproval was given on October 24, 2023, and paid out on October 27, 2023. Commissioner Wright made a motion to formally ratify preapproved payroll #22 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

Minutes

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes from July 17, 2023, August 7, 2023, and August 21, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

Receipt of Monthly Reports

The Clerk of Courts report month ending 9-30-2023 was received by common consent.

Board Updates

Public Safety Communications Director Kevin Hicks expressed the need for redundant power units for 911 radios. Director Hicks presented 3 quotes. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve CDWG for this project. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

IT Report

None

Highway Report

Superintendent David White updated the Board of Commissioners on recent projects and events. Work on Bridge #16 on E00W between 600 and 700 north started a week ago. He proposed trading in 2 old Grasshopper lawnmowers for one new one. 4 different quotes were submitted. Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept Outdoor Concept's bid of \$1,400.00. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

Blackford County still has not agreed on their road use agreement. They recommend for Grant County to not sign off until they do. A contract for \$490,409.50 from Butler, Fairman, & Seufert for Bridge #712 (Branson Street) for design work was presented. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the engineering costs for BF&S. Seconded by Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

Forest Ridge was paved last week. More paving will begin on 500 East, between state road 26 and Wheeling, next week.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Vendor Selection Announcement, Boiler/Chiller Project - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner
Commissioner Bardsley read the public notice aloud, opening the public hearing. Only 2 companies submitted proposals for consideration: Ameresco and Brewer-Garrett. Both companies were interviewed. The Board of Commissioners selected Ameresco for the project. Dale Davis of Envoy was present via web-ex. Mr. Davis summarized the scope of the project. Ameresco will begin a scoping period for design work, inspections, etc. This is the first time that the BOT procurement method has been used by Grant County.

Julie Hartman of 3640 E 1050 S in Fairmount asked about the other bids that were received. Commissioner Bardsley explained that the other Brewer-Garrett is located outside of Indiana and the county has worked with Ameresco on other projects in the past. Commissioner Bardsley closed the public hearing. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve Ameresco for the boiler/chiller project as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

2. Proposal of Commissary & Food Contracts, Tiger - Del Garcia, Sheriff
Detention Director Jason Camery presented the contracts. They have been amended since the last administration presented them. This one will allow a new washer. The price increase is due to the increased inmate population. Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept the contract from Tiger with the Sheriff's recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

3. ARPA Loss Revenue Discussion - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner
Commissioner Bardsley commented that the recommendation was made to request the additional appropriation of \$10 million of ARPA funds to a loss revenue recovery line item. This request will go in front of the council at their next meeting.

4. GIS Data Request - Justin Saathoff, Administrator
Administrator Saathoff presented a GIS data request from Tilar Technologies. They are looking for street lines with address ranges and address points that are contained within the shape files held by Schneider Geospatial. This project is on behalf of Marion Community Schools. Commissioner Stewart made a motion

to allow Schneider Geospatial to release the files. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

5. Ratification of Well Works Agreement - Justin Saathoff, Administrator

Administrator Saathoff presented the preapproved agreement. Preapproval was given on October 24. The rate per employee per month was reduced a couple of cents. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the ratification of Well Works. Second by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

6. Presentation of Updated Retiree Health Insurance Policy - Justin Saathoff, Administrator

Administrator Saathoff presented the updated retiree insurance policy. The updated policy is a result of recent negotiations with the Sheriff's union that brought retiree premiums to match the premiums of an active employee. Commissioner Wright made a motion to ratify the update to the Grant County retiree insurance policy as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

7. Ratification of Courthouse Square Usage Request - Justin Saathoff, Administrator

Administrator Saathoff presented the preapproved usage request from Imagine Burgers and Brew food truck. Courthouse parking was approved on October 19th by Commissioner Bardsley. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to ratify the approval. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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

Commissioner Bardsley recessed the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

A complete video record can be found at www.grantcounty.net under the GC YouTube Page Quick Links.