

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
February 20, 2024**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 20, 2024, 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 Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

Commissioner Stewart called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Reverend Bob Burchell of Indiana Wesleyan led in prayer. Commissioner Bardsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Stewart stated there will be no public comments today. He also warned the audience that disorderly conduct during the public comment portion of the meetings will not be tolerated. Commissioner Stewart stated the board has decided to have a solar meeting in the near future.

PREAPPROVED CLAIMS

February 12, 2024: General: \$266,336.18
Other: \$ 73,215.41
Highway: \$ 4,738.65
TOTAL: \$344,290.24

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

February 20, 2024: General: \$105,335.81
Other: \$123,235.67
Highway: \$ 39,928.22
TOTAL: \$268,499.70

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

PAYROLL

Payroll #4 carried a gross total of \$626,533.57. Formal preapproval was given on February 13, 2024, and paid out on February 16, 2024. Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to formally ratify preapproved payroll #4 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

Minutes

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular session on December 4, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Receipt of Monthly Reports

The Grant County Board of Commissioners received the Clerk of Courts month ending 1-31-2024 report.

Board Updates

None

IT Report

IT Director Marcus Elliott presented a quote for a ceiling microphone system for \$9,156.00. This would come out of IT's equipment budget. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Highway Report

Superintendent David White updated the Board of Commissioners on recent activities. He reported using over 200 tons of salt and sand this weekend due to the snow and ice. The right of way parcel on bridge #84 was purchased for \$3,000.00.

Superintendent White presented quotes to clean fuel tanks. He presented Optum Petroleum Services for \$2,500.00 to clean 3 fuel tanks once a year and Clean Fuel National to clean twice a year at \$7,976.00 and annually at \$16,032.00. He recommended Optum for a 3-year contract at \$2,500.00 a year. Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve Optum for \$2,500.00 a year. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White stated Highway worked with Area Plan on 2 unsafe structure demolitions this year. A 3rd demolition will begin next week. An extension of the paving and liquid asphalt agreement with Brooks Construction was presented. The rates would remain the same in 2024. Commissioner Wright moved to approve extending the contract with Brooks Construction and Asphalt Materials. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White presented pictures of the storage building at the Highway Department and thanked the Commissioners for letting them build it. The total cost was \$310,000.00.

Commissioner Wright commented he had attended a Sweetser town council meeting last year where a small paving machine was discussed to repair their trail. Commissioner Wright expressed it may be best served if the county purchases the machine and allows use to all communities. It could be centrally located at the Highway department. The cost would be approximately \$25,000 and could be bought with ARPA funds. Superintendent White agreed to store the machine if purchased.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Electronic Medical Records Agreement - Tara Street, Health Department
This item was tabled.

2. Land Use Table Amendment - Ryan Malott, Area Plan
Area Plan Director Ryan Malott stated mobile/manufactured homes, travel trailers, and camper sales and rentals are not allowed in a mobile home district under the current land use table. The mobile home parks do a lot of sales and rentals of mobile/manufactured homes. Director Malott requested the amendment to the land table to allow such. Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve ordinance #3-2024 amending the land use table as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

3. Areawide Zoning Ordinance Amendment, RS to MH - Ryan Malott, Area Plan

Director Malott presented the amendment to the board. It was discovered Stone Crest Manor Mobile Home Park is zoned Residential Suburban, which does not allow mobile homes. The amendment would rezone Stone Crest from Residential Suburban to Mobile Home. Commissioner Wright moved to approve ordinance #4-2024 to amend the Area Wide Zoning Ordinance providing for the effective date thereof with a common address of 2801 S Stone Road. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

By consent, the Commissioners clarified that the moratorium was only on industrial solar and not residential solar.

4. Community Corrections Annual Report CY 2023 - Chris Cunningham, Court Services

Director Chris Cunningham presented the Community Corrections annual report for 2023. The total amount for all the grants was 1,325,078.00. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the Community Corrections annual report. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

5. Acceptance of Personal Property Resolution - Del Garcia, Sheriff

Captain Scott Haley requested the Commissioners to approve the receipt of 2 Marion city buses. The Sheriff's Office would like to use the buses for evacuations, transport of inmates and equipment, and training. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve resolution #4-2024 to accept 2 buses from the city of Marion. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

6. Inmate Work Crew Agreement-Del Garcia, Sheriff

This item was tabled.

7. Liability Renewal Presentation - Greg Lane, IMG

Greg Lane presented recommendations for liability coverage. Grant County has been insured with Liberty Mutual for the last 5 years. Liberty Mutual and Travelers were shopped for renewal. Last year's premium total was \$818,711.00. Liberty's renewal proposal was \$1,022,024.00, which is a significant increase. Travelers proposed \$818,815.00 for the renewal. Mr. Lane recommended replacing Liberty Mutual with Travelers and staying with IPEP for Workers' Comp. This would take effect retroactively for February 15, 2024. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the recommendations as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

8. Termination of Services Ratification - Ron Stewart, Commissioner

Commissioner Stewart stated Grant County has terminated services with KSM as of February 9th. Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the ratification of the termination of KSM as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

9. Tax Sale Certificate Resolution - Ron Stewart, Commissioner

Administrator Saathoff presented a resolution that removes the old Dana property and Marion mall from the tax sale. Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve resolution #5-2024 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

10. BZA Appointment - Ron Stewart, Commissioner

Commissioner Wright recommended Daniel Young as the Commissioners' appointment to the BZA. Ron Howell has decided to step down. Daniel Young owns Kingdom Roofing. Commissioner Wright made a motion to appoint Daniel Young to the BZA. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Stewart stated Grant County has entered into an agreement with Krieg Devault. The contract is for Krieg Devault to represent Grant County's interest at a state level for matters that may or may not come up. Commissioner Bardsley made a motion to approve the ratification of the contract with Krieg Devault as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bardsley stated The King's Academy is seeking support in ARPA funds for the removal of the 1903 building. Area Plan has already deemed it unusable and uninhabitable. A letter of support from the mayor of Jonesboro, Bob Goins, was presented. Representatives from The King's Academy spoke about the condition of the building. The Commissioners agreed to take this under advisement.

Mike Spaulding requested \$390,000.00 for new radios for the 13 volunteer fire departments. This would allow \$30,000.00 for each fire department.

The next scheduled meeting will be March 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Stewart recessed the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

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