

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
December 15, 2025**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Grant County Complex Council Chambers located at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, IN.

In attendance were Commissioners Shane Middlesworth, Chuck Poling, and Ron Stewart. Also present were Auditor Angela Jarvis, County Administrator Beth Winters, Attorney Martin Harker and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

Commissioner Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Commissioner Poling led in prayer. Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PREAPPROVED CLAIMS

December 8, 2025: General: \$254,652.35
Other: \$241,431.39
Highway: \$ 50,686.33
TOTAL: \$546,770.07

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to ratify the claim docket for December 8, 2025, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

December 15, 2025: General: \$179,768.48
Other: \$121,063.03
Highway: \$885,388.84
TOTAL: \$1,186,220.35

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the claim docket for December 15, 2025, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

PREAPPROVED SINGLE CLAIMS

WMTV Channel 27: \$2,000.00. Preapproval was given December 12, 2025.
Commissioner Poling made a motion to ratify the preapproved claim as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll #25 carried a gross total of \$715,919.86. Formal preapproval was given on December 2, 2025, and paid out on December 5, 2025. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to formally ratify preapproved payroll #25 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

Minutes

November 17, 2025, Regular Session-Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Middlesworth; motion carried 2-1(abstention).

December 1, 2025, Regular Session-Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

Monthly Reports

Commissioner Middlesworth received in the Treasurer's report dated February thru April 2025.

Board Updates

None.

EMA Report

Director Bob Jackson gave an update on the weather and travel advisory that is in place. Director Jackson expressed 211 is an option for Grant County residents for information about warming centers and other resources.

Director Jackson stated we received an award letter from a HMEP Grant. We were awarded \$12,499.00.

Central Dispatch Report

Director Kevin Hicks gave an update on 911 calls and an employee update. Director Hicks expressed I would like to change who we use for our scheduling software. Pace Scheduler is who I would like to use. This is a one year contract, the first year is \$3,690.00 after that it is \$2,840.00 yearly. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve pending attorney review. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

IT Report

Director Marcus Elliott presented an authorization letter from AT & T. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve pending attorney review. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

Director Elliott presented a cyber security membership from MS-ISAC. The cost is \$1,196.00 yearly. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the cyber security membership. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

Highway Report

Superintendent David White stated we have been busy with snow and ice, from over the weekend. We have put down about 500 tons of salt and sand this year.

Superintendent White expressed we were awarded \$850,949.50 from the Community Crossings 2026-1 grant. This will be for 2 bridge projects and one bid. I would like to set the bid date for the February 2nd meeting for bid opening. I would like to set January 19th for our annual fuel and stone bid for 2026.

Superintendent White stated on bridge #102 we have 3 parcels we need to purchase, 1 \$5,300.00, 2 \$350.00 and #3 \$6,625.00.

Superintendent White expressed on January 12th I will be going to INDOT to present the federal aid job on the Branson Street bridge.

The structure on 900 West, north of State Road 22, will get installed tomorrow or Wednesday.

Superintendent White presented the last invoice for the ARPA money purchases. The invoice was for a Kubota mini excavator, Kubota skid steer, and a Kubota planer. I recommend these items. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve as recommended. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

Health Department

Tara Street thanked the Commissioners for fixing the heat on the first floor and for allowing the Health Department to close for a couple hours for a Christmas party for the Health Department employees.

Veterans Service Office

Veteran Affairs Officer Guiffre Kilgren expressed he was visited by the Veteran Affairs District Officer, he would like to schedule a twice a year meeting with the Commissioners. Officer Kilgren presented the GDX File Analysis for 2024 and Grant Counties VA GDX report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Township Trustee MOU-Attorney Martin Harker explained the updated MOU. Center Township has requested 3 email addresses; Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the updated MOU as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Area Plan Ordinance/Zoning Change- Area Plan Director Todd Glancy presented the ordinance and explained the zoning change. This change has been given a favorable recommendation. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve ordinance #2025-19 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

2. Drainage Board Appointment- Commissioner Middlesworth stated Commissioner Poling serves on the board on behalf of the Commissioners. We have one new appointment, Doug Kingseed and one renewal Gordon Goff. Commissioner Poling made a motion to approve as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

3. Health Department Board Appointments- Commissioner Middlesworth expressed we received 2 recommendations for the Health Board. I would recommend reappointing Brandi Poling to the Health Board and authorizing me to appoint someone we can agree to by the end of the year. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Middlesworth; motion carries 2-0(1 abstention).

4. APC/BZA Board Appointments- Commissioner Middlesworth stated I recommend we move Ed Hartman to the APC and appoint Chad Kirkpatrick and Michael Duke to the BZA. Commissioner Poling made a motion to approve as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

5. Redevelopment Commission Board Appointments- Commissioner Middlesworth expressed the Commissioners have 3 appointments, I serve and I recommend we appoint Victoria Herring and Tim Street. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve as recommended. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

6. Eastbrook SRO MOU- Sheriff Garcia expressed we had some changes in our SRO MOU with Eastbrook Schools. Sheriff Garcia explained the changes, the \$57,398.40 reflects raises and the \$14,222.00 is for the part-time SRO. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the SRO/MOU with Eastbrook Schools. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

7. Janitorial/Cleaning Contract- Commissioner Middlesworth stated we have updated the service agreement that we enter. Currently we are taking quotes for all the county buildings. Commissioner

Poling made a motion to approve the agreement and give Commissioner Middlesworth authorization to sign the agreement as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

8. Attorney Contracts

a. Harker-Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the contract for the year 2026 with Martin Harker. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

b. Sullivan-Commissioner Poling made a motion to terminate the contract with Conner Sullivan at the end of the year. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

c. Ormsby-Commissioner Poling made a motion to approve the contract with Ed Ormsby who replaces Conner Sullivan. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carries 3-0.

9. Mental Health Court Grant- Chief Probation Officer Melissa Stephenson presented the Grant. Chief Stephenson stated the award for 2026 was \$56,986.00. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the grant. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maintenance Director Mike Simison thanked the Commissioners for giving maintenance the tools to do their jobs, and thanked Chuck and Brandi Poling for donating a snowblower to help with snow removal.

EMA Director Bob Jackson thanked Mike Simison and the maintenance crew for all the work in the Salin Bank building.

The next Commissioners' meeting will be on January 5th, 2026, at 10:00 am.

Commissioner Middlesworth recessed the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

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