

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
May 18, 2026**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 18, 2026, 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 10:01 a.m. Kevin Hicks led in prayer. Commissioner Poling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PREAPPROVED CLAIMS

April 27, 2026: General: \$ 145,117.97
Other: \$1,077,055.15
Highway: \$ 14,404.07
TOTAL: \$1,236,577.19

May 4, 2026: General: \$279,849.62
Other: \$215,376.40
Highway: \$ 21,201.98
TOTAL: \$516,428.00

May 11, 2026: General: \$227,215.50
Other: \$180,527.89
Highway: \$ 25,219.97
TOTAL: \$432,963.36

CLAIMS

May 18, 2026: General: \$ 290,888.67
Other: \$ 241,023.00
Highway: \$ 821,696.31
TOTAL: \$1,353,607.98

PREAPPROVED CLAIM

Preapproval given April 29, 2026, \$593.57 to AT & T.

PAYROLL

Payroll #9 carried a gross total of \$708,170.40. Formal preapproval was given on April 21, 2026, and paid out on April 24, 2026.

Payroll #10 carried a gross total of \$712,956.35. Formal preapproval was given on May 6, 2026, and paid out on May 8, 2026.

Minutes

April 20, 2026.

Commissioner Poling made a motion to approve by consent all the above items. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0 (1 abstention on minutes).

Monthly & Annual Reports

Commissioner Middlesworth received in the Clerk's monthly report, month ending March 2026.

Communications and Board Updates

None

EMA Report

Director Bob Jackson expressed we are expecting severe weather this afternoon and tomorrow. Director Jackson gave an update on the last siren test. Director Jackson gave an update on a road closure, INDOT is flossing state road 26 and I69, 900 E from I69 to Upland, east/west and north/south lanes this week and next week to Hartford City.

Central Dispatch Report

Director Kevin Hicks gave an update on E-911 calls. Marlena Wilson attended conference and received a certificate of completion. At the end of July my staff will have training classes on mental health, in October we will have a training class, cost is \$100.00 per student, this will be paid for by my training account. Director Hicks expressed a follow up on the failures of the siren test, was due to a bad antenna causing the Marion sirens to fail.

IT Report

None.

Highway Report

Superintendent David White stated our plan is to start chip sealing this week. Our Ford dump truck chassis are in; I am still working on buying right of ways for bridge projects. Our salt is in that we ordered in January/February, we had 500 tons delivered. I have been working on emails for Federal Aid jobs on Branson Street. About the road closure, I believe they will have it closed during the day and open in the evening. With the United contract for part-time inspections, Marty has looked at it, and it is ready. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the United Consulting contract. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

Health Department

Office Manager Tara Street expressed the transition of Health Officers went smoothly. On the 4th Doctor McAdams took over as Health Officer. Manager Street thanked Doctor Woods for her time as Health Officer.

Veterans Service Office

Veteran Affairs Officer Guiffre Kilgren gave an update on the newly approved temporary employee in the Veterans Affairs Office. Officer Kilgren stated I have a proposal from the Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs, this proposal is to help small counties conserve limited funds by merging offices. We can merge with Blackford County if you and the Blackford County Commissioners are all in agreeance we will merge. Officer Kilgren explained how the merge would work. Officer Kilgren expressed we have managed a veterans assistance program based on donated funds from the public, we use this for veterans and their families that are in crisis. Officer Kilgren explained the new property tax deduction for veterans.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Courthouse Elevator RFP -Commissioner Middlesworth expressed that currently the Courthouse elevator is down. TKE is working on it, we have found a braking system for the elevator in France. We have a quote for 2 sets of brakes in the amount of \$41,976.88. We should go ahead and do an RFP for a total replacement. Commissioner Poling made a motion to approve the work order and changing the word commencement to completion. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Poling made a motion to approve the RFP for a new elevator. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

B. Salin Bank Sprinkler RFP- Commissioner Middlesworth stated we have a quote from VFP for sprinklers for floors 1 and 2 in the Salin Bank building in the amount of \$115,809.00. Commissioner Poling made a motion to approve the as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

C. Complex Fire Alarm System RFP- Commissioner Middlesworth expressed that we have a quote from VFP for the fire alarm system in the county complex in the amount of \$116,800.00. Commissioner Poling made a motion to approve as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

D. Recorder-Condor Digitizing Contract- Administrator Beth Winters presented the Condor Digitizing Contract for the Recorder's office. This contract is for 12 books, in the years 1967-1994 in the amount of \$20,495.97. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the Condor Contract as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Poling; motion carried 3-0.

E. Public Works Meeting scheduling and discussion- After some discussion this item will be discussed next month.

F. Courthouse Landscaping- Commissioner Middlesworth expressed that the down spouts need work, concrete work needs done, the planter boxes need planted. After some discussion the decision was made to get some help from the Maintenance crew, the Highway Department, and Eastbrook FFA for quotes on plants.

Commissioner Middlesworth gave an update on the Jail.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Duke, Bradford Pike, asked the Commissioners if they have signed NDA forms. Commissioner Poling expressed he has not.

Molly Early, expressed that there is a Data Center meeting tonight here in this room. Mrs. Early asked the Commissioners to attend.

The next Commissioners' meeting will be on June 1st, 2026, at 10:00 am.

Commissioner Middlesworth recessed the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

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

