

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
October 21, 2015**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

President McWhirt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Prayer

Councilman Conner led in prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Leming led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance were Council members Jim McWhirt, Mike Scott, Shane Middlesworth, Michael D. Conner, Tresa Baker, Mark Leming and Frank Hix. Also present were Council Attorney Phil Stephenson, Executive Secretary Sharon Kirkwood and Stacey Stevens.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve budget session minutes of August 26, 2015 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0 with Councilman Scott voting to abstain due to absence.

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve budget session minutes of August 27, 2015 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0 with Councilman Scott and Leming voting to abstain due to absence.

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve budget session minutes of September 2, 2015 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0 with Councilman Leming and Scott voting to abstain due to absence.

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve budget session minutes of September 3, 2015 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0 with Councilman Leming voting to abstain due to absence.

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve regular session minutes of September 16, 2015 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0 with Councilman Scott voting to abstain due to absence.

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve special budget session of October 7, 2015 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0 with Councilman Scott voting to abstain due to absence.

6. Auditor's Report

There was no Auditor's Report.

7. New Business

A. Superior Court I – Transfers of Appropriations – General Fund

President McWhirt stated Judge Todd was unable to attend the meeting and asked for suspension of rules to take action on the requested transfer. Councilman Conner moved to suspend the rules. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

President McWhirt stated the transfer is to correct a 2nd payment for law books since the returned check was posted to the General Fund. The second transfer is to cover expenses for the 2015 fall Judicial Conference.

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve the following transfers as requested:

From 1000-201-3000.65 Repair to Equipment To 1000-201-4000.10 Law Books \$750

From 1000-201-3000.65 Repair to Equipment To 1000-201-3000.23 Travel \$173.69

Second by Councilman Conner; there was no public input. Motion carried 7-0.

B. County Commissioner/ EMS / Additional Appropriation – County 911 Fund

Request was withdrawn.

C. County Health Department – Dr. Kennedy – Transfers Health Fund

Tara Street, Office Manager/Registrar, presented the transfer requests. An error was made in calculating the Life Insurance amount so a transfer of \$441.15 could be transferred from Education to cover the error. Mileage has increased this year due to the nursing have to do more travel. There is a TB case where the mother has small children and is unable to come in to the department for her vaccinations. So the nurse has to drive there. Typically the patient comes in and receives the meds or the meds can in some cases be given for the week. The patient then takes them at home. The other cost comes from an employee who had to have more training so class cost plus travel. A total of \$3,000 should cover travel expenses for the rest of the year.

Councilman Conner moved to approve the transfers as follows:

From 1159-610-3000.25 Education To 1159-610-1000.74 Life Insurance \$ 441.15

From 1159-610.3000.25 Education To 1159-610-3000.23 Travel & Conf \$3,000.00

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 7-0.

D. County Commissioners/ Transfer – General Fund

Request was withdrawn.

8. Old Business

A. 2016 Budget Discussion

• Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Various Budget Matters

President McWhirt stated most of the budget items were acted upon however there are few more items that have changed. One of those is the Public Defenders salaries. The budget at this point reflects \$29,675 per public defender which is what we set in the October 7 meeting. That is an increase of \$1,233 per person. It was brought to my attention that the part time prosecutor’s salary is \$29,000. It could be that we set the pay at \$29,000 so the budget shows the higher amount but we could set the salary ordinance at \$29,000. I do have a call in to Mr. Elliott because we want to stay in compliance but we do want to be consistent and not give any more of a raise than we have to.

The second item involves the EMS budget. Earlier this year we gave an additional in the \$10,000 range. The budgeted amount does not include the additional. So we will need to do an additional to take care of that in 2016.

B. Adoption of 2016 Budgets

President McWhirt read the budget to be adopted as follows:

Ordinance 2-2015 for Appropriations and Tax Rates

Be it ordained/resolved by Grant County that for the expenses of Grant County for the year ending December 31, 2016 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of Grant County, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Grant County Council on October 21, 2015.

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Adopted Tax Levy</u>	<u>Adopted Tax Rate</u>
General Fund	\$16,214,539	\$14,823,783	0.8985
2015 Reassessment	\$ 438,548	\$ 116,410	0.0071
Debt Service	\$ 628,404	\$ 765,261	0.0464
Local Income Tax	\$ 5,098,000	\$ 0	0.0000
Highway	\$ 3,437,561	\$ 0	0.0000
Local Road & Street	\$ 580,000	\$ 0	0.0000

Cumulative Bridge	\$ 680,000	\$ 548,668	0.0333
Health	\$ 518,712	\$ 322,813	0.0196
Cumulative Capital Dev	\$ 380,000	\$ 387,750	0.0235
Economic Dev Income Tax			
Cedit	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 0	0.0000
Totals	\$29,175,764	\$16,964,685	1.0284

Councilman Conner moved to approve the 2016 budget as presented. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 7-0.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

There were no reports.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 18th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

JIM McWHIRT, PRESIDENT

MIKE SCOTT

MARK LEMING

SHANE MIDDLESWORTH

TRESA BAKER

MICHAEL D. CONNER

ATTEST:

FRANK HIX

ROGER A. BAINBRIDGE
AUDITOR