

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
June 15, 2016**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**1. Call to order**

President McWhirt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Prayer**

Councilman Conner led prayer.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Scott led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

In attendance were Council members Jim McWhirt, Frank Hix, Shane Middlesworth, Mike Scott, and Michael Conner. Also present were Auditor Roger A. Bainbridge, Chief Deputy Auditor Tammy Miller, Assistant Chief Deputy Chris Hancock, Council Attorney Kyle Persinger, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens. Councilman Mark Leming arrived at 6:04 p.m. Councilman Tresa Baker was not present.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Conner moved to approve regular session minutes of May 18, 2016 as presented. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 5-0.

**6. Auditor's Report**

Auditor Roger Bainbridge reported from the General Fund Balance, the ending May balance is less this year than last year, because in April of last year we had an advance of about 1.4 million, and this year that has not happened. We have just finished our tax distribution for Spring Settlement, and the amount that is going into County General from Spring Settlement is 7.1 million dollars. That will eradicate the negative balance and bring it up to approximately to where it was last year at this time.

Auditor Bainbridge also reported from the Health Insurance Report. We received a big influx; we now have 860,000.00 in the fund. Auditor Bainbridge asked Chief Deputy Tammy Miller if we have received the reinsurance money we have been expecting yet. Chief Deputy Miller stated that we have not received this money as of yet. Auditor Bainbridge expressed the balance looks good and is due to the practices and policy changes the Commissioners have put into place. We are expecting 1.5 million on the reinsurance amount; once this money is received we will be in a favorable position.

**7. New Business**

**A. Area Plan Commission-Debbie Wallace**

Debbie Wallace is not present; Councilman Jim McWhirt will present this item. Due to the resignation of Steve Niblick, Executive Director of the Area Plan Department, there is a vacancy in the Area Plan Department. Director Niblick's resignation is effective Friday June 17, 2016. The Plans Commission executive committee has met and is asking the County Council for approval to find a replacement for this position. With this request Area Plan is asking to place Debbie Wallace as acting Director until a replacement is found. Along with the additional responsibilities they are asking to increase Debbie Wallace's pay to half of the difference of the director's pay and her current pay. Currently Debbie is paid 31,096.00, the directors pay is 49,975.00, making the difference to raise her pay to 40,536.00, which is a prorated basis beginning June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the request as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

**B. County Prosecutor-Jim Luttrull**

Prosecutor Luttrull is requesting to fill a vacancy of a Deputy Prosecutor position. This vacancy has been filled after being vacant for about 4 months. Prosecutor Luttrell apologized to Council for not getting this to them in writing at the appropriate time. The effective date Prosecutor Luttrull is asking for is June 13, 2016. This is a replacing of a vacancy so the salary is already in the budget and has been approved. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the request as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

**C. County Treasurer-Sarah Melford**

Treasurer Sarah Melford is asking to replace a vacancy. A first deputy resigned in the Treasurer's Office and Treasurer Melford is asking Council to approve the filling of the vacancy. This would be a full time position and the rate of pay for a first deputy is 24,188.00 with benefits, effective immediately. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the request as presented. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

**D. Community Corrections-Chris Cunningham**

Community Corrections Director Chris Cunningham presented information for 6 grants for 2016-2017. These 6 grants include; Adult Community Corrections, Home Detention, Project Income, Community Transition, Community Drug Free Fund, and Probation. These grants total 1,090,364.00, all have been approved through the state. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the 6 grant programs as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

**E. County Health Department-Dr. Kennedy**

Dr. Kennedy is asking for a transfer of funds in the amount of 1,500.00 from prevention of disease to the legal fund. This transfer is to cover expenses for Mr. Glickfield for a personnel case. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to approve the transfer in the amount of 1,500.00 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

**F. Superior Court I-Judge Todd**

Judge Jeff Todd is asking for a transfer in the amount of 150.00 from witness fees to law books. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to approve the transfer of 150.00 from witness fees to law books as presented. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

**G. County Highway Department-David White**

Superintendent David White is asking for additional appropriation from the SB67 money. Superintendent White is asking for 500,000 out of the 1229 fund to a special line item in the rainy day fund, to try to get a 50/50 match from HB 1001. Superintendent White is also asking for the balance of 961,283 out of the 1229 fund, be appropriated for road resurfacing and paving projects. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the appropriation as presented. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

**H. County Commissioners-Mark Bardsley**

Commissioner Mark Bardsley is asking for additional appropriations from E911 fund for 4 hand held units for Jonesboro Police Department and 2 hand held units for Swayzee Police Department in an amount up to 24,000. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the appropriations from E911 fund for up to 24,000 as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

**I. Consideration of Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements (Form CF-1)**

Comforts of Home CFI form; Council has some questions about the information given on the form. Auditor Bainbridge will contact Comforts of Home and get the correct and accurate information. Council has tabled this CFI until the correct information can be obtained.

Dollar General CFI form all information is accurate. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to approve the CFI form for Dollar General. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

**8. Old Business**

**A. County Commissioners-Mike Burton**

Commissioner Burton is not present. During last month's meeting approval was given for IT staff changes and salary ordinance amendments, since this was not a unanimous vote action needs to be taken on the salary ordinance amendments again to make it official. Councilman Middlesworth stated there is an ordinance in place stating they must come before council to ask for replacements. Councilman Middlesworth feels this has been violated and disregarded at least 5 different times. Discussion ensued about the ordinance and how this ordinance has been violated and what action can be taken. Councilman Conner made a motion to amend the salary ordinance to reflect the changes made in IT staff and salaries in the May meeting. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 4-2.

**B. County Sheriff-Reggie Nevels**

Sheriff Reggie Nevels is not present. In the May meeting Council agreed to let the Sheriff's Department make changes in the dispatch staff. Council now needs to amend the salary ordinance to reflect one (1) supervisory position and ten (10) dispatcher positions. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to approve the salary ordinance as presented. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

**9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion**

None.

Councilman McWhirt expressed the next Council meeting will be July 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., in that meeting we will anticipate having the annual LOIT review.

**10. Adjournment**

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.