

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 20, 2016**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 20, 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 Middlesworth led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance were Council members Jim McWhirt, Frank Hix, Shane Middlesworth, Mike Scott, Mark Leming, and Michael Conner. Also present were Auditor Roger A. Bainbridge, Council Attorney Kyle Persinger, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens. Councilman Tresa Baker was not present.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Leming moved to approve regular session minutes of June 18, 2016 as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Roger Bainbridge reported from the General Fund Balance report, the ending balance at the end of June is 1.4 million, which is similar to last year's balance at this time (1.7 million). Last month we were 4.9 million in the negative, but we received settlement in June, making us in the positive. Councilman McWhirt asked what percent of the settlement was from the levy. Auditor Bainbridge responded that he was not sure, but will find out. Councilman McWhirt stated if the percent is higher now we will receive less in December.

Auditor Bainbridge also reported from the Health Insurance report, showing the comparison from last month and the ending balance at the end of June being 1.1 million. We received a check from the reinsurance of 1 million, which is the limit of the policy. We received that check in July, so it is not reflected on this report. In adding in this 1 million, the ending balance is 2.1 million.

7. New Business

A. Superior Court I-Judge Todd

Judge Jeff Todd is asking to transfer 400.00 from repair of equipment to law books. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

B. County Commissioners-Mike Burton

Commissioner Mike Burton is asking to transfer in data processing, 336.00 from travel to computer maintenance, 4030.00 from security software to FTR maintenance, 25,800.00 from salaries to contractual services, 7,000.00 from equipment/hardware to contractual services. Commissioner Burton is also asking to transfer 13,000.00 from the Commissioners General Fund official bonds to copier/printer expense. Councilman Middlesworth mad a motion to approve all transfers as presented. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

C. **Public Defender-Bruce Elliott**

Public Defender Bruce Elliott is asking for an additional 54,000.00 for depositions/transcripts. The public defender's office will get a 40% reimbursement for this. The numbers of cases have increased that is the reason for the additional 54,000.00. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request as presented. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

D. **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Grant-Magistrate Brian McLane**

Magistrate McLane has received approval of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Grant (JDAI). This grant started July 1, 2016 and ends June 30, 2017. Magistrate McLane presented Council with a handout explaining what is involved with this grant, and how the 60,000.00 will be used. Half of the funds will be paid to 3 individuals in the Grant County Probation Department, for work of coordination, data collection, and data analysis. No funds will come from the County. Discussion ensued between Council and Magistrate McLane, and Cindy McCoy, with questions and answers about Grant County Probation employees work on this grant and their salaries. Magistrate McLane expressed he does not need the Council's approval to move forward with this grant and all it entails. He is just presenting the information as a courtesy to the Council members. Councilman Conner made a motion to proceed with the grant. No second; motion died.

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

Dr. Kennedy is asking Council for a salary ordinance amendment to move the Environmental Specialist from a part-time position to a full-time position, with an annual salary of 27,709.00 with no insurance being needed. This is funded through the Local Health Maintenance Fund Grant and has been approved by the State Department of Health. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the salary ordinance amendment and the transfer of appropriations as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Kennedy is also asking for a salary ordinance amendment and transfer of appropriations for a secretary/billing clerk and county health nurse. Dr. Kennedy is looking to hire a R.N. for the public health nurse position, as required by the state. This is the reason for the increase in the salary. Dr. Kennedy is asking for 60,000.00 annually as a starting point, and wants to offer 54,600.00 for the R.N. position plus benefits. Dr. Kennedy is asking to transfer 16,000.00 from part-time nursing and 8,500.00 from prevention of disease, for a total of 24,500.00 to salaries. The 24,500.00 along with the 12,746.00 of the remaining public health nurse salary will fund this public health nurse salary and benefits request. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

F. **Public Hearing-Annual Review of Local Income Taxes (LIT)**

Councilman McWhirt introduced Darren Bates to explain what changes there are and how LIT works. As of now changes cannot take place, as we are waiting on software to compliment the changes. Darren Bates could not give a rate analysis this year because personal property has not been rolled. In the past we could just roll it over to the next year, Darren has no real idea how much the rates have to increase. Discussion ensued about the Local Income Taxes.

8. **Old Business**

CF-1 form for Comforts of Home: Councilman McWhirt stated the paperwork is in order and is reasonable to sign off approval. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the CF-1 form for Comforts of Home. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

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

None.

Councilman McWhirt presented each council member with a book of educational information from the state board of accounts.

The next council meeting will be August 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman McWhirt expressed a reminder that the budget hearings are August 24 and 25, 2016 and August 31, and September 1, 2016.

Tony Hendley expressed his opinion about the JDAI grant.

10. **Adjournment**

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.