

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
September 21, 2016**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 21, 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**

Auditor Roger Bainbridge led prayer.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Baker led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

In attendance were Council members Jim McWhirt, Frank Hix, Shane Middlesworth, Tresa Baker, and Mark Leming. Also present were Auditor Roger A. Bainbridge, Council Attorney Phil Stevenson, Chief Deputy Auditor Tammy Miller, Assistant Chief Deputy Chris Hancock, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens. Councilmen Mike Scott and Mike Conner were not present.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Baker moved to approve regular session minutes of August 17, 2016 with one change, being change Mike Leming to Mark Leming under Roll Call. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 5-0.

President Jim McWhirt has added to the agenda, under new business: Item E Correctional Services, Cindy McCoy asking to replace vacancies.

**6. Auditor's Report**

Auditor Roger Bainbridge reported from the General Fund Balance report, the report does show some red in August, but it is less red than the last 2 years. This report does not include the balance in the COIT fund. There were no questions concerning this report.

Auditor Bainbridge also reported from the Health Insurance fund. Our balance is down due to our August fund transfer was not actually done until the first of September, making the balance look low. If that transfer had been made the balance would be about the same as last year at this time. There is a stop loss of 108,000 in August. Auditor Bainbridge asked Chief Deputy Tammy Miller if we would be getting this back, Tammy did not know at this time. Chief Deputy Miller will find out this information. There were no questions concerning this report.

**7. New Business**

**A. Fairmount Public Library-Linda Magers**

President McWhirt expressed the Council is being asked to consider and possibly approve an additional appropriation in the Library's rainy day fund, in the amount of 6,495.70. The funds are available for this appropriation. There were no questions concerning this request from Council or from the public. Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the appropriation for the rainy day fund for Fairmount Public Library in the amount of 6,495.70. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 5-0.

### **B. County Plan Commission-Larry Strange**

Director Larry Strange is not present, Council President Jim McWhirt will be presenting for Area Plan. The new hire for Area Plan is Larry Strange that became effective on September 6, 2016; the salary we have agreed to is 48,000 and was prorated from September 6 forward. This will remain at 48,000 for 2017 and 2018. Area Plan is asking council to raise this salary to 50,000 after 2018. We need to amend the salary ordinance to reflect a change in the positions pay, which is a reduction to 48,000 effective September 6, 2016. Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the salary amendment for Area Plan Commission's Director Larry Strange's salary of 48,000 for the next 2 years, effective September 6, 2016. Second by councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 5-0.

### **C. County Health Department-Dr. John Kennedy**

Dr. John Kennedy is requesting a change in hourly pay for 2 nurses. The change is from 18.00 per hour to 20.00 per hour. This is grant money and does not involve county tax money, and has been approved by the State Department of Health. This will increase 2016 spending by 1,267.00. The effective date will be October 3, 2016. Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the salaries for the nurses in the health educators fund from 18.00 to 20.00 per hour paid through a grant. Second by councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

### **D. County Sheriff-Reggie Nevels**

Grant County Sheriff Reggie Nevels is asking to transfer 60,000 from garage & motors to medical. Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the transfer of 60,000 from garage & motors to medical as requested. Second by councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff Reggie Nevels is also asking to transfer cash in the amount of 120,889.18 from level III to work crew salaries. Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the transfer of 102,889.18 from level III to work crew salaries as requested. Second by councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff Reggie Nevels is asking to fill vacancies that have become available. There are 3 vacancies to fill due to retirements of 3 individuals. Three (3) new deputies will be hired and current employees will be moved up to fill the places of the 3 that have retired. The salary ordinance is included in the request. Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the filling of the 3 vacancies in the Sheriff's Department, with the salary ordinance included effective when the retired positions have been paid out. Second by councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

### **E. Correctional Services –Cindy McCoy**

Correctional Services Director Cindy McCoy is requesting a replacement of 2 vacancies, a probation officer and a secretary position. In the near future there will be a second probation officer leaving as well. Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the 3 vacancies in Correctional Services department, with the amended salary ordinance included, effective when the previous positions have been paid out. Second by councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 5-0.

## **8. Old Business**

### **A. Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Grant –Magistrate Brian McLane**

Magistrate Brian McLane is asking to modify the salaries in the JDAI grant. Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the salary ordinance for the JDAI grant effective 7-1-16. Second by councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 5-0.

## **B. 2017 Budget**

President Jim McWhirt presented a printout concerning outstanding budget issues. Councilman McWhirt expressed his thoughts and concerns of these issues and read over the printout he presented. Discussion ensued as to what will need to be addressed at a special called meeting to

address these outstanding budget issues. A date of October 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm has been set for a special session of the Grant County Council to discuss and potentially take action upon various budget matters.

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

None.

**10. Adjournment**

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.