

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
October 19, 2016**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

President McWhirt called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, Tresa Baker, Mike Scott, and Mike Conner. 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. Councilman Mark Leming entered at 6:05 p.m.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes for the Budget Hearings August 24, 25, 31 and September 1, 2016 and the regular session minutes of September 21, 2016 as presented. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

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.Superior Court I-Judge Todd

Judge Todd is not present, but does not need to be present because the appropriation he is asking for is under the amount needed for him to be present. President McWhirt presented the transfer for Judge Todd. The total he wants to transfer is 300 from repair of equipment, 200 into dues and subscriptions and 100 into travel and conference. Councilman Middlesworth moved to approve the transfer for Superior Court I in the general fund as presented. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

B. County Commissioners-Mike Burton

Commissioner Burton is asking to transfer a total of 59,000 to contractual services to pay for the audio/video conferencing and hearing assistance system for the Grant County Courts. Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the transfers of appropriations in the Commissioners general fund as stated. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

8. Old Business

A. Adoption of 2017 Budgets-President McWhirt, “We had one fund remaining with a couple questions from our last special meeting that we need to address, and make a final decision on. In the County Highway fund, Mr. White (Grant County Highway Superintendent) asked that we do the following: He wanted to raise the salary of the Safety Director by 893 making the salary 35,032, which is the same as his 3 foremen’s salary. The second request is the salary of a mechanic is increased by 1,411 to make the salary 32,769. The final request is to change the base year on the longevity pay that is calculated. Currently we are using 2001 for that department’s calculation. The question is do we change the base year to 2012, if we make the change the difference in pay for the entire staff would be 8,765. Those are the 3 issues we need to address for that department.” Councilman Middlesworth mad a motion to increase the Safety Directors salary by 893 to a total of 35,032 to match the other foremen. The second part of the motion is to approve the change in the base of the longevity pay to 2012. Second by Councilman Baker; motion carried 7-0.

President McWhirt, “We are ready to adopt the budgets, but we had to change the total on the Highway Department. So the new total of that budget will be 3,082,861. The last item we have is to have a motion to approve the budgets or adopt the budgets as we have stated in our meeting tonight, and previous meetings. I want to read the budgets with the funds that are actually advertised, the other funds we won’t actually name. My thought is we will enter a motion to include all the funds we have acted on in previous meetings to this point, as we have approved them. These are the total budgets for the advertised funds”:

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| General | 21,505,514 |
| 2015 Reassessment | 446,173 |
| Debt Service | 628,405 |
| Highway | 3,082,761 |
| Local Road & Street | 360,000 |
| Cumulative Bridge | 1,010,000 |
| Health | 491,419 |
| Cumulative Capital Development | 362,595 |
| Economic Dev. Income Tax Credit | 1,144,000 |

The levy’s involved being approved by council are:

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| General | 14,605,414 |
| 2015 Reassessment | 477,001 |
| Debt Services | 651,841 |
| Cumulative Bridge | 675,328 |
| Health | 398,202 |
| Cumulative Capital Development | 473,115 |

Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the County’s funds for 2017 as we have approved in this meeting and prior meetings as read of the advertised funds. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 7-0.

President McWhirt, “There are a couple forms for us to sign.”

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

None.

Our next meeting will be November 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

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