

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

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 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 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, Mark Leming and Mike Conner. Also present were Auditor Roger A. Bainbridge, Chief Deputy Auditor Tammy Miller and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens. Councilman Scott was absent.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes from the regular session minutes from November 16, 2016. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Roger Bainbridge reported the settlement for the fall of this year has been approved and the 2017 budget is now under DLGF review. Auditor Bainbridge expects to hear something from the DLGF in mid to late January.

Auditor Bainbridge reported from the General Fund Balance Report that shows a negative amount in the beginning of December, which is similar to last year, we have done an extra deposit of 5.6 million dollars into the General Fund. Our balance right now is 1.9 million in the black.

Auditor Bainbridge also reported from the Health Insurance Fund that shows we are very comparable to what we were last year at this time. "I see not cause for concern we are doing ok with the Insurance Fund".

7. New Business

A. Fairmount Public Library-Library Director Linda Magers is asking to appoint Mark Andrew West to a 4 year term beginning January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2020. Councilman Leming moved to approve appointing Mark Andrew West to a 4 year term to the Fairmount Public Library Board from January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2020 as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

B. Converse-Jackson Township Public Library- Library Director Andrew Horner is asking to reappoint Joy Elzinga to a 4 year term beginning January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2020. Councilman Conner moved to approve appointing Joy Elzinga to a 4 year term to the Converse-Jackson Township Public Library Board from January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2020 as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

C. Gas City Development Commission-Gas City Mayor Larry Leach is asking to consider a recommendation to appoint Dave Huffman to an additional 1 year term to the Gas City Development Commission beginning January 1, 2017. Councilman Conner moved to approve

the recommendation to appoint Dave Huffman to a 1 year term to the Gas City Development Commission beginning January 1, 2017. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

D. County Convention and Visitors Bureau-The Convention and Visitors Bureau is asking to reappoint Dave Huffman to a 2 year term starting January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2018. Councilman Middlesworth move to approve the reappointment of Dave Huffman to serve on the County Convention and Visitors Bureau Commission for a 2 year term beginning January 1, 2017. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Baker expressed to President McWhirt before moving on she would like to make a motion to approve all transfers of appropriation on the agenda in one motion. Second by Councilman Conner; motion failed 2-4.

E. Emergency Medical Services-Duaine Ashcraft, Director of Grant County Emergency Medical Services is asking for a 15,000 transfer from reimbursements to medical supplies. Councilman Middlesworth moved to approve the 15,000 transfer of appropriations for EMS as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

F. Public Defenders-Bruce Elliott from the Grant County Public Defender's Office is asking for a transfer of 2000 from the hourly investigator account to the expert witness account. Also a transfer of 2000 from the office supplies account and 1,400 from the travel and conference account to contractual CHINS/TPR account. Councilman Middlesworth moved to approve the transfers of the Public Defender's Office as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

G. County Clerk-Grant County Clerk Carolyn Mowery is not present, but does not need to be if we decide to suspend the rule and look at her request. Councilman Conner made a motion to suspend the rule and go forward with the Clerk's request. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

Grant County Clerk Carolyn Mowery is requesting a transfer of funds within the Election Budget. Clerk Mowery is requesting 3,000 from 1000- 062-1000.15 to 1000- 062-1000.13 and 75 from 1000- 062-3000.21 to 1000- 062-3000.71. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the transfers as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0

H. County Commissioners-Commissioner Mike Burton is asking for transfers from the general fund and COIT fund. The transfers from the general fund are as follows: 250 from bonds to promotional, 250 from bonds to cell phones, 500 from bonds to Pitney Bowes, 150 from legal publications to trash removal, from Data Processing 2,950 from computer maintenance and phone to Harris support, 2,700 from computer maintenance and phone to overtime; From the COIT fund as follows: 14,900 from vehicle insurance to utilities, 20,000 from unemployment to utilities and 5,100 from workman's comp to utilities. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the Commissioners request. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

I. County Sheriff-Sheriff Reggie Nevels is asking to transfer 15,000 from overtime to meals. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the Sheriff's transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Nevels is requesting to fill a vacancy in the Sheriff's department. The Victims Advocate position has become available due to Paula Pauley retiring. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to approve the filling of the Victim's Advocate position. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

J. County Assessor-Assessor Gary Landrum is requesting to fill a vacancy in the Assessor's office. The salary is 23,000 a year for this position and is from the reassessment fund. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the filling of a vacancy in the Assessor's office effective early January 2017 as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

K. County Auditor-Auditor Roger Bainbridge is requesting a transfer of 7,485.83 from salaries to overtime and 847.37 from part time to overtime. Auditor Bainbridge is also requesting authorization for the Chief Deputy to make other minor transfers (under 100.00) whenever necessary. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to approve the request as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

Auditor Bainbridge is also requesting 1,200 to be appropriated to the Auditor's Ineligible Deductions part time/overtime to cover expenses due to the reduction of a staff member and the accompanying reorganization of office duties. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to approve the appropriation as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

8. Old Business

None.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

President McWhirt expressed he would like to initiate some discussions between county council and city and town councils in 2017. President McWhirt expressed talking about the taxing structure in general, mainly the result of the discussion would be to see what we can do with our income tax to reshape it, use in a different manner or consider changes to it. President McWhirt asked if the other council members had any concerns or problems with organizing a meeting like this. Councilman Conner expressed that dialogue is always good and has no issues at all with this. No other council members put any input towards this suggestion.

President McWhirt presented Councilman Baker with a plaque and thanked her for her time as a council member for the last 8 years (2009-2016).

The next council meeting will be Wednesday January 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.