

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
January 18, 2017**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 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 Mike Conner. Also present were Council Attorney Phil Stevenson, Auditor Roger A. Bainbridge, Chief Deputy Auditor Tammy Miller and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens. Councilman Mark Leming entered at 6:04 pm. Councilman Mike Roorbach was absent.

5. Election of County Council Officers

Jim McWhirt called for nominations of county council president. Councilman Conner moved to nominate Jim McWhirt for president. Second by Councilman Middlesworth, there were no further nominations. The motion was unanimous.

Jim McWhirt called for nominations of county council vice-president. Councilman Scott moved to nominate Mike Conner for vice-president. Second by Councilman Middlesworth, there were no further nominations. The motion was unanimous.

6. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes from the regular session minutes from December 21, 2016. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Roger Bainbridge reported from the General Fund Balance report that the balance at the beginning of this year is about 200,000 better than last year. In December our receipts were higher than normal, and our disbursements were a little higher than normal. This was pretty much a carry-over. This balance does not include the transfer of 169,000. Once the transfer is approved this will add 169,000 to the balance.

Auditor Bainbridge also reported from the Health Insurance report that is better than last year by about 200,000. Councilman Conner asked when we will have 27 pays in a year again. Discussion ensued concerning how 27 pays a year comes about.

Auditor Bainbridge gave a report about the 2017 budget status. Auditor Bainbridge expects to receive the 1782 notice by the end of January.

7. New Business

A. County Clerk-Clerk Carolyn Mowery is asking for permission to fill a vacancy in the Clerk's office. This vacancy is for Circuit Court Deputy Clerk. A deputy clerk does the work for that court. Clerk Mowery is asking this vacancy gets filled as soon as possible. The budgeted salary for this position is 24,398. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to the filling of the vacancy for the vacancy for the Circuit Court Deputy Clerk, effective as soon as possible. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

B. County Auditor-Auditor Roger Bainbridge is asking for authorization in transferring cash from the Auditor's Ineligible Deductions fund to the General Fund. Auditor Bainbridge is purposing that 169,051.94 be transferred from the Auditor's Ineligible Deductions fund to the County General Fund.

Paul Melford, 3802 Ridge Court, Marion, asked about money being transferred from the Ineligible fund into the General fund. A discussion ensued concerning budgets and how money is divided by the state.

Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to approve the cash transfer from the Auditor's Ineligible fund to the General fund. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

8. Old Business

None.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Councilman Conner expressed he attended the Community Corrections meeting. He is going to be appointed by the Commissioners as a voting member of that body as a representative. He has been attending as a member of the evidence based decision making committee, and is now a part of a whole. Councilman Conner asked who is going to be appointed to this committee. President McWhirt stated in the February meeting he will have a list of the committee assignments and if any changes need to be made, they can be made at that time.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday February 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.