

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
April 19, 2017**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 19, 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 Roobach led prayer.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Leming led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

In attendance were Council members Jim McWhirt, Frank Hix, Shane Middlesworth, Mark Leming, Mike Roobach and Mike Conner. Also present were Council Attorney Phil Stephenson, Chief Deputy Auditor Tammy Miller, Chief Deputy Assistant Chris Hancock and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens. Councilman Mike Scott and Auditor Roger Bainbridge were absent.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes from the regular session minutes from March 15, 2017. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 5-1. Councilman Leming abstained as he was not present at the March 15 meeting.

**6. Auditor's Report**

Chief Deputy Auditor Tammy Miller reported from the Insurance report the balance beginning in April 2017 is 1,015,514 and the Annual Financial report which shows a balance of each fund; the General fund is in the red, but that is normal until we have June settlement.

**New Business**

**A. County Commissioners-Mike Burton**

**Lease-Purchase of IT equipment**—"During budget time last year the IT department advised the council we would need more data storage space. The county array at that time was at 90%, normally when you reach 80% you need to add more space. If you don't the system could slow down or shut down. This process needs to be done every 4-5 years, because you keep accumulating data. The IT department reviewed 3 quotes for this additional data array. It was decided to go with Dell, at a cost of 407,136.72. This amount can be financed over a 4-5 year period. Dell quoted an interest rate of 5.49%. In a discussion with council President Jim McWhirt it was suggest we get a couple more quotes. We did get quotes from Mutual Bank and Star Financial". Commissioner Burton presented these quotes to council. President McWhirt noted what these quotes are: "Mutual Bank is 4.25% and Star Financial is 4.19%. Both banks issued a loan fee, Mutual 2000.00 (non-returnable) and Star Bank 500.00. The Dell proposal says it is 60 month, but in looking at it, it looks more like 4 years. They want an upfront payment of 90,587.92". Commissioner Burton expressed "We can put down 82,000 this year and start the loan payments next year". Discussion ensued concerning the IT equipment budget. President McWhirt expressed "Mutual Bank and Star are 5 year loans". President McWhirt would like for Commissioner Burton to go back to Mutual Bank and Star Financial and get quotes for 4 year loans. President McWhirt would like this loan to be paid off by June of 2021.

President McWhirt asked Attorney Phil Stephenson about section 4 of the ordinance for the purchase and financing of the IT equipment. In section 4 it states we will be taking this from Debt Services, but we will be paying it from the General fund. Attorney Stephenson will modify this part of the ordinance to read this will be paid from the General fund.

**Public Hearing-Purchase & Financing of IT Equipment**-President McWhirt opened up the public hearing meeting at this time. There was no input from the public on this matter. President McWhirt closed the public hearing.

**Consideration of Ordinance-Purchase & Financing of IT Equipment**-Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to address ordinance #1-2017 with the amendment of purchase from the General fund not Debt Services. Second by Councilman Conner: motion carried 5-1. With the vote not being unanimous we will place this on the May agenda as well, with no need for a public hearing.

## **8. Old Business**

None.

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

**A. Committee Reports**-Councilman Roorbach expressed he is the Legislative liaison with AIC (Association of Indiana Counties) and it appears this evening or tomorrow decisions will be made between the House and Senate concerning funding for roads. There is a Northeast district meeting on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Columbia City.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday May 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

## **10. Adjournment**

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.