

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
May 17, 2017**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May, 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 Roorbach led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes from the regular session minutes from April 19, 2017. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-1.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Roger Bainbridge reported from the General Fund Balance Comparison report. "Compared to this time last year we are a little over a million dollars ahead. In looking at this report you will see red, which is not unusual, we just hope by the end of next month we will be in the black". President McWhirt expressed "This year we started using the COIT funds in the general fund, which may be why we are seeing red". President McWhirt would like to have a report next month to show what the COIT fund was last year, to compare to this year.

Auditor Bainbridge also reported from the Insurance report. "The report does show a bit of a decline. At the end of April it was 857,000, which is better than April of last year. We did receive a huge influx which brought it back up in July of last year". Councilman Roorbach asked why receipts are down. Chief Deputy Tammy Miller explained that last year we received a reimbursement because we hit our stop loss.

A discussion ensued concerning stop loss.

New Business

A. County Surveyor-James Todd-Grant County Surveyor James Todd is asking to fill a vacancy. The vacancy is for a First Deputy position. The salary will remain the same and Surveyor Todd is asking to fill the vacancy as soon as possible. Councilman Hix mad a motion to approve the request as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

B. County Assessor-Gary Landrum-Grant County Assessor Gary Landrum is asking to replace a vacancy and transfer of funds to pay the new hire, while continuing to pay the person that is leaving. The transfers are as follows:

From Contractual Services	\$11,700
To Salaries	\$ 3600
To Overtime	\$ 6000
To FICA	\$ 735
To PERF	\$ 1365

Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the filing of the vacancy, the transfers and the amendment to the salary as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

C. County Clerk-Carolyn Mowery-Grant County Clerk Carolyn Mowery is requesting to transfer positions in the IV-D department. The Child Support Bureau (CSB) conducted a quality assurance review. The purpose of the review was to insure compliance with federal and state regulations in utilizing federal IV-D funds. Clerk Mowery is requesting the total salaries for the three deputies that work in the Support/Bookkeeping office be paid from the General fund, starting immediately and be made retroactive to January 1, 2017. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfer of positions to the General fund effective 1-1-2017, and the salary amendment that goes along with that. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Mowery is seeking approval to fill two vacancies in the Support/Bookkeeping office. Both are 2nd deputy positions, the annual salary at this time is \$23,363.00. Clerk Mowery is asking for this to be effective as soon as possible. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the filling of two vacancies as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Mowery is also requesting \$3,000.00 be appropriated from fund 1119, the Clerk's Perpetuation fund to be transferred to account 1119-042-4000.41 equipment, to purchase 10 new computers. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the request as presented. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 5-0.

D. County Highway Department-David White-Safety Director Tony White is requesting additional appropriation and transfers in the following accounts.

From Lease Payment \$92,000.00 to Equipment

This will be to help pay for a new salt building and to repair dump trucks. This does go along with the additional of 255,000 in the MVH fund that is being requested, and transfers in the Stone and Gravel 145,000 and Bituminous 700,000 funds that are for road projects. These are part of the Community Crossing grant. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the request as presented. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

Safety Director Smith is requesting additional appropriation of 150,000 in the Local Road and Street fund. This is for paving projects in the county. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the appropriation in the Local Road and Street fund as presented. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 5-0.

Safety Director Smith is also requesting additional for the Recycle Center in the amount of 20,000. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the request as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0

E. County Sheriff-Reggie Nevels-Sheriff Nevels is requesting to replace a vacancy and reclassify a position, effective immediately. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the reclassifying and replacement of positions and amend the salary ordinance as needed for this request, as presented. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

F. County Commissioners-Mike Burton-Commissioner Mike Burton is requesting approval of the following transfers in the General fund and CCD fund:

\$250 from Bonds to Promotional
\$3,000 from County Vehicle Insurance to Building Liability
\$1,814 from Ambulance Insurance to Building Liability
\$4,200 from Contractual Services to Equipment
\$2,328 from FTR to Security Software
\$80 from Sheriff Cars to Ambulance Lease
\$27,400 from Sheriff Cars to Equipment
\$10,000 from Contractual Services to Equipment
\$10,000 from Remodeling and Repair to Equipment

Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the request of transfers in the General fund and CCD fund as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Burton is also requesting permission to fill a vacancy in the Maintenance department. This is a full time position with a salary of 26,051, and would be effective as soon as possible. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the filling of the vacancy in the Maintenance department as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

G. County Auditor-Roger Bainbridge-Auditor Roger Bainbridge is requesting authorization to fill a vacant permanent, full-time position of Billing Deputy at the current salary of \$27,500, plus benefits. This replacement will be effective on July 11, 2017. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the filling of the vacancy as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 5-0.

8. Old Business

A. County Commissioners-Mike Burton

Lease-Purchase of IT Equipment -This item is a carry-over from last month's meeting, regarding financing and leasing of IT equipment. The cost of the equipment is 407,136.72. President McWhirt recommends Star Bank for the financing. Star Bank had the lowest quote and this will be paid off in 2021. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to accept the financing proposal received from Star Bank for the purchasing of the IT equipment. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Roorbach made a motion to amend ordinance #2017-1. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve ordinance #2017-1. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

A. Presentation/Discussion of Facility Project-Sheriff Reggie Nevels expressed there are some issues at the jail that are in need of fixing. The jail was built in 1980 and additional floors were added in 1990. The jail has repairs that need to be made as soon as possible. All these repairs are a need not a want. Captain Todd Fleece expressed there are things that are deteriorating in the jail. A few of these things are the plumbing, in some cases it has just disintegrated; there are maintenance and security issues that need attention also. Lieutenant Kevin Carmichael also spoke about the issues in the jail. Lieutenant Carmichael spoke about the security and safety issues. "These are a concern for not only the inmates but the personnel employed by the county".

Commissioner Mike Burton and Jeff Metcap from Ameresco spoke about what Ameresco can do to help with these issues. Brad Driver, lead engineer from Ameresco spoke about what need to be fixed in the jail. Ameresco can improve the generator, do security upgrades in all levels of the jail, and fix the lighting upgrades, the heating and cooling fan coils and the plumbing upgrades. The work could take 18 months to complete and could be at a cost of 6.5 to 7 million dollars. This is just an update of what the needs are and Ameresco will be back in July with a more accurate figure of what the cost will be.

B. Preliminary Discussion-Annual Review of Local Income Taxes

President McWhirt explained what Council does with LIT; we will do the review at next month's meeting. We will advertise this as a public meeting and Council members are to look over the information and be ready for the review at next month's meeting.

C. County Budget Calendar

Council President Jim McWhirt expressed we will review the budgets at the August 16, 2017 regular session meeting.

President Jim McWhirt has set the budget hearings as follows:

Wednesday August 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Thursday August 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday August 30, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Thursday August 31, 2017 at 6:00 pm

President McWhirt expressed we will adopt the budget at the October 18, 2017 regular session meeting.

D. Committee Reports

Councilman Roorbach expressed he attended the AIC meeting in Columbia City.

Councilman Conner expressed he continues to attend the Community Corrections Board meetings.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday June 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.