

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
June 21, 2017**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday June 21, 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 Roorbach led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Middlesworth led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Leming moved to approve the minutes from the regular session for May 17, 2017. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0. Councilmen Scott and Middlesworth abstained.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Roger Bainbridge reported from the General Fund Balance Report. "It does show, as it did last month, a favorable balance as to last year by a little over a million dollars. Chief Deputy Tammy Miller expressed "The amount of COIT that has been put into the general fund in the last five months is 2 million dollars. Last year those 2 million dollars would have gone into a fund all its own. All the revenue of the COIT fund was appropriated to be spent, so it's a matter of when we spend it". Auditor Bainbridge expressed he didn't think it is anything to be that concerned about. The balance is probably similar as last years.

Auditor Bainbridge also reported from the Insurance Fund Balance Report, and expressed his concerns. "Our monthly expenditures show 590,000, which is probably not too far out of line, with the receipts, we are about 80,000 below what we have been in the last couple of years. That leaves us with an ending balance at the end of May with 683,000. As of today the balance is 932,855 which sounds better, but we have to go by the end of the month". Discussion ensued concerning stop loss revenue.

New Business

A. County Health Department-Office Manager Tara Street is requesting 2 transfers. The transfers are as follows:

From Prevention of Disease	\$61.22	to Official Bonds
From Prevention of Disease	\$1,498.00	to Equipment

Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfers as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth: motion carried 7-0.

B. Emergency Management Agency-Director Tom Culley is requesting permission to fill 2 vacancies. The first vacancy is a part-time Deputy Director at an hourly rate of \$19.19 per hour, not to exceed a yearly amount of \$7,027.50. The second vacancy is for an Administrative Assistant at an hourly rate of \$11.50 per hour, not to exceed a yearly amount of \$21,010.50.

Director Culley expressed the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) will reimburse 50% of the salaries for these positions. Councilman Middlesworth moved to approve the filling of the part time Administrative Assistant position and the part time First Deputy position and to adjust the salary ordinance as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

C. County Clerk-Clerk Carolyn Mowery is not present due to a medical issue in her family. Council President Jim McWhirt will present Clerk Mowery's request. The request is to fill the vacancy of the 1st Deputy position in the Clerk's office. The annual salary for this position is \$24,398.000. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the filling of the vacancy as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 7-0.

D. Community Corrections-Community Corrections Director Chris Cunningham presented the 2017-2018 grants. Those grants are as follows:

Jail Treatment	52,500.00
1006 CRRP	165,800.00
Diversion	61,500.00
1006 Probation	82,800.00
Drug Free (DART)	85,000.00
Community Corrections	903,264.00
Home Detention	255,510.00
Project Income	153,719.00

Councilman Roorbach moved to approve all 8 grants for the 2017-2018. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

E. County Auditor-Auditor Roger Bainbridge is requesting permission to fill 2 vacancies and for an appropriation. Chief Deputy Auditor Tammy Miller is retiring and the GIS Coordinator for the Auditor's office has accepted a position elsewhere. "I am currently accepting applications but am anticipating there will be some shuffling of positions as I assign the most qualified person to fill these vacancies, which in turn may create other vacancies. I am requesting that I be permitted to fill whatever two (2) vacancies become available after reassignments have occurred."

"I am requesting an appropriation for \$2,286.10 from General fund Salaries to pay 17 vacation days remaining for Tammy Miller, and for \$100.00 to General fund advertising to cover the cost of the dual purpose newspaper advertisement in filling the vacancies".

Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the filling of vacancies and appropriations as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

F. Public Hearing-Annual Review of Local Income Taxes (LIT)- President McWhirt expressed the purpose of this review is to see if we need to make any changes at this time. President McWhirt discussed many changes that would be made to the county LIT, that would bring in more revenue for local government. Some of the changes discussed were shifting property tax relief percentages and diverting a portion to public safety. President McWhirt expressed he wanted to hear what the other council member's thoughts are on raising revenue. President McWhirt believes the majority of local government would like to have more money to spend and may be looking into ways to deal with cap losses. Darren Bates from Data Pit Stops spoke and presented spreadsheets he had put together. Discussion ensued concerning cap losses and raising revenue. The council members ultimately chose to do nothing with LIT at this time and will discuss this further at budget time.

8. Old Business

None.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

A. Committee Reports-None.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday July 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.