

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

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday July 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 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, Mark Leming, Mike Roorbach, Mike Conner, and Mike Scott. Also present were Council Attorney Phil Stephenson, Auditor Roger Bainbridge, Chief Deputy Auditor Angela Jarvis, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

President Jim McWhirt expressed he wanted to add to the agenda item I-the Commissioners have some transfers that need approval.

Item J-Cindy McCoy from Correctional Services is here to present the Pre-trial Services Grant and may have some vacancies involved with this.

President McWhirt expressed he wanted to take care of an item under Old Business first. President McWhirt asked County Clerk Carolyn Mowery to present her item first. Clerk Mowery states she has the amount of reimbursement from 2015 and 2016 from the state. Clerk Mowery presented the info from the state and expressed the state says the transfers need to be made. Clerk Mowery is asking for the approval of the transfers from County General Unappropriated to the Incentive Funds (8899 and 8894). Those amounts would be to fund 8899 \$43,695.87 and to fund 8894 \$624.25. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfers up to said amounts as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes from the regular session for June 21, 2017. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Roger Bainbridge reported from the Health Insurance report the balance has improved from last month, we are still lagging behind last year. We will have a clearer picture next month as we go into budget time. Mr. Zimmerman has suggested that we look at an uptake in the amount that health insurance is actually costing the county this year. We should consider raising that significantly this year, because we have pretty much had the same numbers for 3 years.

Auditor Bainbridge also reported from the General Fund Balance that we are in the black this month, everything looks on track. We are at 1.7 million right now.

New Business

A. Area Plan Commission-Area Plan Director Larry Strange is requesting a transfer of \$1000.00 from Garage & Motors to Tuition & Registration. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

B. County Extension Office-Interim Extension Director Kristina Goff is requesting transfers of \$371.01 from Equipment to Part-Time, \$1550.00 from Travel to Part-Time, \$250.00 from Supplies to Overtime and \$428.99 from Supplies to Part-Time. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the transfers as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

C. County Sheriff-Sheriff Reggie Nevels is requesting a transfer of \$10,000.00 from D Home Salaries to D Home Overtime. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

D. County Surveyor-Surveyor James Todd is requesting a transfer of \$29.95 from Office Supplies to Garage & Motors. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

E. County Highway Department-Highway Superintendent David White is asking to fill a vacancy. The vacancy is for a truck driver. The salary will remain the same and Superintendent White is asking to fill the vacancy as soon as possible. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the request to fill the vacancy as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

F. Emergency Medical Services-EMS Director Duaine Ashcraft is asking for permission to advertise for bids for new ambulances. Director Ashcraft needs to replace (remount) four (4) ambulances, at a total expected cost of 476,000. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the request to advertise the bids for new ambulances as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

G. Superior Court 2-Judge Dana Kenworthy is asking for approval to fill the vacancy that will be left when Deb Gaskill retires at the end of September. Judge Kenworthy is asking to fill this immediately; the amount needed to do so is 4716.40. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the filling of the vacancy as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

Judge Kenworthy is also asking for a salary correction. Judge Kenworthy presented a spreadsheet of the court staff salaries. An error occurred back in 2012, using a staff's salary as a reference point (the salary was incorrect), instead of the correct salary base. This mistake has affected 2 staff members' salaries. These 2 staff members perform duties related to Title IV-D support enforcement, a significant portion of these sums are reimbursable. Therefore the cost to the county to correct this error is a total of \$8,338.79. Judge Kenworthy is asking Council to make the 2 staff members whole by providing back pay to them totaling \$8,338.79. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested and amending the salary ordinance. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 4-2. Since this was not a unanimous vote this will go to a second reading. This item will be put on next month's Council agenda.

H. County Auditor-Auditor Roger Bainbridge is requesting that the salary ordinance be amended to increase the Financial Deputy to \$27,100 and decrease the Claims Deputy to \$27,100. Auditor Bainbridge is asking this be effective July 10, 2017. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the request to amend the salary ordinance effective July 10, 2017 as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

I. County Commissioners-Commissioner Mike Burton is requesting the following transfers in the Commissioners General Fund: \$8,000 from Janitorial to Workman's Compensation, \$10,000 from Postage to Workman's Compensation, and \$12,000 from Preventative Maintenance to

Workman's Compensation. Commissioner Burton is also requesting transfers in Data Processing: \$2,380 from FTR Maintenance to Security Software, and \$2,000 from Sheriff's Hardware & Software to Security Software. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the transfers as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

J. Correctional Services-Director Cindy McCoy presented a hand-out explaining the Pre-Trial Services Grant. This is a 2 year grant and when everything is in place there will be a vacancy that will need to be filled. There is no action that needs to be taken by Council at this time.

8. Old Business

None.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

A. Presentation/Discussion of Facility Project-Commissioner Mike Burton introduced Garren Evans and Brad from Ameresco. Garren Evans, development of engineering at Ameresco explained what has been done to the complex and what will be done in the future. Brad from Ameresco presented a hand-out of the current scope of works. Mr. Evans expressed they have developed 7.8 million dollars' worth of work for the complex. All of this is for information purposes only at this time. Mr. Evans would like to address the Council at the August 16, 2017 meeting, and will be looking for approval of the work that needs to be done.

B. Committee Reports-None

The next council meeting will be Wednesday August 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.