

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
August 16, 2017**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday August 16, 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 Leming led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

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

President Jim McWhirt expressed he needs to add 2 items to the agenda, he received after the agenda was prepared. Under new business item F will be the Van Buren Public Library to consider a board appointment. Under item G the County Prosecutor Jim Luttrull to consider replacement of some vacancies. After the reviews I am going to move up the old business item and get it take care of first.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes from the regular session for July 19, 2017. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0. Councilman Middlesworth abstained as he was not present at the July 19, 2017 meeting.

**6. Auditor's Report**

Auditor Bainbridge is not present; Chief Deputy Auditor Angela Jarvis presented the Health Insurance report and the General Fund Balance report. Chief Deputy Jarvis stated Auditor Bainbridge expressed if there were any questions, Council may contact him with any questions they may have concerning either report.

**New Business**

**A. Review of Estimated Property Tax Levy Limits and Circuit Breaker Losses-**

Grant Counties 2018 maximum levy gets calculated with 4 funds we are involved with: General Fund, Health Fund, Reassessment Fund, and Cum Bridge Fund, the maximum levy for 2018 is 13,867,918. The Assessed Value Growth Quotient for this year is 4.0%, the Department of Local Government Finance projects that levies in 2018 will be higher than they were in 2017.

The Calculation of Estimated Maximum Levy for budget year 2018 is as follows:

Grant County	Civil: \$14,254,554
Center Township	Fire: \$107,056 Civil: \$230,586
Fairmount Township	Fire: \$40,554 Civil: \$22,952

Franklin Township		Fire: \$20,942 Civil: \$131,830
Green Township		Fire: \$35,921 Civil: \$6,308
Jefferson Township		Fire: \$46,467 Civil: \$33,362
Liberty Township		Fire: \$23,870 Civil: \$10,948
Mill Township		Fire: \$54,461 Civil: \$166,688
Monroe Township		Fire: \$13,458 Civil: \$14,635
Pleasant Township		Fire: \$23,419 Civil: \$40,057
Richland Township		Fire: \$12,920 Civil: \$19,813
Sims Township		Fire: \$8,197 Civil: \$43,366
Van Buren Township		Fire: \$18,957 Civil: \$25,927
Washington Township		Fire: \$65,311 Civil: \$38,810
Marion Civil City		Civil: \$18,028,685
Gas City Civil City		Civil: \$1,316,087
Fairmount Civil Town		Civil: \$746,480
Fowlerton Civil Town		Civil: \$31,737
Jonesboro Civil City		Civil: \$350,798
Matthews Civil Town		Civil: \$124,822
Swayzee Civil Town		Civil: \$172,559
Sweetser Civil Town		Civil: \$138,547
Upland Civil Town		Civil: \$416,864
Van Buren Civil Town		Civil: \$299,261
Converse Civil Town		Civil: \$65,389
Eastbrook Comm. School Corp.	School Bus Replacement School Transportation	\$ 212,330 \$ 620,064
Madison Grant United School Corp.	School Bus Replacement School Transportation	\$ 239,803 \$ 802,315
Mississinewa Comm. School Corp.	School Bus Replacement School Transportation	\$ 209,840 \$ 703,434

Marion Comm. School Corp.	School Bus Replacement School Transportation	\$ 491,749 \$ 2,442,077
Oak Hill United School Corp.	School Bus Replacement School Transportation	\$ 252,684 \$ 774,749
Fairmount Public Library		Civil: \$74,505
Gas City/Mill Township Public Library		Civil: \$448,953
Jonesboro Public Library		Civil: \$51,106
Marion Public Library		Civil: \$1,556,065
Matthews Public Library		Civil: \$7,796
Swayzee Public Library		Civil: \$61,063
Barton-Rees-Pogue Memorial Library		Civil: \$46,255
Van Buren Public Library		Civil: \$102,189
Converse Public Library		Civil: \$4,868
East Central Indiana Solid Waste		Civil: \$182,476

The second part of the review is the 2018 estimates of property tax caps by unit. The 2018 Estimated Property Tax Circuit Breaker Impacts are as follows:

Grant County	\$ 1,373,974
Center Township	\$ 38,427
Fairmount Township	\$ 258
Franklin Township	\$ 22,380
Green Township	\$ 51
Jefferson Township	\$ 163
Liberty Township	\$ 11
Mill Township	\$ 18,063
Monroe Township	\$ 304
Pleasant Township	\$ 5,136
Richland Township	\$ 2,263
Sims Township	\$ 3,947
Van Buren Township	\$ 33
Washington Township	\$ 1,597
Marion Civil City	\$ 3,768,251
Gas City Civil City	\$ 108,840

Fairmount Civil Town	\$ 14,822
Fowlerton Civil Town	\$ 159
Jonesboro Civil City	\$ 53,028
Matthews Civil Town	\$ 558
Swayzee Civil Town	\$ 6,230
Sweetser Civil town	\$ 5,964
Upland Civil Town	\$ 3,456
Van Buren Civil Town	\$ 229
Converse Civil Town	\$ 12,112
Eastbrook Community School Corp.	\$ 19,608
Madison-Grant United School Corp.	\$ 9,096
Mississinewa Community School Corp.	\$ 295,336
Marion Community School Corp.	\$ 1,467,178
Oak Hill United School Corp.	\$ 262,600
Fairmount Public Library	\$ 650
Gas City-Mill Township Public Library	\$ 35,345
Jonesboro Public Library	\$ 7,725
Marion Public Library	\$ 313,619
Matthews Public Library	\$ 35
Swayzee Public Library	\$ 4,366
Barton-Rees-Pogue Memorial Library	\$ 384
Van Buren Public Library	\$ 65
Converse Public Library	\$ 711
East Central Indiana Solid Waste	\$ 18,115

President McWhirt expressed we are going to now take care of the Old Business item from last month's meeting. Judge Dana Kenworthy is here from Sup. Court II. Judge Kenworthy is asking for a correction in some of her salaries and for a transfer to cover those salaries. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the salary adjustment along with the change in the salary amendment as requested. Second by Councilman Scott: motion carried 4-2.

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

### **B. County Sheriff-**

Sheriff Reggie Nevels is asking for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$51,444.59 from Level III to Sheriff Work Crew Salaries. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Nevels is also asking to fill two (2) vacancies. One is for a Dispatcher and one for Merit Deputy. Sheriff Nevels is asking to fill these vacancies as soon as possible. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the filling of the two (2) vacancies as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

### **C. County Health Department-**

Health Officer John Kennedy is asking to fill a vacancy of the Health Department Environmental Health Specialist. Dr. Kennedy is requesting to move an employee whom is being paid from grant money into this funded position. The salary would be 31,828.00. The second request is to fill the grant position that would then be vacant. Dr. Kennedy would like to raise this salary from 27,709.00 to 30,000.00. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the replacement of the vacancies and not to increase the grant funded position, leaving it at 27,709.00. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

### **D. County Recorder-**

Recorder Pam Harris is requesting permission to continue a "Back Indexing" project. County attorney Kyle Persinger has looked at the addendum and says it is in order. Recorder Harris expressed the Recorder's office does have the funds in the "CISP" fund to cover the expense of this project. Councilman Conner made a motion for approval as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

### **E. County Commissioners-**

Commissioner Mike Burton is requesting approval to hire a replacement for the Grant County Veteran's Service Officer. Commissioner Burton expressed they would like to have a replacement hired by September 18, 2017. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the request to hire a replacement as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Burton is also requesting the Administrative Assistant be paid 27.20 per day, as she has stepped up to take on the duties of the Veteran's Service Officer. Commissioner Burton is asking this be retroactive to July 20, 2017. Commissioner Burton is also requesting 2,000 be transferred from Salaries to Part Time retroactive to July 20, 2017. This transfer is to pay a volunteer 9.00 per hour for up to 28 hours per week, until the new Veterans Affairs Officer is hired. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve paying the Administrative Assistant 13.60 per day and to amend the salary ordinance retroactive to July 20, 2017. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the pay for the volunteer at 9.00 per hour for up to 28 hours a week during the vacancy period, with this being retroactive to July 20, 2017. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Burton expressed the Commissioners have been working with Ameresco to make some upgrades in the county, including the Sheriff's Department, the courthouse, the complex, and the D-Home. Ameresco was here in May and July with updates and are here for the final time to give Council a final estimated cost. Commissioner Burton stated he would let a representative from Ameresco begin the presentation.

Jeff Metcalf with Ameresco presented a print-out of the breakdown of the estimated cost of the project. The total cost is roughly 7.7 million dollars. Our committee suggested to the Commissioners to approve this scope of work, the Commissioners voted and approved the work. Today we are here for Council to begin putting in place the efforts to fund this work. Discussion ensued as to how the cost can be split up by project or put together as one project and cost. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve to queue the project and set the time table as one project with bonding as being the funding solution. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

### **F. Van Buren Public Library-**

Shiloh McMullen Director of the Van Buren Public Library is asking to appoint Henrietta Story as a board member of the Van Buren Public Library. This is a 4 year term, beginning August 1,

2017 and ending July 31, 2021. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the appointment as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

#### **G. Grant County Prosecutor-**

Grant County Prosecutor Jim Luttrull is asking to fill 2 vacancies, a Child Support Enforcement (IV-D) deputy prosecutor and a Deputy prosecutor. Prosecutor Luttrull would like to fill these vacancies as soon as possible. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to approve the filling of the vacancies as requested with any domino effect that may come with it, and to amend the salary ordinance. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

#### **8. Old Business**

None.

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

**Committee Reports**-None

President McWhirt stated the budget hearings are scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>. The next council meeting will be Wednesday September 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

President McWhirt stated there will be a special called meeting on September 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm, to conduct the first public hearing on preliminary determination and to introduce bond ordinance and introduce additional appropriation resolution.

#### **10. Adjournment**

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.