

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
June 20, 2018**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday June 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

President McWhirt called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Mike Scott, Mike Roorbach, Mike Conner, Shane Middlesworth and Frank Hix. Also present were Council Attorney Phil Stephenson, Auditor Roger Bainbridge, Chief Deputy Auditor Angie Jarvis, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens. Councilman Mark Leming was not present.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes from the May 16th, 2018 meeting as presented. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 4-0, Councilmen Frank Hix and Mike Scott abstained as they were not present at the May 16th 2018 meeting.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Roger Bainbridge reported from the General Fund balance report. This is comparable to last year's balance, very close to last years. The receipts and disbursements are in line with what they would normally be this time of the year.

Auditor Bainbridge also reported from the Health Insurance report. The report shows an ending balance considerably higher than it was last month; however you can see the expenditures are down for the month of May. If you look under the column UMR/Anthem paid it is about half of what it was last month. That of course is what has contributed to it. All things considered it is not that bad.

7. New Business

A. Marion Police Department-Marion Police Chief Angela Haley is requesting \$451,058.78 from the E911 fund to assist with the operations of the City of Marion Communications Center: \$372,795.78 is for the salary of 7 dispatchers and \$78,263.00 is for equipment that has been purchased. Discussion ensued concerning 911 consolidation -central dispatch-. Councilman Middlesworth moved to approve the 78,263.00 for equipment. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 5-1.

B. Community Corrections-Chris Cunningham, Director of Community Corrections is requesting approval of the following grants:

9130-165,800.00	1122-255,510.00	9131-69,355.00
9101-903,264.00	9103-257,023.00	9141-89,282.00
9132-52,500.00	9104-82,800.00	7352-85,000.00

Councilman Scott moved to approve the above 9 grants as presented. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

Cindy McCoy, Director of Correctional Services is requesting additional appropriation for Adult Probation User Fees in the amount of 3,490.00 (fund 2000). Councilman Scott moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

C. County Prosecutor-Prosecuting Attorney James Luttrull is asking to transfer \$1,578.15 from salary to the Spotlight on Violence account. Councilman Middlesworth moved to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 5-1.

Prosecutor Luttrull is also asking to transfer \$12,000.00 from salary to part-time. Councilman Conner moved to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

D. Emergency Medical Services-GCEMS Director Duaine Ashcraft is requesting an additional appropriation of \$11,310.88 from insurance reimbursement for repairs to garage and motors. Councilman Conner moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

Director Ashcraft is also requesting to fill two (2) vacancies. The vacancies are for EMS supervisors. Councilman Conner moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

E. County Clerk-Chief Deputy Brenda Russell presented the request as Clerk Carolyn Mowery was unable to attend. Clerk Mowery is requesting approval to fill a vacancy in the Superior Court 3 Clerk's office. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 5-1.

F. Superior Court 2-Magistrate Brian McLane is requesting approval to fill a Court Reporter position in the Juvenile Division. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the request upon the vacancy occurring. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion failed 3-3.

G. County Commissioners-Commissioner Mike Burton is requesting to add the HR duties to the Secretaries duties making the position full time, with a salary of 35,000.00 per year, and make the Mailroom job part time and hire someone to do it and assist with clerical duties in the office, with a rate of pay 12.00 to 15.00 per hour asking for an appropriation of 15,000.00. Commissioner Burton is also asking to reduce Part Time Janitors from 40,000.00 to 30,000.00. Commissioner Burton is asking to make these changes effective July 16, 2018. Discussion ensued and this will require amending the salary ordinance and will need a unanimous vote. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-1, but this must come back for a second reading to pass.

8. Old Business

None.

Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

A. Discussion-Operations Review Report-President McWhirt expressed he was opening this time up for anyone to discuss any part of the study that wants to be discussed. Councilman Roorbach asked the Commissioners for a summary or reaction to the study, and what they are considering to do with the information they were given. Commissioner Burton spoke and discussion ensued.

B. Preliminary Discussion-Annual Review of Local Income Taxes-President McWhirt wanted to go over a few things to get a mindset as to what will be considered in our July meeting. President McWhirt is going over the handouts given to each Council member. The purpose of next months (July 18) hearing will be to review our current Local Income tax structure, to determine if we will recommend any changes to our current Local Income tax structure. Our current structure is this: a total of 2.25% in local income taxes, 1% is what we

formally called COIT; the 2018 county wide money is 11,048,843. Grant Counties share is 4.9 plus million. We have a .25% tax that used to be called the County Economic Development income tax; the county wide money for 2018 is 2.77 million. We also have a 1% tax we use to call Local Option Income tax we use for property tax relief, it's that 11,048,843. Discussion ensued concerning budget goals, taxes and funding.

C. Committee Reports-None.

Our next regular meeting will be July 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.