

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
September 19, 2018**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday September 19, 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 Middlesworth led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

In attendance were Council members Jim McWhirt, Frank Hix, Mark Leming, Mike Roorbach, Mike Conner and Shane Middlesworth. Also present were Attorney Kyle Persinger, Auditor Roger Bainbridge, Chief Deputy Auditor Angela Jarvis, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens. Councilman Mike Scott was absent.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes from the regular session for August 15, 2018, Budget sessions for August 22, 23, 29 & 30, 2018, and Executive Session August 29, 2018 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

**6. Auditor's Report**

Auditor Roger Bainbridge reported from the general fund balance report. Compared to last year we are in pretty good shape, about a million dollars ahead of where we were at this time last year. The disbursements have been less than normal, so I have to assume that county officials and county employees are taking seriously our plea, they not spend any more than they have to.

Auditor Bainbridge also reported from the health insurance fund report. The balance is 1.3 million, which is higher than I thought it would be. Last month I reported that was high, as of today September 19, 2018, it is very close to what it was in February 2017. I expect next month it to be around the million dollar level or less.

**New Business**

**A. County Sheriff-**Sheriff Reggie Nevels is requesting a transfer of \$51,444.59 from Level III to Sheriff Work Crew salaries. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfer request. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Nevels is also requesting a transfer of 30,000 from salaries to overtime. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfer request. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Nevels is asking to fill a Merit deputy and a Dispatch position. Councilman Conner made a motion to fill the positions as soon as possible. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

**B. County Highway Department-**Highway Superintendent David White is requesting a transfer of 150,000 from Paving Projects to Equipment. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent White is also requesting to fill two (2) truck driver positions. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the filling of the positions as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

**C. County Clerk-** Clerk Carolyn Mowery is asking to fill two (2) vacancies in the Clerk's office. One vacancy is for a Second Deputy in the legal department of the Clerk's office and the

second vacancy is a Second Deputy in the Superior III department of the Clerk's office. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the filling of the two vacancies. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

**D. Superior Court I**-President McWhirt expressed Judge Jeff Todd is not present but is requesting a transfer of 250 from law books to travel and conference. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

**E. Statement of Benefits-Real Estate Improvements**-Dunham's Athleisure Corporation. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the CF-1 form for Dunham's Athleisure Corporation and for President Jim McWhirt to sign the form for the County Council. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

**F. County Treasurer**-Grant County Treasurer Tiffany Griffith is asking to have the salary ordinance amended for the salary of a part time deputy currently working in the Treasurer's office. Councilman Conner made a motion to amend the salary ordinance for the part time deputy position at \$13.24 per hour effective July 1, 2018. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

## **8. Old Business**

**A. 2019 Budget**-President McWhirt expressed there are a few things we need to discuss as we move forward to the budget adoption in October. There are things we didn't address in the initial process. President McWhirt presented each Council member with a list of outstanding budget issues that need to be considered. We need to discuss these items and if we want to take action we can or wait until the next meeting to do so. We will have a special meeting on Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss and finalize stuff we don't do tonight, so we can move those things to our official adoption meeting Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup>.

President McWhirt started with the Clerk's office and moving two employees from one department to another department, this has no impact on the budget. After a short discussion Council agreed to move on to the next item.

The next item is the County Prosecutor. Mr. Luttrull and Mr. Faulk both have presented items for this budget. Mr. Faulk and Mr. Johnson are here to discuss their budget. Mr. Johnson started out presenting the budget and Mr. Faulk then went on to discuss more of their budget. After much discussion concerning this budget Council agreed to move on to the next item.

The Sheriff's Department is the next item for discussion, after a short discussion concerning the Merit pension payments, Council moved on to the Area Plan Commission and the increase of salary for the Executive Director. EMS is asking to reconstruct their staff and salary changes.

The Commissioners have FICA, PERF, life insurance, unemployment and workman's comp, whatever changes incur these numbers will change, there will be things to fine-tune when we are finished with everything. The Commissioners are looking to outsource janitorial duties; there will be changes in personnel, but an increase in contractual.

Public Defenders, Mr. Elliott has asked for a salary increase in his position and an increase of 600 for each of his public defenders. Mr. Elliott wants to add another public defender to the staff as well.

Councilman Conner made a motion to table looking at the budget concerns until October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion fails 2-4.

MVH fund, Mr. White asked to change longevity levels from 2012 to 2018 levels. In the Cumulative Bridge fund Mr. White asked for 665,000, we are recommending 460,000 for 2019.

Health Insurance fund, 7 million is what we had for 2018 and 7 million seems to be reasonable for 2019.

CEDIT fund, here is the budget I am purposing for 2019: Health insurance 1,126,000 and Energize-ECI 14,000 for a total of 1,140,000.

Our projected balance is 411,123. There are some things we need to think about and discuss, like comp time, over time, and raises, between now and October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

**A. Future Meeting Dates-**We will have a special meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm. Our regular November meeting will be on November 14<sup>th</sup>, not November 21<sup>st</sup>, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Committee Reports-**None

## **10. Adjournment**

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.