

**Grant County Council  
Special Session  
October 3, 2018**

The Grant County Council met in Special Session on Wednesday October 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

**Call to order**

President McWhirt called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

**Roll Call**

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

**Old Business**

**2019 Budget: Discussion and Potential Action regarding Various Budget Matters-**President McWhirt expressed the purpose of our meeting is to go through items we have not finalized in the budget process yet. I am going to review briefly the current status of the funds operating balance. You have a copy of the updated form 4B. The General fund, Health fund, Reassessment fund and Cum Bridge fund combined show 547,966. The estimated circuit breaker losses total 1,976,551.

The first item on the list is the General Fund:

County Clerk- Clerk Carolyn Mowery asked we move a couple of positions. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to approve as presented. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

County Treasurer-Treasurer Tiffany Griffith asked to remove a full time position and make it a part time position. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to reflect making the full time position a part time position. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

County Prosecutor-Mr. Faulk's salary request is 982,344 for 2019. 2018 amount was 133,527 that's an increase of 48,817 in total of all funds combined. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the Prosecutor's budget as follows:

General Fund	551,887	Deferred Prosecution	52,980
Victims Asst.	44,662	Clerk's IV-D Incentive	48,000
Pros. IV-D	236,008		
Total	832,547		

For a total of all funds being 933,527. Mr. Faulk is to assign salaries and positions as he sees fit within that total. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

County Sheriff-This is for the contribution for the merit pension payments. Last year's payment was 707,000. The recommended amount from McCreedy & Keene, Inc. is 772,079. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve 772,000. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

Area Plan Commission-This is to increase the salary of the Executive Director from 48,000 to 50,000. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the increase from 48,000 to 50,000. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

Do we want to also remove the full-time position from the 2019 budget and replace it with the part-time position? Councilman Conner made a motion to remove the full-time and make it part-time. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

Emergency Medical Services- Mr. Ashcraft gave us a revised budget for 2019. The revision was less than the original; however it is more than the 2018 budget. Councilman Middlesworth

made a motion to approve at the 2018 budget, but adjust positions without raises. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

Commissioners-The Commissioners are proposing to outsource janitorial services. To do this we are being asked to approve a contractual services account. This will be a savings on paper of 38,648. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

Second the Commissioners are asking to increase the cell phone allowance. This is an increase of 3,900 but they will decrease the postage by 3,900. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the requested change between the accounts. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

The last item for the Commissioners is an appropriation for Unemployment and Workman's comp. Unemployment would stay the same at 40,000 and Workman's comp. would increase from 150,000 to 185,000. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

Public Defender- Mr. Elliott requested a salary increase for his position from 102,000 to 110,373, a salary increase of 600 for each of the public defenders, and to add a public defender to the staff. No action will be taken until we get further information.

IV-D Incentive Fund- In 2018 we approved paying 75% of a court reporter from this fund. If we want this to continue it needs approval. Councilman Conner moved to approve to pay a portion of a court reporter from this fund. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

Reassessment Fund-Mr. Landrum requested that we increase the hourly rate for applicable members of the Board of Review from 14 to 16 per hour. No action taken this will remain the same.

Motor Vehicle Highway Fund-Mr. White is requesting we change the base year of longevity pay from 2012 to 2018. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve changing the base year of longevity pay from 2012 to 2018, and this is to include the Recycling Fund. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 4-2.

Cumulative Bridge Fund- The original budget request for 2019 was 665,000. The levy limit of 437,810 is insufficient to fund the request. Mr. White has revised the amount to 450,000. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the Cumulative Bridge fund to 450,000 as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

Health Fund-Dr. Kennedy requests an increase in compensation for Health Board members from 900 per year to 1,000 per year. There was no motion this will stay the same.

CEDIT-President McWhirt expressed "I am going to recommend a budget of 1,069,000. The budget would be Health Insurance 1,055,000 and Energize-ECI 14,000 for a total of 1,069,000, with an additional appropriation of 71,000 plan for 2019. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to approve a budget of 1,069,000 as shown. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Roorbach made a motion to give a 2% raise to all employees across the board. The motion dies due to lack of a second.

President McWhirt expressed we need to decide what if anything we want to do with comp. time and overtime. After a short discussion a decision was made to retain comp. time and overtime as it is.

Councilman Leming asked to revisit the Veterans budget. After a short discussion Councilman Leming made a motion to approve category 2 and 3 at 680 more than the original request. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm.

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.