

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
October 17, 2018**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday October 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**1. Call to order**

President McWhirt called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Conner, Shane Middlesworth and Mike Scott. Also present were Council Attorney Phil Stephenson, Auditor Roger Bainbridge, Chief Deputy Auditor Angela Jarvis, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens. Councilman Mike Roorbach was absent.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes of September 19, 2018 as presented. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 5-0 with one abstention.

**6. Auditor's Report**

Auditor Roger Bainbridge reported from the General Fund Balance report we are one million ahead of last year. I see no issues or problems at this time.

Auditor Bainbridge also reported from the Insurance Fund Balance report. The balance is 1.2 million, a little lower than last month. I see no problems or issues at this point.

Auditor Bainbridge reported we have posted the results of the Income Tax Council's increase for the LIT, on the DLGF gateway site. We are ahead of schedule it is not due until the end of the month.

**New Business**

**A. County Coroner-**Chris Butche is asking to transfer 2,000 from travel and conference to autopsy & transport, and 379.46 from telephone to autopsy, lab & transport. Coroner Butche is not present, Councilman Scott made a motion to suspend the rule and address the transfers in his absent. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the request as presented. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

**B. County Extension Office-** Kristina Goff is asking to transfer 600 from travel to part time and 61.78 from travel to overtime. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfers as presented. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

**C. Emergency Medical Services-**Duaine Ashcraft is asking to transfer 30,000 from EMT supervisors to EMT salaries. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfers as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

**D. County Prosecutor-**Jim Luttrull is asking to transfer 784.38 from salaries (1000-260-1000.00) to consultant (1000-260-3000.12) and 8,000 from salaries (1000-009-1000.11) to part time (1000-009-1000.12). Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfers as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

**E. Area Plan Commission-**Larry Strange is asking to transfer 500 from equipment to supplies. Director Strange is not present, Councilman Conner made a motion to suspend the rule and address the transfers in his absent. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

**F. County Sheriff**-Reggie Nevels is asking to transfer 50,000 from salaries to medical. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Nevels is also asking to fill a Merit Deputy vacancy. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve filling the Merit Deputy vacancy. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

**G. County Commissioners**-Mike Burton is asking to transfer a total of 194,167.87 to and from various accounts to get these accounts through the end of the year. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the transfers as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Burton is also asking to amend the salary ordinance in the amount of 1,051 to be made retroactive to August 10, 2018. This is to be added to the salary of the Day Maintenance position. Councilman Conner made a motion to amend the salary ordinance as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

IT Director Marcus Elliott is asking for approval to purchase new financial and payroll software. Director Elliott has met with LOW Associates and all offices involved, and LOW seems to be the best software for Grant County. Director Elliott presented the council with a handout of the breakdown of cost and letters from the IT, Auditor's office and Treasures office that points out all the benefits of the LOW software. After further discussion Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the purchase of the software and the transition towards getting the LOW software. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

HR Director Tammy Miller presented Council with a printout from USI that gave an update on the county insurance.

**8. Old Business**

**A. Adoption of 2019 Budgets**-President McWhirt expressed we did not take action on the Public Defenders piece of the budget at our last meeting. As of right now it is the same as 2018. We received some answers to some questions that were being asked. After some discussion Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to keep the malpractice insurance in place as it is and increase the pay of each Public Defender by 600 to keep in compliance for the reimbursement. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

President McWhirt noted the negotiation with the Sheriff's department is not complete. When it is done this body will have to approve that. Whatever happens with this may impact something that has to happen in 2019. We are going to be approving the budgets as they are knowing some things could change.

President McWhirt read the budget we are going to adopt as follows:

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Adopted Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Adopted Tax Levy</u></b>	<b><u>Adopted Tax Rate</u></b>
General	\$22,807,875	\$13,628,331	0.7727
Reassessment	\$440,972	\$430,000	0.0244
Debt Service	\$688,581	\$876,240	0.0497
Highway	\$4,013,565	\$0	0.0000
Lo Road & Street	\$600,000	\$0	0.0000
Cum. Bridge	\$450,000	\$438,000	0.0248
Health	\$520,815	\$375,000	0.0213
Cum. Cap. Dev.	\$366,000	\$382,000	0.0217
Econ. Dev Income	\$1,069,000	\$0	0.0000
Tax Credit			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$30,956,808</b>	<b>\$16,129,571</b>	<b>0.9146</b>

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the 2019 fund budgets as read and as we adopt all the miscellaneous funds in the process. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; motion carried 6-0.

The Grant County 2019 approved budget is attached hereto.

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

None.

President McWhirt expressed the next regular session Council meeting is November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**10. Adjournment**

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.