

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
June 19, 2019**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday June 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**1. Call to order**

President Shane Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Prayer**

Councilman Roorbach let in prayer.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Perez led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

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

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes of regular session April 17, 2019 as corrected. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0. Councilman Mike Scott abstained as he was not present at last month's meeting.

**6. Auditor's Report**

Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed he would just touch on the various reports in the packet. First is the report by funds, which is the listing of funds in our county records. I do not have any special comments on this. Next is the summary of the main budgeted funds, no comments here either. The general fund monthly balance report, we are at a better cash balance at this point than in 2018 (1.6 million dollar improvement). Our receipts are above what we received in 2018, due to the increase in income tax. Our disbursements are about a 500,000 increase from 2018 at this point. The health insurance fund cash balance is about a 1.3 million dollar improvement over this time last year, disbursements are about 85,000 less per month. Right now this is encouraging. We again are in reconciliation with the Treasurer's office. Keep in mind any additional appropriations that may be coming. Lastly, spring settlement has been collected, so the various units in the county have received their dollars.

**New Business**

**A. City of Marion**-Mayor Jess Alumbaugh is requesting funds from the E911 fund for the replacement of a failing emergency generator at City Hall. Mayor Alumbaugh did submit an estimate from Rex Collins Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$76,225.00. This estimate is for a complete package with Generac generator. Mayor Alumbaugh expressed the urgent need for a new generator. After further discussion Council asked Mayor Alumbaugh to come back to next month's meeting with more information.

**B. Area Plan Commission**-Larry Strange is asking to transfer 600 from Garage & Motors to Photo, Blueprints & Legal to help cover additional legal advertisement expenses. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

**C. County Prosecutor**-Deputy Prosecutor Jarred Eib is presenting for Prosecutor Rodney Faulk. Prosecutor Faulk is asking to transfer \$3,503.16 from his telephone account to travel and conference. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Prosecutor Faulk is also asking to appoint Randy Black as investigator as needed when there is an absent. Councilman Perez made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

**D. County Clerk**-Pam Harris is asking to transfer 450 from office supplies to equipment for shelving needed for the voting machines. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Clerk Harris also asking to fill three (3) vacancies within her department. The vacancies are in the legal department, Voter Registration and Sup. III. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the request with a domino effect. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

**E. County Highway Department**-Superintendent David White is asking for additional funding in the following line items:

Repair and Maintenance: \$170,000.00

Local Road & Street: \$300,000.00

MVH Restricted: \$275,000.00

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

**F. County Assessor**-Rhonda Wylie is asking to fill a vacancy. The vacancy is for a part-time position, Assessor Wylie is also asking this be made a full-time position. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve filling the vacancy effective immediately and amend the salary ordinance to reflect the change. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 4-3, but since this is not unanimous, Assessor Wylie will need to come back next month for a second reading.

**G. Community Corrections**-Chris Cunningham is asking for approval of the following budgets:

Community Corrections: 451,632.00

CRRP: 82,900.00

Jail Treatment Services: 26,250.00

Probation: 41,400.00

Prosecutor Diversion: 30,750.00

Home Detention: 127,605.00

Project Income: 128,511.00

JDAI Community Corrections Grant

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

**H. County Auditor**-Jim McWhirt is asking to make some changes resulting from a Title IV-D review. The changes are as follows:

Amend the salary ordinance for the Chief Deputy Prosecutor to reflect the change in the fund from which we pay the salary. Currently we pay \$10,000 in salary plus the associated FICA and PERF expenses from the Clerk's Title IV-D fund the recommendation is we move this expense to the Prosecutor's budget in the general fund, effective back to January 1, 2019.

We are paying \$12,000.00 of Kim Parker's salary and Dave Homer's entire salary (\$42,000.00) plus the associated FICA and PERF expenses of both from the Clerk's Title IV-D Incentive fund, the recommendation is we move this expense to the Prosecutor's Title IV-D Incentive fund effective now. My request is that you amend the salary ordinance to reflect the changed in the fund from which we pay the salary.

We are paying \$43,000.00 from the Clerk's Title IV-D fund for employer contributions to the health insurance fund, the recommendation is we move that expense to either the County's Title IV-D Incentive Fund or the Prosecutors Title IV-D fund to cover the cost associated with David Homer. My request is you approve the change from the Clerk's Title IV-D Incentive fund to the County's Title IV-D Incentive fund effective with the June 2019 contribution.

Lastly I request you approve transferring \$20,000.00 in cash from the Clerk's Title IV-D Incentive fund to the Prosecutor's Title IV-D Incentive fund on an annual basis effective in 2019, until it is determined to change that at some point in the future. This will provide support to the Prosecutor's office where they have more opportunities to utilize this money to continue to save the County's general fund.

Councilman Conner made a motion to approve all of the above changes as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

## **I. Consideration of Form CF-1/Real Property-Dunham's Athleisure Corporation**

Councilman Roorbach made a motion to accept the CF-1 form from Dunham's. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

## **8. Old Business**

**A. County Council**-MVH salary ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. After some discussion Councilman Hix made a motion to amend the first vote to make the effective date July 1, 2019 rather than June 1, 2019. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-1, and one abstention-Councilman Scott since he was not at the first reading.

Councilman Hix made a motion to approve a 3% raise for the Highway department truck drivers with a CDL license. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-1, and one abstention-Councilman Scott since he was not at the first reading.

**B. County Commissioners**-No Commissioners are present, President Middlesworth expressed that at last month's meeting the Grant County Commissioners expressed they would be coming to Council to ask for 60,000 in additional appropriations for the Dispatch Unification Proposal project. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve up to 65,000. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 6-0, with Councilman Scott abstaining since he was not present at the first reading.

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

Councilman Perez gave an update from the Growth Council, recently we have had positive meetings with the Cardinal Greenway, the City of Marion, City of Upland, city of Jonesboro, and city of Gas City concerning developing different trail systems.

President Middlesworth expressed there will be a special Council/Commissioners meeting on Wednesday June 26, 2019 at 6:00 pm. This meeting is for the Juvenile Detention Center: Presentation of facility usage options and associated financial implications.

The next Council meeting will be July 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

## **10. Adjournment**

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.