

Grant County Council and Grant County Commissioners
Special Joint Session
July 8, 2020

Note: This Grant County Council and Grant County Commissioners meeting was conducted electronically as permitted under Governor Holcomb's Executive order 20-09.

The Grant County Council and the Grant County Commissioners met in a Special Joint Session on Wednesday July 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Call to order

Council President Shane Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Prayer

Commissioner Bardsley led in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Middlesworth led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

In attendance physically were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Mark Leming, Frank Hix, Mike Scott, Commissioners Mark Bardsley and Ron Mowery. In attendance via electronic source were Council members Mike Conner and Commissioner Mike Burton. Also in attendance physically were Council Attorney Phil Stevenson, Auditor Jim McWhirt, Chief Deputy Auditor Angie Jarvis, Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens, and Admin. Assistant/HR Director Justin Saathoff. Councilmen Mike Roorbach and Jonathan Perez were absent.

New Business

DISCUSSION OF FINANCING OF FACILITY PROJECTS:

A. Council President Shane Middlesworth expressed this meeting is informational only and no action will be taken tonight.

Commissioner Mark Bardsley expressed "Just to update you we have had dialog over the past few months about issues, projects that can happen, need to happen or are in different phases of happening. We had the opportunity to have the facilities working in group meet yesterday, just to talk about what type of projects we are looking at. On the list I have passed out, the list of projects we talked about the Detention Center; updates and or renovations and approximation, with the help of Ameresco, they have given us a window of approximately between 1.2 and 1.4 million dollars of cost to renovate all the items that need to be done in order to do the women's facility and have a 14 bed unit with juvenile".

"The Central Dispatch phase II operation, which includes a lot of equipment and towers, we have a tag of approximately 2.4 million dollars for that. Salin property work could take us up

towards 1.825 million dollars. If we were to incorporate any type of update to care for the loan we are talking 750 thousand dollars that was currently loaned to us with regard to Central Dispatch work, so we are talking about potentiality 6 million 375 thousand dollars of debt and or bond work, loan type of things we need to discuss. The committee, as we walked through things, as you see there (handout given at start of meeting), just briefly outlined, the recommendation would probably be anything over a hundred thousand dollars in cost be incorporated into some type of a bond or a loan. Again those known problems would include; water infiltration at the court house, ground floor fire panels that need to be fully upgraded, elevators in our buildings, boiler and hvac air handler sit problems that we are dealing with and upgrades to exterior cameras for security purposes on all our buildings. The committee suggests we need to address our current needs and forecast 20 years out. Questions that were raised; What would it take to do those types of things, either to maintain and take care of the patch work that we have to do and or look at a new situation, whether that be a new jail or add on the current jail? What can Grant County afford? Do we fix and maintain or do we go to a whole new building concept, and if we do that, the committee would like to see the plan and concept footing of footprint drawings and some type of a ballpark what new facilities would cost us. These are what we talked about and of course we have Ameresco and Pyramid representatives here to answer questions about the assessment of the D-Home and Terry has done some assessments as well from Pyramid”.

Commissioner Mowery asked who is on the committee. Commissioner Bardsley stated the committee members are himself, Mike Scott, Shane Middlesworth, Vince Beneke sat in, and Justin Saathoff sat in as well.

Council President Middlesworth asked Terry Burnworth from Pyramid to speak.

Terry Burnworth from Pyramid presented a slideshow and explained each slide. Mr. Burnworth mainly spoke about Central Dispatch and what is needed for operation and expenses, and the other buildings (court house, EMS building, etc...) cost of fixing.

Mark Heirbrandt and Brad Driver from Ameresco spoke about what their evaluation of the summary of the Detention Center is, as far as the upgrades that need to be done and what the cost of those upgrades and work would be.

Sheriff Reggie Nevels spoke briefly about the upgrades at the Detention Center. Maintenance Supervisor Vince Beneke expressed what he knows that may need replaced in the different buildings.

Council President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm.