

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
September 16, 2020**

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

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday September 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**1. Call to order**

President Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. Prayer**

Councilman Conner led prayer.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Roorbach led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

In attendance physically were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Frank Hix, Mark Leming, Mike Roorbach and Mike Conner. In attendance via electronic source was Councilman Jonathan Perez. Councilman Mike Scott was absent. Also physically 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 from the regular session for August 12, 2020 as presented. Second by Councilman Perez. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Hix moved to approve the minutes from the Budget Hearings from August 19, 20, 26, and 27, 2020 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming. Councilman Conner abstained from the August 27, 2020 as he was not present. Motion carried 6-0.

**6. Auditor's Report**

Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed the only thing he wanted to point out was the MVH and MVH Restricted has received less dollars this year. Unless there were any questions that is all he would report on. There were not questions.

**New Business**

**A. Declaration of Fiscal Body**-Councilman Roorbach moved to approve the signing of Declaration of Fiscal Body for the following libraries: Swayzee Public Library, Gas City Mill Township Public Library, Fairmount Public Library and Van Buren Public Library. Second by Councilman Conner: motion carried 6-0.

**B. County Sheriff-** Reggie Nevels is asking for a cash transfer of \$51,444.59 from Misdemeanant fund to Sheriff Work Crew Salaries. Councilman Conner moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 6-0.

**C. County Area Plan-**Larry Strange is asking to transfer \$1000.00 from Tuition and Registration to Dues and Subscription. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner: motion carried 6-0.

**D. County Commissioners- Central Dispatch Holiday Pay-**Commissioner Mark Bardsley expressed the calculations that have come from the Central Dispatch director to the Auditor, the two (2) past amounts for holiday pay, July 4<sup>th</sup> \$793.16 and for Labor Day \$871.56. Then we need to look at seven (7) more holiday pays at approximately \$5,826.52. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve holiday pay for Central Dispatch at the time and half rate. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

## **8. Old Business**

**A. County Commissioners-**Commissioner Mark Bardsley gave updates on Emergency Payroll Proposal and CARES Act reimbursement.

Commissioner Bardsley expressed on the emergency payroll we are in the process in working with the EMA office. The holdup we have right now is the departments that were working during that 3 week period have given us different criteria on why they need their money. What it comes down to is the Commissioners will have to have one answer that covers all of the departments and we will resubmit for approval from the state. Once we get the preapproval we can come to you and say this is what they will pay.

Commissioner Bardsley gave an update on the CARES Act reimbursement.

Commissioner Bardsley expressed the process we are following right now at this point we have applied request in excess of over 100,000.00, but we have as a county right now paid out over 98,506.00 in COVID related expenses. Right now that would include payment for the morgue, personal protection equipment, IT computers, health expenses, mill townships washer and dryer for exposed materials, enclosed trailers, these are items we have already spent money on. We are in the process this week or next of seeing these checks. One process we do have preapproval on is the extension to the garage area at the training area at EMS.

Phase II Discussion: after discussion concerning a PSAP local income tax of 00.1% to help pay the cost of Phase II a motion was made by Councilman Conner to hold a public hearing on October 7, 2020 for discussion on an ordinance modifying local income tax rates, for the public to hear and have the opportunity to speak about this. Second by Councilman Perez: motion carried 5-1.

**B. 2021 Budget**-President Middlesworth expressed we will wait until the special meeting on October 7, 2020 to discuss the outstanding budget issues.

**9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion**  
Committee Reports-None

**Future Meeting Dates:**

**Special Meeting-Wednesday, October 7, 2020**  
**2021 County Budget Matters**

**10. Adjournment**

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.