

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
November 18, 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 November 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

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

2. Prayer

Councilman Roorbach led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Leming led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance physically were Council members Mike Roorbach, Mike Scott, Mark Leming, and Frank Hix. In attendance via electronic source were Council members Mike Conner, Shane Middlesworth and Jonathan Perez. 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 Scott moved to approve the minutes from the Special Session on October 7, 2020 as presented. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes from the regular session on October 21, 2020 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed there is not much to report, the financial funds and the health insurance fund are in good shape. Unless there are any questions, this is all I will report on. There were no questions.

New Business

A. Fairmount Public Library-Appointment of Mark Andrew West from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024, to the Library Board. Councilman Scott moved to approve the appointment of Mark Andrew West. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Gas City Mill Township Public Library-Appointment of April Dickey to the Gas City-Mill Township Public Library Board. Councilman Scott moved to approve the appointment of April Dickey. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

B. Community Corrections-Chris Cunningham is asking for approval of the Grant budgets for Community Corrections. These are grant funded or fee generated budgets and will be for a 6 month budget. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to give a blanket approval for these budgets as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

C. County Sheriff-Reggie Nevels is asking to transfer \$17,500 from Sheriff Salaries to Sheriff Specialty Team (\$16,000) and from Detention Center Salaries to Detention Specialty Team (\$1,500). Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

D. County IT Department- Marcus Elliott is asking to transfer \$1,300.01 from Training & Education to Security Software, \$1,558.94 from Contractual Services to Security Software and \$11,050.00 from Contractual services to Overtime. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

E. County Assessor-Rhonda Wylie is asking to transfer \$500.00 from Contractual Services to Equipment and \$5,111.00 from Contractual Services to Maintenance Agreements. Councilman Perez made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

F. County Highway Department-David White is asking to transfer \$25,000.00 from Gas, Oil and Lube to Contractual (MVH 1176) and \$400.00 from Gas, Oil and Lube to Alcohol and Drug (MVH 1176).

Transfer \$50,000.00 from Bituminous to Equipment (MVH 1173).

Transfer \$24,000.00 from Culvert Pipe and Tile to Repair and Maintenance and \$10,000.00 from Bridge Inspection to Repair and Maintenance (Cumulative Bridge 1135).

Councilman Scott moved to approve the above transfers as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

G. Superior Court III-Judge Warren Haas is asking to transfer \$1,000.00 from Repair and Maintenance and \$1,409.35 from Travel and Conference (\$2,409.35 total) to Equipment. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

H. Emergency Medical Services-Duaine Ashcraft is asking to transfer \$12,000.00 from Salaries to Run Reimbursement and \$5,000.00 from ALS Reimbursement to Dues and Subscriptions. Councilman Scott moved to approve the transfers as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Duaine Ashcraft is also requesting an additional appropriation of \$170,000.00 to Equipment to cover expenditures that are to be reimbursed through the CARES ACT funds. Councilman Scott moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

I. Emergency Management Agency-Bob Jackson is requesting an additional appropriation of \$10,000.00 to the Overtime account. Grant County EMA personnel have spent an inordinate amount of time filing claims and assisting other departments with requests for the CARES act. This is to cover the overtime fund until a reimbursement from the CARES act comes through. Councilman Scott moved to approve the request for the additional appropriation of \$10,000.00. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

J. County Commissioners-Commissioner Mark Bardsley is asking for several transfers to and from several different General fund accounts. The total amount of the transfers is \$338,000.00. Commissioner Bardsley is asking for a transfer of a few accounts in the CCD account with a total amount of \$61,500.00. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve the transfers within the General fund and the CCD fund as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Bardsley is also requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000.00 to the Commissioners General fund, Preventative Maintenance fund. Councilman Scott moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

K. County Auditor-Auditor Jim McWhirt is recommending closure of dormant funds and transfers of cash to eliminate negative balances. Auditor McWhirt presented a listing of these funds and amounts that need transferred to Council. Councilman Scott moved to approve the closure of dormant funds and the transfers involved. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Auditor McWhirt is asking Council to approve the Joint Resolution #6-2020 Establishing a Procedure for Cares Act Reimbursement of Public Health and Public Safety Payroll Costs. Councilman Leming moved to approve Joint Resolution #6-2020 as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

Auditor McWhirt presented the Financing of Central Dispatch Communication Equipment. Auditor McWhirt expressed all the options and explained how the financing will happen. After much discussion Council chose to go with option #2, US Bank. This is 10 year proposal with a 1.673% interest rate. Councilman Scott moved to approve regarding the financing of Central Dispatch communication equipment proposal #2 from US Bank at a 10 year term with annual payments of \$235,035.98. To be paid in two ways, approximately \$155,000.00 a year from the County 911 fund with general fund picking up the remaining obligation to meet the cost of proposal #2. Addition also make a motion to approve the construction of the towers at 1,000,037.91 in hopes of Cares Act money would reimburse construction of these towers and general fund would make up

the difference between the approved amount from Cares Act and what is left over.
Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

8. Old Business

A. County Commissioners-Commissioner Bardsley gave an update on the Cares Act reimbursement. Commissioner Bardsley presented a sheet with the breakdown of how much of the \$2,139,213.00 has been spent and what those expenses were and what still needs to be paid for with the final reimbursement that has been sent for approval.

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

The next regular session Council meeting will be December 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.