

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
December 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 December 16, 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 Scott led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance physically were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Mike Roorbach, Mike Scott, Mark Leming, and Frank Hix. In attendance via electronic source was Council member Jonathan Perez (exited at 6:59 pm). Councilman Mike Conner 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 Perez moved to approve the minutes from the regular session on November 18, 2020 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed in the gas disbursements a couple departments may exceed their appropriations due to the way Indiana Finance and Authority handled the CARES Act reimbursement, just so you are aware of this. The Health fund will be close as well they also had COVID expenses. We did receive a lot less interest in 2020 than we did in 2019 only because of how different accounts are be credited, interest rates are lower.

New Business

A. County Sheriff Department Union Contract-Mike Scott expressed the amendments to the contract are, the contract expires on 12-31-2021, the holiday pay rate changed to 1 ½ times the rate of pay, pay raises are as follows: units A & C will be receiving \$1,500.00, Unit B \$1,000.00, Unit D \$1,250.00. The longevity calculations will be based

on the 2019 base pay. Councilman Scott moved to approve the Sheriff Departments Union Contract/amendments. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

B. County Public Defender-Bruce Elliott is asking to transfer \$400.00 from Depositions/Transcriptions to Malpractice. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

C. County Weights & Measures-President Middlesworth expressed that Mark Fleming is not present and does not need to be, and is asking to transfer \$35.00 from Travel to Equipment. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

D. County Clerk-Pam Harris is asking to transfer from within the General fund \$3,700.00 from Precinct Board Primary and \$1,553.12 from Overtime/Part time to Absentee Board, and \$3,750.00 from Precinct Board Primary to Legal Services. From the Perpetuation Fund (1119) transfer \$2,500.00 from Supplies, \$1,521.00 from Equipment (total \$4,021.00) to be dispersed as \$3,300.00 to Salaries, \$252.00 to Social Security/Medicare and \$469.00 to PERF. Councilman Scott moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

E. County IT Department-Marcus Elliott is asking to transfer \$3,500.00 from Contractual to Overtime. Councilman Leming moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

F. County Central Dispatch-Mike Clayton is asking for the following transfers: \$168,300.00 from Dispatch Communication Equipment (1222) to distribute as follows: \$6,000.00 to Overtime, \$2,300.00 to Longevity, \$115,000.00 to Telephone, and \$45,000.00 to Building Renovations.

From Central Dispatch (4922) \$30,000.00 from Salary, \$69,570.00 from Group Insurance, \$750.00 from Life Insurance (\$100,320.00 total) to be distributed as follows: \$85,000.00 to Overtime/Part time, \$3,700.00 to Holiday, \$120.00 to Longevity, \$3,500.00 to Social Security, \$8,000.00 to PERF. Councilman Leming moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

G. County Health Department-Tara Street is asking to transfer \$2,150.00 from Local Health Maintenance (1168) Nurse Health Educator to Communicable Disease Nurse and from County Health Fund (1159) \$1,952.00 from Salaries to Part-time. Councilman Leming moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

H. Emergency Management Agency-Bob Jackson is asking to transfer \$2,000.00 from Part-time Admin to Part-time Deputy. Councilman Perez moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

I. Emergency Medical Services-Duaine Ashcraft is asking to transfer \$9,100.00 from ALS Reimbursement to Garage and Motors, \$1,500.00 from Dues and Subscriptions to Garage and Motors, and \$5,000.00 from Pagers to Equipment. Councilman Perez moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

J. County Prosecutor-Evan Hammond is asking for staff changes in the Prosecutors office. The changes will create a position for a Deputy Prosecutor with an annual salary of \$58,750.00. Councilman Scott moved to approve the staff changes as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 5-0.

K. County Commissioners-Mark Bardsley is asking for the following transfers: \$1,800.00 from Travel and Conference to Cell Phone Allowance, \$3,600.00 from Travel and Conference to Institutional and Jan., \$600.00 from Travel and Conference to Vehicle Insurance, \$6,000.00 from Unemployment to Vehicle Insurance, \$6,000.00 From Work Comp. to Vehicle Insurance, \$2,600.00 from Repair Building to Cell Phones, and \$800.00 form Repair Building to Telephone Repair. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 5-0.

Mark Bardsley asked if an Encumbrance of funds for cameras in the jail of 120,000.00 of \$145,000.00 can be done or if this should be done next year. Auditor Jim McWhirt recommended that it be done next year.

Mark Bardsley asked that in the CCD Fund they make separate line items for Other Vehicles and Sheriff's Vehicles to better keep track of the inventory of vehicles.

Mark Bardsley also gave an update of the Cares Act Reimbursement and expressed that we have received the check and now it is just getting things where they need to be distributed in all the correct places.

L. County Auditor-Auditor Jim McWhirt is asking for the following transfers: General Fund \$3,451.20 from Software Support to Codify Expenses, \$688.98 from Software Support to Equipment and from Auditors Ineligible Deductions Fund (1216) \$292.36 from Contractual Services to Over time/Part-time. Auditor McWhirt is also asking that any transfers of appropriations that are needed between now and the end of December 31st, 2020 that the Auditor's office have "blanket approval" to do these transfers. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve the requests as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 5-0.

M. Salary Ordinance-Councilman Scott moved to approve Ordinance #5-2020 (Salary Ordinance) as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

President Middlesworth expressed there are 2 different appointments that need to be taken care of. The first one is the Converse Library they are asking to appoint David Durkes. Councilman Leming moved to approve David Durkes to the Converse Library. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 5-0.

The Second appointment is the Visitor Bureau they are asking to appoint Dave Huffman. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve Dave Huffman to the Visitor Bureau. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

8. Old Business

A. CARES Act Reimbursement-See item K. County Commissioners.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Committee Reports-None

The next regular session Council meeting will be January 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.