

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
January 20, 2021**

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 January 20, 2021 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 Shane Middlesworth, Mike Roorbach, Mark Leming, Mike Conner, Chuck Poling, and Frank Hix. In attendance via electronic source was Council member Mike Scott. Also physically present were Council Attorney Phil Stephenson, Auditor Jim McWhirt, Chief Deputy Auditor Angela Jarvis, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

5. Election of County Council Officers

Councilman Roorbach nominated Shane Middlesworth as President. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 6-0 (Councilman Middlesworth abstained). Councilman Conner closed the nominations. Second by Councilman Hix.

Councilman Conner nominated Mark Leming as Vice President. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 6-0 (Councilman Mark Leming abstained). Councilman Roorbach closed the nominations.

6. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Roorbach moved to approve the minutes from the regular session on December 16, 2020 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0 (Councilman Conner abstained).

7. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed the general fund is in a solid point at this time. We are showing a little over 8 million dollars cash balance as of December 31, 2020. Keep in mind we just received the Cares Act reimbursement of 2.004 million. In the February

meeting we will be asking you for additional appropriations for 1.6 million and another almost 500,000 for the towers, which leaves you more like a 6 million dollar balance, which is still good. If you compare 2020 cash receipts we received to what we projected we are also in good shape. The insurance fund is in good shape right now as well.

New Business

A. Local Alcoholic Beverage Board-Elizabeth Wright is asking to be re-appointed to the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission for a period of January 2021 through December 2021. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve Elizabeth Wright being re-appointed to the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission from January 2021 through December 2021. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

B. County Health Department-Tara Street is asking for a transfer of \$6,000.00 from Local Health Maintenance (1168) line item Nurse (11904) to a Salary account (11100), and requesting a salary amendment to pay this \$6,000.00 from fund 1168 instead of 1206, retroactive to January 1, 2021.. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

C. County Commissioners-Commissioner Bardsley is not present. Councilman Conner made a motion to table the Commissioners and put them on the agenda for the next Council meeting in February. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Bardsley entered as the above vote was in motion. Councilman Conner made a motion to put the Commissioners back on the agenda. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Mark Bardsley is asking to transfer \$7,700.00 from Sheriff Vehicles to Vehicles. Councilman Conner moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Bardsley expressed the Safety Awareness fund, this is at the state level excess from the Cares Act money. \$200,000 was allotted to Grant County in the purpose of education, promotional, some expenses for personnel as well as some equipment. This has to be used for what they say it can be used for. We made an application and the application was accepted. Somewhere the check is in the mail. We will be seeing an additional \$200,000 coming in for these items.

8. Old Business

A. CARES Act Reimbursement-Commissioner Bardsley expressed they will have all the information and totals for the money to pay employees for work during the shutdown, for next month's meeting for approval by Council.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Committee Reports-President Middlesworth read the Committee Assignments as follows:
Grant County EMA Advisory Board-Frank Hix
Area Plan Commission-Mark Leming

Legislative Liaison-Mike Roorbach
Community Corrections Board-Mike Conner (4yr term)
Economic Growth Council- Chuck Poling
JDIC-defund
ECI Regional Planning Board-Shane Middlesworth
Union Negotiation Committee- Mike Scott, Mark Leming and Shane
Middlesworth
Juvenile Detention Center-defund

President Middlesworth expressed he would like to start a new committee to explore PSAP, we can decide on the members of this committee at a later date.

Councilman Conner expressed he would like to welcome Chuck Poling to the Council. Councilman Conner asked if something could be done about the seating arrangement of the Councilmen to be more in compliance with the 6 foot distancing, and ask that mask's be worn when necessary. Commissioner Bardsley expressed he would see what could be done about making the seating more in compliance with the 6 foot distancing.

The next regular session Council meeting will be February 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.