

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
September 15, 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 September 15, 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

Mick Simpkins led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Leming led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance physically were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Frank Hix, Mark Leming, Mike Roorbach, and Chuck Poling. Councilman Mike Scott and Mike Conner were absent. Also physically present were Auditor Jim McWhirt, Chief Deputy Auditor Angela Jarvis, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

NOTE: Five (5) members were present in person. Two (2) members were absent.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Leming moved to approve minutes from the regular session for August 11, 2021. Second by Councilman Poling. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed he sent each member his notes on the Auditor's report and unless there were any questions he didn't have much to report. There were no questions from Council.

New Business

A. Public Defenders-Bruce Elliott is asking to transfer \$740.00 from Depositions/Transcription fund to Equipment. Councilman Leming moved to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Poling: motion carried 5-0.

B. Central Dispatch-Kevin Hicks is asking to transfer \$41,400 from Salary to Overtime/Part-time. Councilman Leming moved to approve the transfer as presented. Second by Councilman Poling: motion carried 5-0.

C. County Highway-David White is asking to transfer \$90,000.00 from Bituminous to Pavement Marking. Councilman Leming moved to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 5-0.

Mr. White is also asking to transfer \$125,000.00 from Bridge 789 to Bridge 39. Councilman Leming moved to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 5-0.

D. County Clerk-Pam Harris is not present but is asking to transfer \$5600.00 to contractual from maintenance. Councilman Roorbach moved to suspend the rule and approve the request as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

E. County Sheriff-Sheriff Reggie Nevels is asking to transfer \$51,444.59 from Misdemeanant fund to Work crew. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

F. County Health Department-Health Officer David Moore is asking for approval of the Preparedness Grant and for this to be retro back to July 1, 2021. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 4-1. Health Officer Moore will need to come back at the next meeting for another vote on the salary amendment that is involved with this grant.

G. Community Corrections-Chris Cunningham is asking to amend the salary ordinance within the Grant County Community Corrections grant budget for Field Officer Salaries from \$34,415.00 to \$34,796.00. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested and to begin on 9-13-2021. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 5-0.

H. County Prosecutor-Evan Hammond is asking for a salary ordinance amendment to modify salaried positions in the Prosecutors office and to be effective 9-13-2021. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 5-0.

I. County IT Department-IT Director Marcus Elliott is requesting a salary ordinance adjustment. Director Elliott would like to restructure the current IT salaries to utilize funds from a vacant position. No motion was made on this request.

J. County Commissioners-Commissioner Mark Bardsley and HR Director Justin Saathoff presented an elevator modernization planner and a wage analysis recommendation for a few County employees.

K. EMS-Duaine Ashcraft is asking for a new supervisor position and for a transfer of appropriations. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the request and to make this effective now. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 5-0.

8. Old Business

A. 2022 Budget- Auditor Jim McWhirt gave Council members a printout of outstanding budget issues to look over and be ready to discuss at the October 6th Special Session meeting.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Committee Reports-None

Future Meeting Dates:

Special Meeting-Wednesday October 6, 2021—2022 County Budget Matters

Regular Council Meeting Wednesday October 20, 2021

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.