

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
October 6, 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 October 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

President Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Prayer

Jeff Horseman 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, Mike and Chuck Poling. Also physically present were Auditor Jim McWhirt, Chief Deputy Auditor Angela Jarvis, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens. Councilman Mike Conner entered via electronic device at 6:50 pm.

Councilman Mike Scott was absent.

NOTE: Five (5) members were present in person, one (1) member was present via electronic device, and one (1) member was absent.

8. Old Business

A. 2022 BUDGET-President Middlesworth expressed he was giving his recommendations on raises for County employees first, this should eliminate some of the outstanding budget issues we have. My recommendations are as follows: Part-time employees a 5% raise with a minimum of \$11.50 per hour rate. Part-time appropriation a 5% raise. Over-time appropriation a 5% raise. The Highway Department the 4% raise Mr. White asked for. All County employees, excluding union and state mandated raises, a 5% or \$2,000.00 raise. After some discussion with all the Council members, Councilman Leming made a motion to approve all of the above with the County employee portion being the \$2,000.00 raise. Second by Councilman Poling: motion carried 5-0.

President Middlesworth read though the remaining outstanding budget issues as follows:

County Coroner: after some discussion Council decided to change the amount for the per case in the Coroner's budget. Councilman Leming made a motion to give the 5% raise

making the amount per case \$110.00. Second by Councilman Roorbach: motion carried 5-0.

Recorder; after some discussion Councilman Roorbach made a motion to add a part-time position a wage of \$17,472.00. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 6-0.

Area Plan; Councilman Leming made a motion to add a full-time position at \$28,000. Second by Councilman Conner; motion fails 2-4. Councilman Conner made a motion to add a part-time position at \$14,000. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 6-0.

Grant County Extension; Councilman Poling made a motion to stay at the 2.5 educators and give a 3% raise. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 6-0.

Commissioners; Council established the Auditor's office will take care of the non-salary items (FICA, PERF, Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Unemployment, and Workman's Compensation).

Public Defender; Councilman Conner mad a motion to add a Public Defender position at \$34,975. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Poling made a motion to increase Contractual Services and CHINS appropriation 3% from \$94,000 to \$96,820. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 6-0.

Supplemental Juvenile Probation Services Fund; Councilman Leming made a motion to reduce overtime appropriation from \$5,460 to \$5,000. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

HR- Outliers- Councilman Roorbach made a motion to increase the Day Maintenance salary by \$1,000 and the Recorder's First Deputy salary by \$1,000. Second by Councilman Poling 6-0.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.