

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
February 16, 2022**

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 February 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

President Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Prayer

Councilman Conner led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Scott led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance physically were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Frank Hix, Mark Leming, Mike Roorbach (Electronic), Chuck Poling, Mike Conner and Mike Scott. Also physically present were Council Attorney Phil Stephenson, Auditor Jim McWhirt, Chief Deputy Auditor Angie Jarvis and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

NOTE: Six (6) members were present in person. One (1) member was present electronically.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Leming moved to approve the minutes from the regular session January 19, 2022. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 6-0, Councilman Conner abstained as he was not present at the January 19, 2022 meeting.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed he sent each member his notes on the Auditor's report and everything is pretty much routine.

New Business

A. State of the Judiciary-Judge Mark Spitzer-See attached.

B. Grant County Court Services-Melissa Stephenson is asking for changes in the Pretrial grant funding. Additional expenses for fringe benefits to be paid out of the Commissioners budgeted appropriation for benefits in the amount of \$52,865.

Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott: motion carried 5-2.

C. County Recorder-Kathy Foy is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$60,000.00. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

D. County Prosecutor-Rodney Faulk is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the purchase of new vehicles. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

E. County Sheriff-Reggie Nevels is asking for a transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$560,000 from meals to contractual account for new food service contract. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 7-0.

F. County Highway-David White is asking additional funding in the amount of \$138,133.00 (\$100,595.00 from MVH 1176, \$37,538.00 from MVH 1173) for salaries and a salary ordinance amendment. After much discussion Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 4-3. Mr. White will need to come back next month for another vote on the salary ordinance amendment.

G. County IT Department-Marcus Elliott is asking for a salary ordinance amendment. This would make the It Directors salary \$57,000.00, Tier 2 salary \$47,000.00 and the Tier 1 salary \$37,180.00. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested with the effective date of March 4, 2022. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 7-0.

County Commissioners-Mark Bardsley is asking for an additional appropriation in the CCD (1138) fund in the amount of \$22,000.00. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

County Auditor-Jim McWhirt is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$450,000.00 for the Dispatch towers. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

County Council-Shane Middlesworth is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of 548,000 for the Central Dispatch loan principal. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

7. Old Business

A. Local Alcoholic Beverage Board-President Middlesworth expressed there was only one person whom applied for the Indian Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, this was Elizabeth Wright. Councilman Leming made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Wright to the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 7-0.

B. County Commissioners-Mark Bardsley-Courthouse Repair Proposal-Ameresco expressed they would like to do a study on all the buildings to see what needs to be done at each structure, to have a plan as to what needs to be done and when. After much

discussion, Council will decide at a later date if they want to move forward with doing a study.

America Rescue Plan funding update: Casey Miller from Gas City spoke and expressed they are ready for the MOU but want to make sure all involved are good with how it is written. Once the Commissioners and Attorneys have the final copy of the MOU ready, we can move forward with approval. President Middlesworth expressed maybe at the March meeting we would have a final copy and be ready for approval.

Stanley Security Warranty: Commissioner Mark Bardsley recommend moving forward with Stanley Security for security cameras in the Sheriff's department. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the general tech video portion at \$1,237.00 a month. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-1.

8. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion
Committee Reports-None

President Middlesworth asked if any member would want to take Mark Leming's place as the Area Plan Commission appointment. Councilman Fran Hix said he would take the appointment.

Future Meeting Dates: March 16, 2022.

9. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.