

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
December 21, 2022**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday December 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

President Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Prayer

Commissioner Wright led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Leming led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Frank Hix, Mark Leming, Mike Roorbach, and Mike Conner. Also present were Council Attorney Phil Stephenson, Auditor Jim McWhirt, and Chief Deputy Auditor Angela Jarvis. Councilmen Mike Scott and Chuck Poling were absent.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner moved to approve minutes from Regular Session November 16, 2022, as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jim McWhirt sent each member his notes on the Auditor's report. Auditor McWhirt expressed the financial report nothing unusual to report. The insurance fund I want to note the November 2022 claims were high, but we are still in great shape. Fall settlement has been completed, funds were distributed to the county entities on December 13th. The 2023 budgets the DLGF has given their preliminary approval, all funds and budgets were approved in the amounts we expected. We are still waiting to get the final levy distribution done, we are expecting it sometime soon.

President Middlesworth expressed he wanted to recognize two outstanding individuals that have shaped and molded Grant County government to what it is today: Mr. Stephenson your 20 years of service are a true testimony of your dedication to Grant County and you are truly valued for your contributions. I want to thank you. Mr. McWhirt your 18 years involved with county government are a true testament to your dedication as well, to the taxpayers of Grant County your mentorship has met a great deal to me. Your experience with the State Board of Accounts and local schools has guided this county through a lot, from the bad times to the good times. No plaque of certification will replicate your dedication to the county. I want to thank you both for your commitment and your time to this county. Councilman Leming expressed I want to thank you both very much and you will be missed.

Auditor McWhirt stated he appreciates all the support the people in the county have given me over the years, and all the voters who voted for me several times, its been an honor to serve. I have always tried to make sure whatever issue we delt with I tried to do what was best for the county in whatever decision I made. I always tried to look at things from an informed perspective and objectively as I can, that was my goal in doing things, its been an honor to serve and I enjoyed doing that for the most part. I appreciate anything that has come my way and all the support I have been given.

Councilman Conner expressed the idea of you two not being in those chairs is positively terrifying, I really appreciated all you have done for us. I am proud to call you colleagues and friends.

Phil Stephenson expressed thank you for the comments, it has been a pleasure for me to be able to serve the county for the last 20 years. It is something I have enjoyed doing. Hopefully, I have made some small contribution to the whole better, thank you.

Councilman Roorbach expressed thank you both, Phil thank you for your integrity and Jim too. Something I never worried about was getting the truth from you and I appreciate that. That is more valuable than you realize. I appreciate you Jim, you know more about county finance than anyone I know.

New Business

A. County Assessor-Rhonda Wylie is asking to transfer 350.00 from Board Member to Training and Education. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

B. County Highway Department-David White is asking for the following transfers:

Cumulative Bridge 1135:

- 100,000.00 from Bridge #39 to Repair and Maintenance
- 20,000.00 from Bridge Inspection to Repair and Maintenance
- 12,000.00 from Culvert pipe to Repair and Maintenance

MVH 1173:

- 100,000.00 from Bituminous to Equipment
- 2,000.00 from Stone & Gravel to Road Signs
- 25,000.00 from Stone & Gravel to Equipment

MVH 1176:

- 12,000.00 from Overtime to Gas Oil & Lubricants
- 1,500.00 from Overtime to Tires & Tubes
- 10,000.00 from Overtime to Garage & Motor
- 3,200.00 from Truck Driver to Equipment
- 4,000.00 from Equipment Operator to Equipment
- 9,500.00 from Part Time to Equipment
- 12,000.00 from Perf to Equipment

Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

C. County Emergency Medical Services-Duaine Ashcraft is asking to transfer 2,000.00 from Run Reimbursement to Medical Supplies. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

D. County Central Dispatch-Kevin Hicks is asking for the following transfers:

County 911 Fund #1222:

3,000.00 from Training/Education to be distributed as follows:

1,050.00 to Salaries

850.00 to Overtime

160.00 to Soc Sec/ Medicare

940.00 to Perf

County Fund #1222:

8,000.00 from Repair and Maintenance to Contractual Services

County Fund #4922:

10,000.00 from Salaries to Overtime/Part-time

Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

E. County Area Plan Commission-Ryan Malott is asking for the following transfers:

500.00 from Garage & Motors to Part-time Permit Clerk

1,100.00 from Garage & Motors to Part-time Code Enforcement

Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

F. County Commissioners-Commissioner Steve Wright is asking for the following transfers:

General Fund:

23,000.00 from Soc Sec/Med to Group Ins.

1,000.00 from EDC Legal to Vehicle Ins.

43,000.00 from PERF to Janitorial/Cont.

500.00 from EDC Legal to Telephone

500.00 from EDC Legal to Trash Rem.

2,000.00 from EDC Legal to Equipment

Cumulative Capital Development Fund:

5,000.00 from Sheriff Vehicle to Equipment

4,000.00 from Sheriff Vehicle to Contractual

Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

G. County Treasurer-Treasurer Tiffany Griffith is coming forward to discuss the states recommendation following the 2021 audit for reconciliation purposes. Treasurer Griffith explained the process of working with the State Board of Accounts that brought them to this recommendation. The State Board of Accounts purposed an adjustment that needs approved by the County Council to get rid of all items prior to 2021 and the unidentifiable items on the bank rec and cash book to get a clean slate for reconciliation

purposes, moving forward. The adjustment would take place on December 31, 2021, cash book and would get the reconciliation back in line for the ending balances at the year end of 2021. The bank reconciliation and cash book would be a clean slate moving forward. A shortage of \$273,117.00. The State Board of Accounts purpose the \$273,117.00 come from the General fund unappropriated, this ensures that no budget line is affected. These funds will clear out the cash book and the unidentified items stemming from 2011, as well as clear up the items on the bank reconciliation that are unidentifiable. Upon approval tonight the adjustment will be completed tomorrow, Thursday December 22nd, with Mary Jane (SBOA) overseeing. If the adjustment is not approved tonight, it will be my responsibility to go to the Legislative Committee at the state level. After some discussion Councilman Leming moved to approve a disbursement from the General fund unappropriated in the amount of \$273,117.92. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Griffith is purposing an ordinance for processing fee for mobile home transfers and moving permits. We are asking to incorporate a processing fee of \$15.00 to offset the time of processing and printing the forms necessary. This cost will go into the general fund. At the December 19th Commissioner meeting they did unanimously decide to approve the ordinance 8-2022 effective January 1st, 2023. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve ordinance #8-2022. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

H. County Auditor-Auditor Jim McWhirt is asking for the following transfers:

General Fund:

150.00 from Codify Expenses to Meeting Compensation

350.00 from Codify Expenses to Supplies

625.00 from Codify Expenses to Equipment

Auditors Ineligible Deductions Fund

660.00 from Contractual Services to Dues & Subscriptions

Any transfers of appropriations that are needed between now and the end of December 31, 2022, to balance all appropriation accounts within the various county funds. We would anticipate that such transfers would in insignificant in amount.

General Fund (unappropriated) to the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund:

12,965.00

The city of Marion remitted too much to the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund and to the General fund in October 2022. We need to refund those amounts to the City of Marion.

Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 5-0.

8. Old Business

None

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

President Shane Middlesworth expressed he did receive an appointment for the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission. Currently Elizabeth Right is serving in that capacity. We will advertise this position and we will appoint at the January meeting. Notification of interest will need to be to the Auditor's office or to a Council member by Monday January 16th, 2023.

President Middlesworth also stated, due to Phil's retirement I am recommending we create a committee to recommend a new attorney. This will be comprised of the president; the vice president and Councilman Roorbach has expressed interest of being involved. I would like the Auditor to be part of the process as well. The committee will review resumes of attorney's and make a full recommendation to the Council.

Committee Reports-None

Future Meeting Dates: January 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:02p.m.