

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
April 19, 2023**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday April 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**1. Call to order**

President Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. Prayer**

President Middlesworth asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Councilman Michael S Roorbach whom passed away on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Commissioner Mark Bardsley led prayer.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Scott led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

In attendance were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Frank Hix, Mark Leming, Chuck Poling and Mike Scott. Councilmen Mike Conner was absent, (Michael S Roorbach passed away April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023). Also present were Council Attorney Nathan Meeks, Auditor Angela Jarvis, Chief Deputy Auditor Cori Anderson, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the minutes from the joint session on March 7, 2023. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular session on March 15, 2023. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 4-1 (Mike Scott abstain).

**6. Auditor's Report**

Auditor Angie Jarvis expressed we are staying steady noting to report.

**New Business**

**A. Review of Local Income Taxes Presentation-**Darren Bates gave each Council member spreadsheets to look at as he presented the Local Income Tax review. Mr. Bates went through each spreadsheet explaining what each one represents. Mr. Bates expressed the reason for this review is for the last 5 years the state has been letting you slide. You have a lawful income tax, but unlawful disbursement of it. Your current percentages are 10% to every bill and 90% to qualified RES (The qualifying RES is renters and homeowners). According to the state you do not have a choice, you must change that. They say we will just put it in your trust fund until you decide to do a lawful credit to a bill. That is what you collected on behave of those credits. You can throw it over into other buckets when you made it into a credit, so until you do that, they will just shift it down to your trust fund. In your case instead of 10% to every bill and 90% to qualified

RES you cannot do that. For one year there is a RES, Res means homeowner, rentals, and mobile home rentals not commercial apartments anymore. That is where most of your losses have been since 2008. The way around this is, we would give 47% of the money, which is 12.8 million dollars, 2% to cap 2 which is ag, nursing homes, rentals and commercial, cap 3 at 5% and the RES is 46%. Mr. Bates went on to explain the spreadsheets and different ways to help the local income tax. After some discussion President Middlesworth expressed we will have a public hearing at the next Council meeting and have an ideal of what rates you want to pass, the other tax councils would have 30 days to approve or disapprove. Larry Terwillegar, President of the Gas City Council asked Mr. Bates about cap losses on one of the spreadsheets. Mr. Bates explained the spreadsheet to Mr. Terwillegar

**B. County Commissioners**-Commissioner Mark Bardsley is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$70,000. This is to assist with the payment to Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc. for annual maintenance and monitoring charges. Councilman Poling made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Mark Bardsley is asking to transfer \$15,000 from unemployment to Workers' Compensation. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Mark Bardsley is asking to transfer \$75,000 from Vehicles to Sheriff Vehicles. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

**C. County Highway Department**-Superintendent David White is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$125,000 to be put into contractual services (1135) for inventory and inspection of small structures. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent White is asking for the following additional funds for a Road Foreman position: MVH 1176

- \$28,560.00 in Road Foreman
- \$2,185.00 in Social Security/Medicare
- \$11,334.00 in Health Insurance
- \$154.00 in Life Insurance
- \$4,056.00 in Perf

The total for a new Road Foreman position for the remainder of 2023 is \$46,289.00. Councilman Leming made a motion to create a Road Foreman position at the base rate of the other foreman positions, to amend the salary ordinance, to approve the above additional funds, to eliminate a truck driver position and to be effective April 24, 2023. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent White is asking for an additional \$80,000 in Building Project to complete the floor of the new building. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 5-0.

**D. County Auditor**-Auditor Angie Jarvis is asking to transfer 5,000.00 from Contractual Services (4,000.00) and from Dues & Subscriptions (1,000.00) to Equipment. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

**E. County Sheriff Department**-Sheriff Del Garcia is asking to transfer \$100,000.00 from Salaries to Overtime. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

### **8. Old Business**

**A. County Commissioners**-Commissioner Bardsley is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1000 for the Opioid Settlement fund 1238 with MGH. This was approved last month pending advertising, and the advertising has been done. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 5-0.

### **9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion**

**Committee Reports**-President Middlesworth stated the jail study had a meeting, the recommendation we heard from Envoy and the consultants was a 558-bed facility, the projections are for 20 years, and the amount was 110 million. If anyone wants to see a copy of the book I will get you a copy to look at.

### **10. Public Comment**

None.

**Future Meeting Dates:** May 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

### **11. Adjournment**

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.