

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
July 15, 2015**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**1. Call to order**

Councilman Conner called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**2. Prayer**

Councilwoman Baker led in prayer.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Scott led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

In attendance were Council members Mike Scott, Shane Middlesworth, Michael D. Conner, Tresa Baker, Mark Leming and Frank Hix. Also present were Council Attorney Phil Stephenson, Auditor Roger A. Bainbridge, Chief Deputy Tammy Miller and Executive Secretary Sharon Kirkwood. Jim McWhirt was absent.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve the regular session minutes of June 17, 2015 as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 5-0 with Councilman Leming voting to abstain due to absence.

**Auditor's Report**

Auditor Bainbridge reported on the General Fund Balance Report. The balance is less than last year's by \$250,000 but under the circumstances is still comparable to last year. The Health Insurance Report shows a bit of a dip in the balance compared to last year. We will monitor that closely and if the balance continues to drop then Mrs. Barker can advise of the changes. The Non-Farm Personal Growth Quotient Report data has been received from the state for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. The report shows the non-farm personal income as reported on personal income tax returns has declined for the most recent year on record. This information directly affects C.O.I.T., L.O.I.T. and C.E.D.I.T. calculations for income on budgets. The trend shows a steady growth until now and the numbers are declining. It could be a mistake by the state, that has happened before however if not then those numbers show cause for concern. The chart below that list in the last 3 lines reflects that unemployment is down however monies collected reflect people are making less money. Those numbers will have a direct impact on the figures for C.O.I.T., L.O.I.T. and C.E.D.I.T. for the 2016 budget. We will keep the council apprised of the situation.

**6. New Business**

**A. County Extension – Transfer**

Stacy Clupper, Director of County Extension, was unable to attend the meeting. Chief Deputy Miller presented the transfer in her absence. The request is to transfer \$211.50 from Postage 1000-011-3000.22 to pay Overtime 1000-011-1000.12 expense.

Councilman Scott moved to waive the rules due to her absence and transfer request. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Scott moved to allow the transfer of  
1000-011-3000.22 Postage to 1000-011-1000.12 Overtime \$ 211.50 as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; there was no public input. Motion carried 6-0.

**B. Superior Court I- Transfer**

Jeffrey D. Todd, Judge of Superior Court I, had written a letter of request to transfer \$510 from Miscellaneous Appointments to Dues & Subscriptions. In his absence, Chief Deputy Miller presented the request.

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve the transfer from

1000-201-1000.30 Misc. Appointments to 1000-201-3000.91 Dues \$510 as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; there was no public input. Motion carried 6-0.

**C. Public Hearing – Annual Review of Local Option Income Tax (L.O.I.T.)**

Councilman Conner asked Darren Bates, Data Pitstop, to report his research on the Local Option Income Tax. Mr. Bates stated when the data was passed from the County Assessor to the County Auditor there were a few problems but after those were fixed, there was not much change in the values from last year. The current breakdown of 10% to 90% with 10% going to qualifying residential PTRC and then 90% to everything else is still the best scenario for Grant County. The last 5 years on Circuit Breaker Credits \$6,370,000 and last was \$4.4 million. Most caps are happening in incorporated areas of Marion. It will keep increasing because they won't be able to collect any more taxes due to the caps maxing out. In working with Huntington County for 5 years, they have maxed out and just have to deal with the funds they are receiving. Some of the other counties I work with in the state are in the same shape. Discussion ensued amongst the council members. There were no comments by anyone from the public. There was no action taken by the council. Councilman Conner closed the public hearing on the annual review of L.O.I.T.

**7. Old Business**

None.

**8. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion**

There were no reports.

**A. Committee Reports**

None.

The next meeting will be held on August 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Scott moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Leming. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting ended at 6:24 p.m.