

GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
August 26, 2015
First Night

The Grant County Council met in budget session on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

In attendance were council members Jim McWhirt, Michael D. Conner, Mark Leming, Frank Hix and Shane Middlesworth.

Also present were Auditor Roger A. Bainbridge, Chief Deputy Auditor Tammy Miller, Assistant Chief Deputy Chris Hancock and Executive Secretary Sharon Kirkwood.

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

Auditor Bainbridge led prayer. Councilman Middlesworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken and 4 members were present. Councilman Leming arrived at 6:47 p.m. Auditor Bainbridge read the 2016 Proposed Budget. The legal ad is as follows:

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Public Hearing Date	Wednesday, August 26, 2015	Adoption Meeting Date	Wednesday, October 21, 2015
Public Hearing Time	6:00 PM	Adoption Meeting Time	6:00 PM
Public Hearing Location	401 South Adams Street, Marion, IN 46953	Adoption Meeting Location	401 South Adams Street, Marion, IN 46953

Estimated Civil Max Levy	\$24,000,000
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1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Excessive Levy Appeals	5 Current Tax Levy
0101-GENERAL	\$17,662,310	\$18,926,137	\$0	\$11,818,648
0124-2015 REASSESSMENT	\$451,071	\$550,933	\$0	\$127,858
0180-DEBT SERVICE	\$628,404	\$650,780	\$0	\$505,247
0254-LOCAL INCOME TAX	\$5,420,807	\$0	\$0	\$0
0702-HIGHWAY	\$3,460,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
0706-LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$580,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
0790-CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	\$680,000	\$698,668	\$0	\$682,599
0801-HEALTH	\$535,981	\$540,082	\$0	\$352,642
2391-CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$380,000	\$387,750	\$0	\$387,699
2411-ECONOMIC DEV INCOME TAX CEDIT	\$1,715,050	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	\$31,514,123	\$21,754,350	\$0	\$13,874,693

President McWhirt’s Opening Comments

President McWhirt stated, “The 2015 budget compared to the 2016 advertised budget is \$1.4 million higher for the General Fund. The Reassessment Fund is \$39,000 higher. The Debt Service Fund is \$54,000 higher. The Highway Fund is \$540,000 higher. Local Road & Street Fund is \$230,000 higher. The Cumulative Bridge Fund is 25,000 higher. The Health Fund is \$34,000 higher than last year. Cumulative Capital Development Fund is \$20,000 lower.

I am going to share my thoughts and also any council member can state their thoughts as well. There are 3 main goals of the county council which are to adopt a realistic budget, provide reasonable pay with benefits and maintain a satisfactory operating balance.” President McWhirt asked if the Auditor or Chief Deputy had any input for the 2016 budget. There was no input.

Auditor Bainbridge, “The state has determined the average growth quotient at 2.6%. Even though that may have more to do with the final budget and how it compares to last year and when the non-binding reviews are done. There will probably be more of a cap-loss this year than it did last year at this time meaning more of a loss this year than last year at this time comparing last year to the year before.”

Chief Deputy Miller stated she had not calculated an operating balance on the Form 4B’s which she had left to the council’s discretion. President McWhirt stated at this point in time the balance of all of them together would be \$29,975 which is not enough operating balance. Chief Deputy Miller, “Miscellaneous revenues are on track with 55% collection at the end of June 30th.” President McWhirt, ”Again as in years past to hold the personal services until last to see how the operating balance ends up with allowing the other categories first. The goal is to try and have up to a \$3,000,000 balance.”

Grant County Extension – 1000-011

Stacy Clupper, County Extension Director, presented the budget. Director Clupper, “The budget is the same except for the 3 educators’ salaries. Postage was lowered due to mailing items in bulk. The mileage account runs about 2 months behind due to running all travel bills through Purdue first. The educators are full time and the council does have the ability to reduce staff. It is currently a joint partnership between county, state and federal so Purdue contributes about 51% of what they consider salaries as well as the benefits. The county currently does not pay any benefits. All insurance and retirement goes through Purdue. The salaries are figured at 1.5% increase but it is not proportional evenly. The rest of the staff was requested at a 5% increase.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve the 200, 300 and 500 categories as presented.

1000-011-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 5,700.
	Total Supplies	\$ 5,700.
1000-011-3000.11	Contractual Services	\$ 106,270.
1000-011-3000.22	Postage	\$ 800.
1000-011-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 7,000.
1000-011-3000.65	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 325.
1000-011-3000.89	Grant County 4-H	\$ 5,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 119,395.
1000-011-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 500.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 500.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 4-0.

Clerk – 1000-001

Carolyn Mowery, Grant County Clerk, presented the budget. Clerk Mowery, “I too have a great staff. They do a great job. For a lot of years they didn’t get any increase. I would appreciate anything you can give them. The salaries were calculated at 3%. There are a couple of increases in the budget. The dues have increased by \$80. There were no other changes to the budget.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as presented.

1000-001-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 7,000.
1000-001-2000.12	Official Records	\$ 1,000.
1000-001-2000.13	Computer Forms	\$ 3,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 11,000.
1000-001-3000.11	Bank Slips & Night Deposit	\$ 100.
1000-001-3000.12	Bank Fees	\$ 4,500.
1000-001-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 1,500.
1000-001-3000.91	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 550.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 6,650.
1000-001-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 0.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth, there was no public input. Motion carried 4-0.

Carolyn Mowery, Grant County Clerk, presented the budget. Clerk Mowery, "The salary for the first deputy is calculated at 3% more. The per diem is the same as last year."

Carolyn Mowery, Grant County Clerk, presented the budget. Clerk Mowery, "Next year is a presidential election year so all the precincts will be involved. A contractual services account was created to have Microvote technician present for the public test on September 8th plus election days. We have lost some of the experienced election staff and we will need more part time help. We did have a technician here since Bonnie was unable to work due to illness. The day went really well. Before we have done everything on our own but now more and more people are voting absentee. We lost Jared Florence, Nancy Burton and Bonnie Cartwright. There are a lot of things involved in elections and we tried to save the county money but now we need a technician. The Microvote Company is also in other states so sometimes there was a long wait for answers. The absentee board consists of 2 part time people at \$8.50 per hour. The Traveling Board is \$30 per trip whether it takes 5 hours or 10 hours. The part time/over time account was increased because they can't always take compensation time."

1000-062-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.
1000-062-2000.12	Voting Machine Supplies	\$ 1,500.
1000-062-2000.15	Absentee Cards & Envelopes	\$ 3,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 6,500.
1000-062-3000.07	Contractual Services	\$ 5,900.
1000-062-3000.11	Legal Services	\$ 750.
1000-062-3000.21	Instructional Meetings	\$ 200.
1000-062-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 1,000.
1000-062-3000.32	Legal Notices	\$ 2,000.
1000-062-3000.53	Meals for Poll Workers	\$ 9,000.
1000-062-3000.65	Repair of Voting Machines	\$ 13,000.
1000-062-3000.71	Rental of Equipment	\$ 3,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 34,850.

Carolyn Mowery, Grant County Clerk, presented the budget. Clerk Mowery, “The fund is fee generated and used only for preservation of records.”

1119-042-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 2,500.
	Total Supplies	\$ 2,500.
1119-042-3000.07	Contractual Services	\$ 1,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 1,000.
1119-042-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 2,500.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 2,500.
1119-042-5000.01	Unappropriated	\$ 0.
	Total Other	\$ 0.

Carolyn Mowery, Grant County Clerk, presented the budget. Clerk Mowery, “There are 4 positions partially paid out of IV-d. That has been done for several years. The fund consists of all salaries.”

Councilman Middlesworth moved to approve category 700 at \$0.00. Second by Councilman Conner; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Grant County Treasurer – 1000-003

Sarah Melford, Grant County Treasurer, presented the budget. Treasurer Melford, “Salaries were increased by 3% to be divided up by the treasurer’s discernment. One employee has had to take on more responsibility this past year and will continue to do that. So the calculations are not 3% across the board, I’ve kind of specialized that. Part time help consists of fewer people holding more responsibility. So I am asking to increase the part time pay from \$8.00 to \$8.25 for basic first time clerical and then those with experience that are handling more of the money, checks and payments, tallying, to have a \$0.45 increase from \$8.30 up to \$8.75. It’s kind of that mentality that you get what you pay for so we have got to keep getting these good employees who, and we do have some very good ones in place for part time people. Any questions on that portion? There has not been any increase in overtime or part time so, less hours at higher pay per hour.” Councilman Leming asked if the employees were bonded. Treasurer Melford, “Not yet but they would be due to state law. Office supplies are decreased by \$300. Tax statements are decreased by \$2,000, Postage is down \$2,500, Legal Advertising should be 0 and Repair & Maintenance should be \$200. Everything else remains the same.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as presented.

1000-003-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 2,500.
1000-003-2000.12	Tax Statements	\$ 10,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 12,500.
1000-003-3000.22	Postage	\$ 14,000.
1000-003-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 600.
1000-003-3000.29	Training & Education	\$ 100.
1000-003-3000.65	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 200.
1000-003-3000.91	Dues	\$ 275.
	Other Services & Charges	\$ 15,175.
1000-003-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 600.
	Capital Outlay	\$ 600.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Emergency Management Agency – 1000-361

Bruce Bender, Grant County Emergency Management Agency Director, presented the budget. Director Bender, “there isn’t anything padded in category one. I left that to your all-knowing wisdom on that one. The budget is the same as last year.”

Councilman Scott moved to approve categories 200 and 300 as listed below.

1000-361-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 400.
1000-361-2000.20	Garage & Motors	\$ 15,000.
1000-361-2000.65	Uniforms	\$ 1,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 16,400.
1000-361-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 700.
1000-361-3000.29	Training	\$ 300.
1000-361-3000.91	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 200.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 1,200.

Second by Councilman Leming; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Grant County Recorder – 1000-004

Pam Harris, Grant County Recorder, presented the budget. Recorder Harris, “We have had a busy year. I am requesting a 2% percent raise although I know we are not going to do anything with that at this time. I have an amazing staff and they do a good job for the county. You had requested that we tighten our belts so I didn’t spend a lot of money this year. As far as the budget for 2016 I am keeping it pretty much the same. If raises are approved there will be that slight difference, if there is a change that will affect the dues for the recorder’s office which are paid from the Perpetuation Fund.” Councilman Conner, “I just wanted to say I recently had a huge closing for a school system in the area. There were a lot complicated documents to be recorded in a certain order and the staff really just stepped up to the plate and was just super-efficient and super-well. There was a lot of money riding on it and they did an excellent job.” Recorder Harris, “Thank you.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve category 300 as presented.

1000-004-3000.22	Postage	\$	90.
	Other Services & Charges	\$	90.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Grant County Recorder -Perpetuation Fund – 1189-004

Pam Harris, Grant County Recorder, presented the budget. Recorder Harris, “There really isn’t any change except in the dues account. There are changes to the hourly rate of part time help from \$8.25 to \$8.40. My regular part time help that works the 28 hours per work was requested from \$10.50 to \$10.75.”

Councilman Conner moved to allow categories 200, 300 and 500 in the Recorder’s Perpetuation Fund

1189-004-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$	3,000.
1189-004-2000.43	Microfilm Supplies & Development	\$	6,500.
1189-004-2000.44	Digital Microfilm	\$	5,480.
	Total Supplies	\$	14,980.
1189-004-3000.11	Contractual Services	\$	4,000.
1189-004-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$	1,500.
1189-004-3000.46	Service Agreements	\$	3,700.
1189-004-3000.63	Maintenance Agreements	\$	4,000.
1189-004-3000.65	Binding	\$	2,000.
1189-004-3000.66	COTT Software	\$	17,900.
1189-004-3000.71	Conversion & Storage	\$	1,500.
1189-004-3000.91	Dues	\$	490.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$	35,090.
1189-004-4000.41	Equipment	\$	2,400.
	Capital Outlay	\$	2,400.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Surveyor’s Office – 1000-006

James Todd, Grant County Surveyor, presented the budget. Surveyor Todd, “Salaries were figured at 3%. The rest is all the same. I did change the clothing allowance to zero. I would be willing to offer up \$200 on gas & oil because I am using less by driving my own truck. It’s a 4 cylinder.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve categories 200 and 300 as amended by Surveyor Todd.

1000-006-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$	150.
1000-006-2000.21	Gas & Oil	\$	800.
1000-006-2000.25	Other Garage & Motor	\$	100.
1000-006-2000.26	Stakes & Other Operating Supplies	\$	0.
	Total Supplies	\$	1,050.
1000-006-3000.91	Dues	\$	50.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$	50.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Surveyor’s Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund – 1202-006

James Todd, Grant County Surveyor, presented the budget. Surveyor Todd, “I have estimated there will be about \$8,000 in the fund so that is what I am asking for in contractual services.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 400 as presented.

1202-006-2000.26	Stakes & Other Expenses	\$	0.
	Total Supplies	\$	0.
1202-006-3000.11	Contractual Services	\$	8,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$	8,000.
1202-006-4000.41	Equipment	\$	0.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$	0.

Grant County Sheriff – 1000-005

Reggie Nevels, Grant County Sheriff, presented the budget. Sheriff Nevels, “this is my first budget as sheriff. There are 5 clerks and an administrative assistant. The matron is scheduled to retire at the end of this year which is Sandra Randall and we will be moving Sandy Graf into that

position. Sandy Graf currently handles sheriff sales. The other clerks would take on the sheriff sale duties. If that is done then I would like to make all the clerks paid the same at \$30,063. The savings would be \$13,363 plus benefits totaling \$33,957 back to the General Fund. That is the only position that is removed.” President McWhirt questioned the calculation total of 100’s. Sheriff Nevels, “the sheriff hadn’t received a salary increase since 2012 and only \$1,000 raise in 2013. In comparison to other counties our size it is way underpaid even though it is a 25% increase. The overtime account increased so that we don’t have to go back to the council for additional money. We do offer comp time to cut down on overtime. The longevity pay is higher because of the increases.” Chief Deputy Miller, “the merit pension was budgeted in both the General Fund and C.O.I.T. Funds so that will need to be decided upon at some point.” Sheriff Nevels, “the Emit Chemicals account is reduced to 0 due to Community Corrections doing the testing now. K-9 Supplies have increased due to the addition of a 4th canine. The one canine is a bomb sniffer which will help us with a lot of the prank calls. There are no changes to the 300 or 400 categories. The staff and I reviewed the budget 4 times to make sure we weren’t missing anything. The equipment account is going to be used to replace some of the radios that are 15 years old and cameras that need replaced. There are also some repairs to the jail that need done.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve category 200, 300, and 500 as presented.

1000-005-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 13,500.
1000-005-2000.20	Garage & Motors	\$ 300,000.
1000-005-2000.25	Uniforms, Ammo. & Flares	\$ 45,000.
1000-005-2000.26	Institutional & Janitorial	\$ 60,000.
1000-005-2000.29	K-9 Supplies & Maintenance	\$ 4,000.
1000-005-2000.30	Photo & Blueprinting Supplies	\$ 1,000.
1000-005-2000.35	Inmate & Detainee Clothing	\$ 9,000.
1000-005-2000.40	Emit Chemicals	\$ 0.
	Total Supplies	\$ 432,500.
1000-005-3000.09	Legal Advisor	\$ 5,000.
1000-005-3000.11	Medical & Hospital	\$ 255,000
1000-005-3000.14	Exterminators	\$ 1,650.
1000-005-3000.15	Infectious Waste	\$ 1,000.
1000-005-3000.16	J.E.A.N. Team Drug Task Force	\$ 40,000.
1000-005-3000.65	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 7,200.
1000-005-3000.67	Radio Repairs	\$ 10,000.
1000-005-3000.68	Maintenance Agreements	\$ 20,000.
1000-005-3000.92	Training	\$ 40,000.
1000-005-3000.94	Inmate Work Program	\$ 10,000.
1000-005-3000.95	Clothes for Prisoners	\$ 4,000.
1000-005-3000.96	Return of Fugitives	\$ 15,000.
1000-005-3000.98	Meals for Prisoners	\$ 400,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 808,850.
1000-005-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 10,000.
1000-005-4000.42	Bullet Proof Vests	\$ 15,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 25,000.

Second by Councilman Leming; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Juvenile Detention Center – 1000-381

Sheriff Nevels presented the budget. Sheriff Nevels, “The budget is the same as last year with personal services reflecting the contract.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve category 200 and 300 as presented.

1000-381-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 4,900.
1000-381-2000.12	School Supplies	\$ 300.
1000-381-2000.26	Institutional Supplies	\$ 24,250.
1000-381-2000.35	Detainee Clothing	\$ 1,000.
1000-381-2000.46	Food	\$ 100,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 130,450.
1000-381-3000.11	Medical	\$ 2,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 2,000.

Second by Councilman Leming; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff Work Crew Fund 4900-005

Sheriff Nevel’s presented the budget. Sheriff Nevels, “The budget is all salaries and benefits calculated in accordance with the contract.” There was no action taken at this time.

Coroner – 1000-007

Chris Butche, Grant County Coroner, presented the budget. Coroner Butche, “The salaries are the same.” Chief Deputy Miller, “There wasn’t a budget turned in until later so we advertised high.” Coroner Butche, “We use our personal cell phones and decided to not have pagers. There is something I want to inform the council about concerning autopsies. We do autopsies locally when we can’t find medical history. Stefan Dorsey also assists which cuts down on costs. Fort Wayne autopsies usually cost more and they are the criminal cases that may be anything suspicious. We do the infants and young children forensic autopsies. Here is my concern, let’s say somebody has a medical problem at home. They are a Grant County resident. An ambulance transports them to Marion General Hospital. Let’s say they are immediately flown to Lutheran and while there they pass away. So it then becomes an Allen County Coroner case. If Allen County decides to do an autopsy then Grant County pays for that. This happened recently. I just received and \$1,100 invoice and I didn’t have the information in my log. Allen County stated they had 6 autopsies that I was responsible for and I had no knowledge of them. There is no courtesy call. Commissioner Bardsley, Stefan and myself are trying to work on this. Allen County was upset with me. When I don’t receive a call then I don’t know they happened. I asked for an invoice about the 6 people and see what happened to verify it will be a Grant County bill. How could a small county afford that? I do hope to bring this up at the coroners association. It’s just really frustrating.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 400 as presented with the 2 reductions in Postage and Pagers to 0.

1000-007-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 500.
1000-007-2000.12	Medical & Photo Supplies	\$ 2,500.
	Total Supplies	\$ 3,000.
1000-007-3000.12	Autopsy, Lab & Transport	\$ 48,000.
1000-007-3000.22	Postage	\$ 0.
1000-007-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 2,000.
1000-007-3000.24	Telephone	\$ 2,000.
1000-007-3000.25	Pagers	\$ 0.
1000-007-3000.91	Dues	\$ 250.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 52,250.
1000-007-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 1,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 1,000.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth, there was no public input. Motion carried 5.0
President McWhirt recessed the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
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August 27, 2015
Second Night**

The Grant County Council met in budget session on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

In attendance were council members Jim McWhirt, Michael D. Conner, Tresa Baker, Frank Hix and Shane Middlesworth. Also present were Auditor Roger A. Bainbridge, Chief Deputy Auditor Tammy Miller, Assistant Chief Deputy Chris Hancock and Executive Secretary Sharon Kirkwood. Councilman Mike Scott and Mark Leming were absent.

President McWhirt reconvened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Roll call was taken and 5 members were present.

Weights & Measures – 1000-308

Mark Fleming, Director of the Weights & Measures Department, presented the budget. Director Fleming, “Everything is the same except equipment. I need to purchase a portable printer instead of running all the way back to the office and printing things out. A printed form is a little bit better than handwritten. My old printer failed 2 years ago. I can use the state form, enter the data and then print it off. That saves time. I would of course appreciate any across the board raises you may be giving but I am a taxpayer too.”

Councilman Middlesworth moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as presented.

1000-308-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 250.
1000-308-2000.15	Seals	\$ 300.
	Total Supplies	\$ 550.
1000-308-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 1,000.
1000-308-3000.64	Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	\$ 2,000.
1000-308-3000.65	Office Equipment & Repair	\$ 300.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 3,300.
1000-308-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 200.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 200.

Second by Councilman Conner; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Grant County Veterans Affairs – 1000-012

Robert Kelley, Grant County Veterans Affairs Service Officer, presented the budget. Veteran Kelley, “I stayed within the budget of last year. I decreased office supplies by 10% and moved it down to travel. We are doing a lot of things electronically so we aren’t using a lot of paper. Every year I have been here, I have maxed out on travel. I have not been reimbursed for all the travel of visiting veterans or wherever I have to go. So I have always maxed that out and out of my own pocket. I have increased that this year from office supplies. The overall budget is 1% less than last. The equipment account line was zeroed out.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve the 200, 300 and 500 categories as presented.

1000-012-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 1,350.
	Total Supplies	\$ 1,350.
1000-012-3000.11	Contractual Services	\$ 0.
1000-012-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 900.
1000-012-3000.91	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 50.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 950.
1000-012-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 0.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 0.

Second by Councilwoman Baker; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Area Plan Commission – 1000-079

Steve Niblick, Director of Area Plan Commission, presented the budget. Director Niblick, “The salaries were calculated at 5% for both part time and full time. The rest of the budget is almost identical. There are 2 line items that increased. Legal Services has increased \$500. The amount of time and effort is certainly much, much more than what he is getting paid. This is just a small increase compared to the work he does for us. The second increase is \$50 more in the telephone account. We have always been extremely close on our two cell phones. It has just now crept over what is budgeted. The one other thing I want to mention is equipment. This year you gave us \$2,000 to replace the AutoCad computer. After receiving the email from Mr. McWhirt about reducing our expenses I didn’t spend the funds. If you grant the funds next year I can hold off this year but it does need to be replaced. So whichever year you want to grant the funds is when I will spend it.” President McWhirt questioned if the attorney had requested the increase on legal services. Director Niblick, “no, but the number of hours he puts in to prepare for those cases, going to court and being fairly successful in those cases has increased the Unsafe Building Fund quite a bit. We are looking to spend it but we do get lawsuits fighting it. We are using another attorney for collections. The attorney gets 1/3 of what we collect.” Councilman Middlesworth asked what the Unsafe Building Fund can be spent on. Director Niblick, “The money is spent on demolitions and title searchers. The property owner has to be notified and title searchers have to be hired. The demolition contractors are paid from that fund as well.” Councilman Conner stated he hesitated to increase the appropriation if the attorney didn’t ask for the increase even though it is a very modest increase.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as presented.

1000-079-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 1,300.
1000-079-2000.12	Printing Forms	\$ 300.
1000-079-2000.20	Garage & Motors	\$ 8,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 9,600.
1000-079-3000.11	Legal Services	\$ 12,000.
1000-079-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 1,300.
1000-079-3000.24	Telephone	\$ 800.
1000-079-3000.26	Tuition & Registration	\$ 1,250.
1000-079-3000.33	Photo, Blueprinting & Legals	\$ 150.
1000-079-3000.91	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 1,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 16,500.
1000-079-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 2,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 2,000.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Circuit Court – 1000-232

Honorable Mark Spitzer, Judge of Grant Circuit Court, presented the budget. Judge Spitzer, “Most of the items in the Circuit Court budget are the same except for small increases for the staff. There are 5 different categories that are not. We are suggesting that the council unify the court budgets with certain accounts and hopefully make expenditures more predictable. Each court has somewhat unpredictable expenses. Jury expenses, professional expenses and transcripts & depositions as well as how many trials you have. Another reason is that while we are happy to spend time with you I’m sure you would be fine with us coming back less for transfers and appropriations. We’ll be able to capture some reimbursements through the Public Defender’s budget by having them pay for the transcripts and depositions then we will get 40% for certain expenditures back. Then of course, there would just be one court administering most of the expenses. Judge Pro Tem, juror meals, transcripts & depositions are some of the accounts over to public defender budget. Professional Services are different so if you follow along the additional page it shows where the accounts come from and were merged. We are also going to change the way we do jury summons this coming year. Rather than each court selecting a group of each court will take a quarter of the list and go from there.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as presented.

1000-232-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 2,200.
	Total Supplies	\$ 2,200.
1000-232-3000.11	Contractual Services	\$ 13,000.
1000-232-3000.12	Professional Services	\$ 10,700.
1000-232-3000.15	Transcripts & Depositions	\$ 10,000.
1000-232-3000.46	Maintenance Agreement	\$ 1,250.
1000-232-3000.65	Repair to Equipment	\$ 150.

1000-232-3000.91	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 1,000.
1000-232-3000.98	Juror Meals & Lodging	\$ 4,100.
	Total Contractual Services	\$ 40,200.
1000-232-4000.10	Law Books	\$ 3,500.
1000-232-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 2,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 5,500.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Superior Court III – 1000-203

Honorable Warren Haas, Superior Court III Judge, presented the budget. Judge Haas, “All salaries were calculated at 3%. I have stayed very close to what I have had in the past. I went through each account and wrote ‘circuit budget’ and ‘pd budget’ if it was to be moved to their account. I have commissioners for the maintenance contracts. Currently we have a very good maintenance contract for tv’s, computers and microphones and the commissioners are changing out equipment in the courtroom. I will just be relying on them to do whatever it takes because the maintenance contract we currently have covers microphones, amplifiers, tv’s, computers, basically everything. They are doing something different next year and I’m rather hopeful they will take care of the responsibility. I didn’t build in anything for maintenance.” Judge Spitzer had emailed Commissioner Burton inquiring of maintenance and he wrote back that it will happen in the future. Judge Haas, “the phone system was purchased last year but it hasn’t been installed yet. They have some really nice cisco systems for video conferencing but we want it all to be integrated and work. We have hearing impairment devices in Superior Court III also. We have a bazillion things plugged in to the council. We just want it to work. I have not put any money in maintenance. Postage has decreased but dues have increased so that is probably the only other change.”

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve category 200, 300 and 500 as presented.

1000-203-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 2,000.
1000-203-3000.12	Professional Services	\$ 0.
1000-203-3000.15	Transcripts & Depositions	\$ 0.
1000-203-3000.22	Postage	\$ 0.
1000-203-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 1,500.
1000-203-3000.31	Printing	\$ 500.
1000-203-3000.46	Maintenance Contracts	\$ 0.
1000-203-3000.65	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 1,000.
1000-203-3000.91	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 1,200.
1000-203-3000.98	Juror Meals & Lodging	\$ 0.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 4,200.
1000-203-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 3,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 3,000.

Second by Councilman Conner, there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

President McWhirt stated the council would take a break for 5 minutes.

President McWhirt reconvened the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Commissioners – 1000-068

Mike Burton, President of the Grant County Commissioners, presented the budget.

Commissioner Burton, “There is going to be a new line item in personal services however due to other reductions the total will be less. I put in 3% for the wage increase even though there may not be a wage increase. Most everything is the same except cell phone allowance. This year was \$6,000 and since the commissioners passed the ordinance where employees can receive the stipend. There is a list of those employees like IT and EMS. The cell phone stipends are around \$9,660 a year. The copier expense has normally been \$25,000 but in 2014 not that much was used. So that account could be reduced to \$15,000. Each year I try to tweak the budget.”

Councilman Middlesworth questioned how the stipends are figured. Commissioner Burton, “Level One is Basic Service – voice service at \$55. Level Two is voice and data at \$105. Level Three is voice and data of 2 GB of data used by IT personnel.” President McWhirt stated it was good to see the liability insurance drop. Commissioner Burton, “It was bid out to another company and the service cost was less.” President McWhirt asked about official bonds.

Commissioner Burton, “The new statute states any county employee that handles money must be bonded. There are about 180 employees. There is a chance that it can be reduced. The law becomes effective 01-01-2016.” President McWhirt asked about the increase in preventative

maintenance. Commissioner Burton stated “that due to obtaining Salin Bank and paying the property taxes even though the drive through portion will be reimbursed the total cost will go down. Trash removal keeps going up. There are 3 vendors that could bid. It has been too low in the past because there have been transfers.” Councilman Leming asked if the last payment on Pictometry is next year. Commissioner Burton stated yes. Commissioner Burton mentioned the ambulance insurance went down due to bidding out the casualty insurance. The commissioners have reviewed insurance items with Mr. Zimmerman.

Councilman Conner moved to approve categories 200 and 300 with the recommended changes.

1000-068-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 2,500.
1000-068-2000.21	Garage & Motors	\$ 5,000.
1000-068-2000.24	Institutional & Janitorial	\$ 25,000.
1000-068-2000.43	Copier Expense	\$ 15,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 47,500.
1000-068-3000.07	Contractual Services	\$ 35,000.
1000-068-3000.08	Drug Testing	\$ 550.
1000-068-3000.11	Legal Services	\$ 65,000.
1000-068-3000.14	Contractual Services	\$ 30,000.
1000-068-3000.22	Postage	\$110,000.
1000-068-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 6,000.
1000-068-3000.24	Telephone	\$110,000.
1000-068-3000.25	Cell Phones	\$ 2,200.
1000-068-3000.26	Telephone Repair	\$ 5,000.
1000-068-3000.28	Pictometry	\$ 25,000.
1000-068-3000.32	Legal Publications	\$ 25,000.
1000-068-3000.41	Official Bonds	\$ 30,000.
1000-068-3000.42	Building Liability	\$283,300.
1000-068-3000.44	Ambulance Insurance	\$ 12,800.
1000-068-3000.50	Utilities	\$ 0.
1000-068-3000.61	Pitney Bowes	\$ 8,500.
1000-068-3000.62	Preventative Maintenance	\$275,000.
1000-068-3000.64	Repair Building & Structures	\$ 20,000.
1000-068-3000.67	Window Cleaning	\$ 0.
1000-068-3000.68	Lawn Care	\$ 0.
1000-068-3000.74	Rental & Moving Expense	\$ 0.
1000-068-3000.81	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 3,000.
1000-068-3000.82	Change of Venue	\$ 200.
1000-068-3000.83	Property Taxes	\$ 5,200.
1000-068-3000.84	Animal Health Testing	\$ 1,000.
1000-068-3000.86	Institutions	\$ 1,000.
1000-068-3000.87	Soldier Burial	\$ 18,000.
1000-068-3000.88	Memorial Day	\$ 1,800.
1000-068-3000.90	Trash Removal	\$ 16,200.
1000-068-3000.91	Animal Shelter	\$ 18,000.
1000-068-3000.92	Grant County Economic Growth	\$ 0.
1000-068-3000.93	Grant County Soil Conservation	\$ 10,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 1,117,750.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth, there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Drainage Board – 1000-063

Commissioner Burton presented the budget. Commissioner Burton, “The budget is the same as 2015 with the only increase being 3% in salaries.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve categories 200 and 300 as presented.

1000-063-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 300.
	Total Supplies	\$ 300.
1000-063-3000.11	Legal Services	\$ 5,000.
1000-063-3000.22	Postage	\$ 200.
1000-063-3000.32	Legal Advertising	\$ 300.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 5,500.

Second by Councilwoman Baker, there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Data Processing – 1000-106

Mike Burton, President of the Grant County Commissioners, presented the budget. Commissioner Burton, “The salaries were increased by 3% which is left in the hands of the council. The last category should have \$30,000 back in equipment. The switches cannot handle the new phone system so switches are being installed.”

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve categories 300 and 500 as stated with changes.

1000-106-3000.11	Contractual Services	\$ 80,000.
1000-106-3000.14	EMS S/H Support	\$ 1,200.
1000-106-3000.22	Postage	\$ 0.
1000-106-3000.23	Travel	\$ 500.
1000-106-3000.29	Training	\$ 3,000.
1000-106-3000.61	Veterans Computer Maintenance	\$ 1,400.
1000-106-3000.62	APC Computer Software	\$ 1,500.
1000-106-3000.63	Manatron Support	\$ 0.
1000-106-3000.64	Harris Support	\$ 28,000.
1000-106-3000.65	Computer Maintenance & Phone	\$ 10,000.
1000-106-3000.66	Co. Ext. Purdue S/H Support	\$ 3,420.
1000-106-3000.67	Security Software	\$ 25,000.
1000-106-3000.68	Law Library S/H Support	\$ 0.
1000-106-3000.72	CSI Computer S/H Support	\$ 0.
1000-106-3000.73	FTR Maintenance	\$ 8,000.
1000-106-3000.84	GIS S/H Support	\$ 35,000.
1000-106-3000.85	Probation S/H Support	\$ 0.
1000-106-3000.91	SHOCAP Hardware Maintenance	\$ 0.
1000-106-3000.94	Sheriff’s S/H Support	\$ 10,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$207,020.
1000-106-4000.41	Equipment / Hardware	\$ 30,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 30,000.

Second by Councilman Conner; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Jail – 1000-380

Commissioner Burton presented the budget. Commissioner Burton, “The salaries were calculated with a 3% increase. The repair to equipment account is the same as last year.”

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve category 300 as presented.

1000-380-3000.68	Repair to Equipment	\$ 30,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 30,000.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Emergency 911 – 1222-320

Mark Bardsley, Grant County Commissioner presented the budget. Commissioner Bardsley, “The additional \$21,218 maintenance agreement with Motorola was added to #365. The lease is paid for City of Marion on #313 where there is a 911 redundancy backup in case the city goes down all 911 calls go to the county and vice versa.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve category 300 and 500 as presented.

1222-320-3000.11	Contractual Telephone	\$ 225,000.
1222-320-3000.13	City of Marion – Lease	\$ 5,400.
1222-320-3000.64	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 2,550.
1222-320-3000.65	Contractual Services	\$ 21,218.
1222-320-3000.67	IDAX Terminal Line	\$ 8,400.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 262,568.
1222-320-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 30,000.
1222-320-4000.42	CAD System – Sheriff	\$ 9,000.
1222-320-4000.43	Law enforcement S/H Support	\$ 0.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 39,000.
	Total Budget	\$ 301,568.

Second by Councilwoman Baker; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Cumulative Capital Development – 1138-410

Commissioner Burton presented the budget. Commissioner Burton, “Contractual Services was reduced in order to build up the operating balance and the same for Remodeling & Repair. The Sheriff’s Department mentioned there may be a model change in 2017 so again, just trying to build up the operating balance. The ambulance lease had been paid from the equipment account so the amount requested will cover expenses for 2016.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve categories 300, 400 and 500 as presented for a total of \$380,000.

1138-410-3000.11	Contractual Services	\$ 15,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 15,000.
1138-410-4000.41	Equipment	\$117,405.
1138-410-4000.65	Remodeling & Repair	\$ 15,000.
1138-410-4000.69	Ambulance Lease	\$ 82,595.
1138-410-4000.71	Sheriff Cars	\$150,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$365,000.
	Total Budget	\$380,000.

Second by Councilwoman Baker, there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

C.E.D.I.T. Fund – 1112-104

Commissioner Burton stated the amount budgeted for East Central Indiana Regional Planning District is for annual dues. The unemployment insurance, workmen’s compensation, county vehicle insurance and utilities have been requested. The vehicle insurance has decreased. No action was taken at this time.

Motor Vehicle Highway – 1176

David White, Grant County Highway Superintendent, presented the budget.

Administration – 1176-530

Superintendent White stated, “The superintendent’s salary was left the same. The other positions were calculated salaries at 3%. The safety director increased a little more because I wanted to pay him the same wages as the other foreman’s. He is doing a lot more now and helps me with meetings. The longevity is based on the 3% increases. Office supplies increased \$200. Telephone is the same. Conference & seminars decreased \$100.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve categories 200 and 300 as presented.

1176-530-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 1,400.
	Total Supplies	\$ 1,400.
1176-530-3000.24	Telephone	\$ 1,800.
1176-530-3000.91	Conference & Seminars	\$ 1,400.
	Total Supplies	\$ 3,200.

Second by Councilwoman Baker; there was no public input. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Leming stepped out for a telephone call.

Maintenance & Repair – 1176-531

Superintendent White, “Raises were calculated at 3%. Overtime and Part-Time & Premium Pay were left the same. Salt was reduced to \$70,000. Stone & Gravel was increased by \$50,000. Bituminous was increased by \$400,000. Road Signs remained the same. Rental of Equipment decreased \$2,000 and License Plates decreased by \$15. The rest of the accounts stayed the same.” President McWhirt questioned the amount of increase for the stone. Superintendent White stated he wouldn’t have to come back for additional funding.

Councilman Conner moved to approve category 200, 300 and 700 as presented.

1176-531-2000.21	Hardware & Tools	\$ 5,000.
1176-531-2000.22	Calcium Chloride	\$ 70,000.
1176-531-2000.31	Stone, Gravel & Other Ag	\$ 200,000.
1176-531-2000.33	Bituminous	\$ 650,000.
1176-531-2000.41	Road Signs	\$ 25,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 950,000.
1176-531-3000.71	Rental of Equipment	\$ 3,000.
	Total Other Services	\$ 3,000.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 4-0.
Councilman Leming was still out on a telephone call.

Construction & Reconstruction – 1176-532

Superintendent White, “There is \$35,000 for pavement marking just like last year. The Major Moves account consisted of monies for the 600 East Project which is nearing completion.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve category 5 as presented.

1176-532-4000.13	Pavement Marking Project	\$ 35,000.
1176-532-4000.14	Major Moves	\$ 0.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 35,000.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 4-0.
Councilman Leming was still out on telephone call.

General & Undistributed – 1176-533

Superintendent White, “Raises were increased by 3%. Overtime was requested at the same as 2015. Benefits were increased according to the 3% increase. Tires & Tubes were increased by \$5,000 due to tires being more expensive. Radios decreased by \$500. Equipment decreased by \$50,000. The lease payment account was created for the equipment lease of 2 dump trucks, payloaders and paver. The rest of the accounts stayed the same.”

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as presented.

1176-533-2000.20	Gas, Oil & Lubricants	\$ 200,000.
1176-533-2000.22	Tires & Tubes	\$ 15,000.
1176-533-2000.31	Other Garage & Motor	\$ 80,000.
1176-533-2000.32	Other Supplies	\$ 15,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 310,000.
1176-533-3000.03	CDL Physicals	\$ 1,000.
1176-533-3000.12	CDL Alcohol & Drug	\$ 1,400.
1176-533-3000.21	Radios	\$ 2,000.
1176-533-3000.41	Vehicle Insurance	\$ 45,000.
1176-533-3000.50	Utilities	\$ 20,000.
1176-533-3000.91	Other Contractual Services	\$ 20,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 89,400.
1176-533-4000.40	Lease Payment	\$ 92,000.
1176-533-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 150,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 242,000.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth, there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Cumulative Bridge 1135-542

David White, Grant County Highway Superintendent, presented the budget. Superintendent White, “Contractual Services was reduced by \$20,000. Bridge #791 will need \$30,000 for repairs. Bridge #73 Stone Road was requested at \$300,000 for bridge replacement. The rest of the accounts are the same as last year. Bridge inspections won’t be needed next year.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve category 200, 300, 400, 500 and 900 as presented.

1135-542-2000.22	Culvert, Pipe & Tile	\$100,000.
	Total Supplies	\$100,000.
1135-542-3000.11	Repair & Maintenance	\$150,000.
1135-542-3000.13	Contractual Services	\$100,000.
1135-542-3000.14	Bridge Inspections	\$ 0.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$250,000.
1135-542-4000.57	Bridge #791	\$ 30,000.
1135-542-4000.59	Bridge #73 Extension Garthwaite	\$300,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$330,000.
	Grand Total Cumulative Bridge	\$680,000.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Local Road & Street 1169-524

David White, Grant County Highway Superintendent, presented the budget. Superintendent white, “The Paving Projects account was increased to \$400,000. The Garthwaite Road Project was increased to \$180,000. It will start in 2018 however buying the right of ways will start next year. There is still design work to be done in which we pay all the costs. The right of way purchasing is an 80/20 split. The construction costs and inspections are 80/20 also. It is scheduled to bid in 2018.”

Councilman Conner moved to approve the budget in its entirety as presented.

1169-524-4000.05	Paving Projects	\$400,000.
1169-524-4000.18	Garthwaite Road Project	\$180,000.
	Total Capital Projects	\$580,000.
	Grand Total	\$580,000.

Second by Councilman Leming; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Recycling Center – 4013-506

David White, Grant County Highway Superintendent, presented the budget. Superintendent White, “The salaries were increased for the director at 3%. Part-time is the same. Benefits were figured with the 3% changes. All the accounts are the same except for electrical and equipment. Some of the compactors will need to be replaced.”

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as presented.

4013-506-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 1,500
4013-506-2000.20	Gas, Oil & Lube	\$ 6,000.
4013-506-2000.22	Tires & Tubes	\$ 1,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 8,500.
4013-506-3000.13	Contractual Services	\$ 35,000.
4013-506-3000.32	Advertising	\$ 2,500.
4013-506-3000.50	Electric	\$ 3,500.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 41,000.
4013-506-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 35,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 35,000.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

President McWhirt recessed the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
September 2, 2014
Third Night**

The Grant County Council met in budget session on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

In attendance were council members Jim McWhirt, Mike Scott , Tresa Baker, Frank Hix and Shane Middlesworth. Also present were Grant County Auditor Roger A. Bainbridge, Chief Deputy Auditor Tammy Miller, Assistant Chief Deputy Chris Hancock and Executive Secretary Sharon Kirkwood.

President McWhirt reconvened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Roll call was taken and 4 members were present. Councilman Mark Leming and Michael D. Conner were absent. Councilman Scott came in at 6:05 p.m.

Superior Court I -1000-201

Honorable Jeffery Todd, Judge of Superior Court I, presented the budget. Judge Todd, “I believe Judges Spitzer and Haas were in front of you previously and explained that we were combining certain categories. There is an error in the dues & subscriptions account. It should be \$550 for the next year. There is an additional \$200 for travel and conference. There was an additional \$500 requested for law books.” President McWhirt stated the council was trying to hold costs down and questioned the additional monies for travel and law books. Judge Todd, “The law books just simply went up in fact a transfer this year was approved for expenses. I have never traveled very much because my son was home. I just drove back, but now that my son is in college, I can stay one extra night at the 2 conferences we attend each year.” Councilman Middlesworth asked if law books were online. Judge Todd stated some are online but some are not.

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as amended for dues & subscriptions.

1000-201-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 1,750.
	Total Supplies	\$ 1,750.
1000-201-3000.15	Transcripts for Indigents	\$ 0.
1000-201-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 400.
1000-201.3000.65	Repair to Equipment	\$ 1,500.
1000-201.3000.91	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 550. Reduced from \$750.
1000-201.3000.98	Juror Meals & Lodging	\$ 0.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 2,450.
1000-201-4000.10	Law Books	\$ 3,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 3,000.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Scott voted to abstain.

Superior Court II

Honorable Dana Kenworthy, Superior Court II Judge, presented the budget. Judge Kenworthy, “The salaries were increased by 3%. You have already heard about the transfers out of Superior Court II’s budget to Circuit Court. The rest of the categories are exactly the same as last year.”

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as presented.

1000-202-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 4,500.
	Total Supplies	\$ 4,500.
1000-202-3000.12	Appeals & Pauper Council	\$ 15,000.
1000-202-3000.13	Professional Witness	\$ 0.
1000-202-3000.15	Transcripts & Depositions	\$ 0.
1000-202-3000.16	Court Appointed Special Advocate	\$ 30,000.
1000-202-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 3,500.
1000-202-3000.65	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 3,500.

1000-202-3000.90	Dues	\$ 1,400.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 53,400.
1000-202-4000.10	Law Books	\$ 750.
1000-202-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 3,000.
	Total Capital Outlays	\$ 3,750.

Second by Councilman Scott; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Correctional Services -01000-387

Cindy McCoy, Director of Correctional Services, presented the budget. Director McCoy, “I would like to do a presentation on at least one salary position. You probably remember earlier this year when we came before you to change the drug screening technology. That is the same request. It is working out real well in terms of process but by this time next year we will know more. As you will recall, you provided us with a new position for the Family Dependency Treatment Court paired with an Adult Probation Officer. At that point you did approve the position based on us getting grant reimbursement. That will be addressed in the presentation. One of the reasons we wanted to do this presentation is not only about the position but to inform you and the community on some of the drug related data that we are seeing which is related to our work in general with offenders through the court as well as children in need of services. On the handout, first slide, some of these are slides from Marion General Hospital. The J.E.A.N Team Drug Task Force statistics shows these are arrests in 2014 and so far in 2015 and then the estimated annual number of arrests. What is important on this slide is red represents Heroin. You have probably heard on the news, perhaps in Indiana as well as nationally, about the increase in Heroin use and Heroin related issues. Such as HIV, birth babies in withdrawal and Hepatitis related issues. They are estimating the J.E.A.N. Team, through Marion General Hospital, it will go from 39 in 2014 to 59 in 2015. The other line there shows controlled substances (i.e. opiates) these are prescription meds. The reason that Marion General Hospital is involved is because they have taken measures as well as Indiana law has taken measures to reduce opiate prescriptions by physicians. So we are seeing this decrease in opiate prescriptions corresponding to an increase in Heroin use. You can follow that reduction on opiates.”

Director McCoy, “the second slide represents the drug of choice by drug court participants. Again we began to notice in 2011 that you can see it represents the blue line across the top where it intersects with the purple line. What’s happening here with our drug court participants is that opiate use has exceeded alcohol use for drug of choice. There are a lot of ramifications to that with one of the major items being the treatment provided and the cost of that treatment. Not to mention the outcomes of that treatment. The others have gone up and down and are not as problematic but that one is one we are very concerned about and again relates to births of babies and Marion General for opiate withdrawal.”

Director McCoy, “The next page provides you with data from the state FSSA on opiate prescriptions. You can see that they track this in 2007 all the way through 2014. If you think about our population being around 68,000 you can see in 2014 we are at 135,000 opiate prescriptions. We are actually kind of excited about that number. Because Marion General and others have taken measures to reduce prescriptions of opiates so they were indicating that in 2014 that represented 69,000 less actual pills that were prescribed.”

Directory McCoy, “The next data here is (inaudible) and basically that is a long word for babies in withdrawal that are born in Marion General Hospital and nationally. You can see there the average number of infants born with NAF is the short term, for 1,000 births locally it’s 21 and nationally that number is 5. So we are much higher in that category than the national average. The local risk factors and we might ask our self why is this such a problem in our community? Why are we seeing these increased rates? Research shows both on the criminal side and on the C.H.I.N.’s. side that of course risk factors, contribute to all of these matters. I thought you might be interested to see how we stack up with other Indiana counties. The first one is poverty rate. Out of the 92 counties we rank 5 with the highest poverty rate overall. That is 21.7% of our population. When you look at children under 18 we rank number 1 which is 33.3%. Teen births by rank place us at number 17. Actually that’s an improvement because several years ago we used to be number 3. So we have been doing better in that area. Then we have food stamp recipients placing us at 14. Annual unemployment rate places us at number 17. Adults with a high school diploma put us number 54. So obviously when we think about social problems in our community in criminal justice and child welfare, schools and so forth we have these impacts

by these risk factors. So the next piece of data is the actual local C.H.I.N.'s data and children in need of services. This is the area that is directly impacted because it is remedied by the Family Dependency Court Treatment Court. Juvenile C.H.I.N.'s filing through August of 2014 show 49. So far this year we've had 85 it's a 59.6% increase already this year in C.H.I.N.'s filings. Those include the FDTC population; basically parents with substance problems that have contributed to abuse and neglect. The termination of parental rights of August 2014 shows 17 and so far 19 for this year which is an 11.8% increase."

Director McCoy, "So Scott County, if you have not heard it in the news, its made state and national news. They are in the midst of an HIV epidemic. From 2009 to 2013, they had 3 HIV cases. January through April of 2015, there were 142 new HIV cases. As I was reading the news about that and we hear that story at all the conferences we are attending. The officials in Scott County point to needle sharing and local risk factors that I have already shared such as education, poverty and so forth to this HIV epidemic. Of course, people's inability to get prescription opiates is now leading to increased Heroin use. So Marion General Hospital convened a group that's been meeting regularly and a lot of this data comes from that meeting because we don't want to be another Scott County. In those meetings we discuss how can we be proactive? How can we make sure we are not going to see this type of trend in Grant County. This next chart represents HIV, Hepatitis B and C. It's hard to see but the green is Hepatitis C. The first line is June 15, 2015, the second group is annualized. They have taken those averages and annualized it out for the year. They are expecting Hepatitis C to go from 73 to 145. The one you can't see also, because it's blue is HIV cases. That represents the first 9 on the bar graph. In 2015 so far, there have been 9. In 2013 there were 7. They were annualizing that and expecting the HIV cases in Grant County to be 18 which is significantly higher than it has been in the past. So we believe the FDTC is really critical in providing services to families that have been demonstrated by research to work and make a difference. Not only do they provide services to this population i.e. C.H.I.N.'s cases, babies born at Marion General Hospital in withdrawal. They provide community leadership around this issue. Treatment Court such as Drug Court and Family Dependency Treatment Courts are not required by anyone. So our judges do these courts voluntarily. They invest a lot of time and effort in to making these programs work. I know they work long. They work extra. They are far more involved in these cases than other judges in other counties who don't have these courts. Obviously, we want to see this continue because we do not want these trends to be unaddressed or become any worse than they already are. One of the things they also do, is and I mentioned the leadership. They really rally the troops. They get together with the people at Marion General and law enforcement to convene meetings. Then the NADCP, National Association of Drug Courts, has taken family dependency drug courts under their wing. Their research shows 60 to 80% of substantiated abuse and neglect cases involve substance abuse, which is not a surprise to anyone. The treatment completion rates for those participants are 20 to 30% higher than business as usual. So if we are going to make a difference in people's lives then we have to get them retained and graduated from treatment. These programs definitely do that. There is some information there about program costs from national data from \$7,000 to \$14,000 per family. The net cost savings, again, that is national data, which ranges from \$5,000 to \$13,000 per family. The costs are very much deleted or at least reduced. It is a cost benefit analysis. So what does one participant cost on the FDTC? They have not determined, because that is really hard to do. What are the costs for the person who does not go through treatment? The net cost savings would be averaged out from \$7 to \$14,000. So, they have made some conclusions about what it would cost for non-participants. The range is difficult. You can see it almost double. It takes into account Foster Care and all kinds of other services provided to these children which makes it hard to estimate the costs."

Director McCoy, "one of the positions in this budget is to continue the Family Dependency Treatment Court Coordinator. That is a position shared with Probation. I'm not going to give you as much data on the probation side but I wanted to at least tell you where we stand. When I was here last year we discussed the new Indiana Code Reform and what that would mean for increased probation case load. So far this year, there is a 10% increase in supervision. There is a 26% increase in pre-sentenced reports needed. The mandate where you cannot send Level 6 felons to the DOC is not effective until January 2016. We are expecting to see more not only in probation but in our jail since we can no longer hold people in the DOC. The second page has the Total Correctional Services Budget. 47% of our total budget is grants and user fees. I think that is impressive and that should impress you in terms of the extent of which we pursue grants and utilize user fees to fund our services. This year we are recipients of 9 state and federal grants totaling \$458,000. That is just one year. That is pretty unprecedented for communities our size.

I did some computations on cost. The General Fund costs about \$2.40 a day for a probationer versus \$35 a day for the person to be in jail or prison. In the end, where is this all leading to which is the last part of the budget request. The position of the salary that is in here is a continuation of \$44,417. There are 2 grants that will reimburse the majority of that pay. One for \$5,000 from Problem Solving Courts and another one we just heard about today for \$26,910. That means the General Fund will only have to support \$12,807 of that full time position. We are happy about that and we are hoping you are all happy about that. Definitely we believe that it's needed because it provides a good service. Hopefully we will have good long term outcomes. I will answer any questions."

President McWhirt, "Let me first say that it is very much appreciated that you seek the grants funds and it helps us all tremendously. I think the rest of the council is with me on that. Having said that it is kind of frustrating to have to spend so much money on that problem."

Honorable Dana Kenworthy, "I just have a few comments. As the judges have talked about joining budgets and have looked at creative ways to make our dollars stretch further. We understood last year that when we came before the council if they would fund about \$10,000 from the General Fund for the coordinator position. This year we looked at that possibility of reimbursement. So transferring about \$32,000 to the Public Defender Budget opens us up for 40% reimbursement which is coincidentally \$12,800. Although last year you kicked in \$10,000, then this year if you will we have found \$12,800 within the courts budgets opening us up for state reimbursements. I want to say a few things about the program since it started. As of today, we are at 92 C.H.I.N. cases. Last year we had a total of 95. Since I have been on the bench over the last 5 years generally we have about 100 a year. So we really are outpacing where we have been over the last 5 years. We are targeting the highest risk, so we are taking the 92 children and the repeat parents who have had C.H.I.N. cases before and they are giving birth to children with special needs. I would also like to point out another cost that may be of interest to you. Foster Care is saturated across the nation because of the Heroin epidemic. We have so many C.H.I.N.'s children placed in Foster Care that we don't have Foster Care for delinquent children. So that bubble pushing out puts more children in the Detention Center and across the state. Residential placements are much more expensive. In this past year we were certified by the State of Indiana and are now certified for the next 3 years. That certification opens us up for more grant funds which the additional \$5,000 if from that certification. We currently have 6 participants, 5 families and 7 children with 2 already graduating to Phase 3. We have also worked incredibly hard on community partnerships. Councilman Scott asked last year where is the community in all of this? We work with DCS, CASA, Family Services, attorneys' on both sides, Pregnancy Help Center, Bethel Services, Marion Housing Authority which I would like to point out a unique partnership. Marion Housing Authority has allotted 10 priority housing vouchers for families who are doing well in our program. As they graduate to Phase 2 we can get housing vouchers for them. They go from our program into the Family Self Sufficiency Program through the Housing Authority. They are graduating as they step out of the C.H.I.N. Program they are stepping into a program that will help them get on their feet to gain employment and get certification. We are looking at long term what we do with these families. Healthy Families and Oak Cottages is another wonderful partnership. Bethel Community Services has 2 homes on 38th Street. It is currently a residential facility. There are 2 phases for our families where moms can be there with their children under supervision so that we can maintain a family unit particularly in the infant years where bonding can take place between parent and child. Marion General Hospital and Maternal Substance Abuse Task Force and the list goes on with a lot of community services. It is really incredible to see a family go from one parent deceased from an overdosed to picking up the pieces and working full time. I can't see enough about how much I believe in this program. I would also hope the council sees the benefit."

Director McCoy, "we calculated the field officer with the jailer. The others are at 3% and the state mandated salaries by anniversary date are on the accompanying page."

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve category 200 as presented.

1000-387-2000.12	Urinalysis	\$ 23,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 23,000.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input.

Juvenile Probation Services – 1070-273

Cindy McCoy, Director of Correctional Services, presented the budget. Director McCoy, “The budget is supported by user fees. The budget is the same as last year. The equipment request is for another vehicle.”

Councilman Scott moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as presented.

1070-273-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 1,500.
1070-273-2000.12	Urinalysis	\$ 4,000.
1070-273-2000.20	Garage & Motors	\$ 2,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 7,500.
1070-273-3000.11	Contractual Services	\$ 10,000.
1070-273-3000.14	Incentives	\$ 1,000.
1070-273-3000.23	Travel	\$ 3,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 14,000.
1070-273-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 15,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 15,000.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Adult Probation Services – 2000-274

Cindy McCoy, Director of Correctional Services, presented the budget. There were no changes for next year’s budget.

Councilman Brock moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as presented.

2000-274-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 5,700.
2000-274-2000.12	Urinalysis	\$ 8,000.
2000-274-2000.13	Assessment Inst.	\$ 1,500.
2000-274-2000.14	Incentives	\$ 500.
2000-274-2000.20	Garage & Motors	\$ 3,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 18,700.
2000-274-3000.12	Contractual Services	\$ 0.
2000-274-3000.13	Training	\$ 7,500.
2000-274-3000.14	General Fund Supplement	\$ 0.
2000-274-3000.23	Travel	\$ 1,000.
2000-274-3000.24	Cellular Telephone	\$ 7,500.
2000-274-3000.67	Equipment & Repair	\$ 500.
2000-274-3000.91	Dues	\$ 1,300.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 17,800.
2000-274-5000.01	Unappropriated	\$ 0.
	Total Other	\$ 0.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth ; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Drug Court – 9108 -609

Cindy McCoy, Director of Correctional Services, presented the budget. The training account has additional \$2,000. Housing is a new line item is for drug court participants who may need the first month’s rent.

Councilman Scott moved to approve categories 200 and 300 as presented.

9108-609-2000.11	Supplies	\$ 1,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 1,000.
9108-609-3000.10	Housing	\$ 1,100.
9108-609-3000.11	Contractual Services	\$ 6,000.
9108-609-3000.14	Incentives	\$ 2,000.
9108-609-3000.23	Travel	\$ 1,000.
9108-609-3000.24	Cell Phone	\$ 1,400.
9108-609-3000.29	Training	\$ 1,000.
9108-609-3000.40	Urinalysis Screening	\$ 6,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$18,500.

Second by Councilwoman Baker; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Alcohol & Drug Services – 2001-609

Cindy McCoy, Director of Correctional Services, presented the budget. The equipment account is for the vehicle. The rest of the accounts are the same. The fund is fee generated.

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve categories 200, 300, and 500 as presented.

2001-609-2000.12	Urinalysis	\$ 8,000.
2001-609-2000.13	Assessment Inst.	\$ 1,500.
2001-609-2000.20	Garage & Motor	\$ 1,000.
	Total Supplies	\$10,500.
2001-609-3000.11	Contractual Services	\$30,000.
2001-609-3000.14	Reimb. General Fund	\$ 0.
2001-609-3000.23	Travel	\$10,750.
2001-609-3000.25	Drug Court	\$ 0.
2001-609-3000.29	Training	\$ 3,250.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$44,000.
2001-609-4000.41	Equipment	\$30,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$30,000.
2001-609-5000.01	Unappropriated	\$ 0.
	Total Other	\$84,500.

Second by Councilman Scott; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Prosecuting Attorney -1000-009

James Luttrull, Jr., Grant County Prosecuting Attorney, presented the budget. Prosecutor Luttrull, “Salaries were calculated at 3% increase across the board. There are several grants totaling \$101,000 which helps supplement salaries. We have some grants approved and even some very recently. There is \$101,000 plus in active grants that help supplement salaries. One will pay about 85% of one salary. We have some things we are trying to do that will help alleviate salaries. They will be able to alleviate the pressure on the General Fund. We are also seeking a VOCA grant that hopefully will pay a big portion of another salary. We also went without a deputy prosecutor from January through April with a big thanks to the staff for helping with the job duties. We are not requesting any on increase in the total of non-salary positions. The bottom line of the budget is the same as last years.

Councilman Scott moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 400 as presented.

1000-009-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 5,000.
1000-009-2000.12	Printing	\$ 900.
1000-009-2000.13	Badges	\$ 100.
	Total Supplies	\$ 6,000.
1000-009-3000.11	Witness Fees	\$ 10,000.
1000-009-3000.12	Depositions	\$ 3,500.
1000-009-3000.13	Notary Fees	\$ 200.
1000-009-3000.21	Gasoline & Auto	\$ 4,500.
1000-009-3000.22	Postage	\$ 200.
1000-009-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 5,000.
1000-009-3000.24	Telephone	\$ 4,000.
1000-009-3000.29	Education & Training	\$ 4,000.
1000-009-3000.32	Publications	\$ 2,000.
1000-009-3000.65	Maintenance & Repair	\$ 2,500.
1000-009-3000.91	Dues	\$ 3,500.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 39,400.
1000-009-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 3,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 3,000.

Second by Councilwoman Baker; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Victim’s Assistance -1000-260

James Luttrull, Jr., Grant County Prosecutor presented the budget. Prosecutor Luttrull, “There is a brochure that needs updated so printing costs were increased and if the grant is approved the costs will be covered.” President McWhirt questioned when the grant would be approved because otherwise the General Fund is used. Discussion ensued concerning the printing and training account.

Councilman Middlesworth moved to approve categories 200 and 300 as amended.

1000-260-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 800.
	Total Supplies	\$ 800.
1000-260-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 1,000.
1000-260-3000.29	Conference & Training Fees	\$ 600.

1000-260-3000.31	Printing	\$ 200. Reduced from \$4,000
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 1,800.

Second by Councilman Scott; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Spotlight on Violence – 1000-386

James Luttrull, Jr., Grant County Prosecutor, presented the budget. Prosecutor Luttrull, “A deputy prosecutor who is assigned to help domestic violence cases and therefore the grant funds help alleviate some of the burden from the General Fund.” The budget is comprised of salaries and benefits. There was no action taken.

Prosecutor IV-d General Fund – 1000-667

James Luttrull, Jr., Grant County Prosecutor, presented the budget. Prosecutor Luttrull, “I asked for the same pay increase. There are no changes in the other categories. Monies are reimbursed at 67% and that goes to the General Fund.”

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as presented.

1000-667-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 4,500.
	Total Supplies	\$ 4,500.
1000-667-3000.11	Professional Services	\$ 1,500.
1000-667-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 8,000.
1000-667-3000.91	Subscriptions	\$ 500.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 10,000.
1000-667-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 2,500.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 2,500.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Deferred Prosecution Fund – 2400-159

James Luttrull, Jr., Grant County Prosecutor, presented the budget. Prosecutor Luttrull, “It is all personnel where 2 positions are paid. Part of the pay comes from the Incentive Fund. The budget consists of an investigator, Div. Monitor and a Special Assistant/Grant position with benefits.” There was no action taken due to the budget being all personal services.

PreTrial Diversion Fund – 2504-159

James Luttrull, Jr., Grant County Prosecutor, presented the budget. Prosecutor Luttrull, “This budget is just personal services.” There was no action taken.

Prosecutor IV-D Incentive Post 99 Fund – 8897-660

James Luttrull, Jr., Grant County Prosecutor, presented the budget. The budget consists of personal services and will have action taken at the end of budget hearings.

Prosecutor Luttrull, “It has been a grueling summer for my staff and a lot of time was devoted by my staff due to 2 major trials. Everybody pitched in and did a significant job. One case involved a family from Hamilton County where the victim was a resident of Noblesville. Her remains were found in rural Grant County. About 90% of the officers involved were from Hamilton County. The way they saw our jury system, our court, our judge and judicial staff and the way our office works, our Grant County Sheriff’s Office, Marion Police Department that they were so taken aback that we cared about their case. It is our case too. It is just one of those rewards. It should show up on here somewhere, the rewards of the job. Where people just come together and do the work. But because you support us and authorize the funds we can go do that kind of work. It’s one of the highlights of my career is to be able to show off Grant County teamwork and hospitality to those from the big city and see us do our job excellently. We had top rate forensic science testimony it was just a really incredible experience. The Public Defender’s office also did an incredible job doing their part. When you have a murder case it’s just hard to talk about anything in a position way, I believe justice was accomplished. But aside from that just to show this is how we present the truth, seek the truth and trust the system in Grant County. I have never been more proud of our County. All of you had a part in that. The way the courthouse looks and I just want to thank you for your support.”

President McWhirt, “Obviously, you don’t hear enough from us that is sure, especially about things that are positive. You always come to us and it’s about money. Can we afford this or that? But I appreciate how all the offices come together and do the right thing to make the best we can happen. That goes for your department all the way down to the others.”

County Assessor – 1000-008

Gary Landrum, Grant County Assessor, presented the budget. Assessor Landrum, “Salaries for 4 employees and myself were calculated at 5.4%. That differs for all employees because I wanted to arrange the salaries as I saw fit. For Reassessment Department that was 2.9%. Overall there was 4.1%. Office supplies were increased by \$400 due to not using any monies from the Sales Disclosure Fund. The Sales Disclosures Fund is getting depleted.” President McWhirt questioned how the determination of which employee gets paid from which fund. Chief Deputy Assessor Leming, “When the law changed and township assessors were combined with the county assessor we split them due to personal property. Gary Wylie, a previous township assessor, still assists with personal property. We felt like the township assessors being paid from the General Fund was a lower amount than Reassessment Fund. I guess because of the things we do with Sales Disclosures and Reassessment is why they are paid from Reassessment.” Assessor Landrum, “the contractual service is for putting together and mailing out 38,000 F11 Forms. Repair & Maintenance is for assessing computer software.

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve category 200 and 300 as requested.

1000-008-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 1,500.
	Total Supplies	\$ 1,500.
1000-008-3000.07	Contractual Services	\$ 6,000.
1000-008-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 1,500.
1000-008-3000.31	Printing	\$ 0.
1000-008-3000.65	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 6,375.
1000-008-3000.91	Dues	\$ 75.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 13,950.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth, there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Sales Disclosure Fund – 1131-008

Gary Landrum, Grant County Assessor, presented the budget. Assessor Landrum, “The fund is depleted and will be unable to sustain any budget this year.” Chief Deputy Miller stated there was only a balance of \$4,000.

Councilman Middlesworth moved to approve the Sales Disclosure Fund budget at 0. Second by Councilman Scott; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Reassessment Fund 1224-008

Gary Landrum, Grant County Assessor, presented the budget. Assessor Landrum, “The salaries in the Reassessment Budget were calculated at 2.9%. The benefits followed in their calculations. In previous years we paid the PTBOA and appraisal fees out of here that should be contractual services. PTBOA will be paid \$7500. Then I moved the rest to professional services where appraisals would be paid. So the Certified appraiser account will be reduced to \$7,500. Account #366 Contractual Services should be \$105,500 of which \$88,000 is for reassessing. Postage increased a small amount. The bulk price is based on accurate addresses. So I asked for a little cushion there in case the price increased. The Certified Appraisers #1000.86 is for the level 1, 2, and 3 certifications. There are 2 Level 3 Board of Review people on the board. One is mandatory and the other one is appointed. On the certified appraisers account there are 3 employees that are Level 3. There are 5 employees that are Level 2 with one employee just attaining a Level 1 certification.” President McWhirt stated, “We might have been paying certifications incorrectly. We have been paying \$1,000 per each level. We have discovered that we only need to pay \$1,500 total for Level 3 and \$500 total for Level 2 for certification per employee. Assessor Landrum, “I’m not sure who wrote this stuff up it’s tough to follow. But I thought the county assessor Level 2 was \$1,000 and Level 3 was \$1,500 for a total of \$2,500. That’s how I read the statute. For the deputy assessors Level 2 was \$500 and Level 3 was \$500 for a total of \$1,000.” President McWhirt, “I have asked Attorney Stephenson to interpret the code and get back with us. We just want to pay it correctly and be informed before we make a decision.” Assessor Landrum, “The code does read “at least”. The statute doesn’t even mention Level 1. I also don’t understand why a different dollar amount for assessor versus deputy assessor when we pass the same class?” President McWhirt, “Well, we will get some information and be informed and then decide during the end of budget.”

Councilman Middlesworth moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as amended.

1224-008-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.
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1224-008-2000.20	Garage & Motors	\$ 2,500.
	Total Supplies	\$ 4,500.
1224-008-3000.22	Postage	\$ 12,000.
1224-008-3000.23	Travel	\$ 3,000.
1224-008-3000.24	Telephone	\$ 1,200.
1224-008-3000.29	Training	\$ 3,000.
1224-008-3000.65	Maintenance Contracts	\$ 32,750.
1224-008-3000.66	Contractual Services	\$105,500.Increased from \$88,000.
1224-008-3000.90	Subscriptions	\$ 100.
1224-008-3000.91	Dues	\$ 600.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$158,150.
1224-008-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 1,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 1,000.

Second by Councilwoman Baker; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Defender Board – 1000-204

Bruce Elliott, Chief Public Defender, Grant County Public Defender Board, presented the budget. Defender Elliott, “I think you have our amended budget. There are a couple of areas giving me concern. The Standard G is a standard that says the prosecutor and the public defender’s office as equal as possible. In this regard, I want to talk about salaries. If the prosecutor office had a similar part time attorney as we had then we could argue and say the salaries should be same. We really don’t have that comparison for a number of reasons. We have 10 attorneys that practice the criminal field at \$30,175. Our budget would reflect an increase for each of the 10 part-time public defenders \$1,233 each. There is a one-time annual \$500 payment for office expenses. If each of the 10 PD’s would increase then we would be in full Standard G compliance because if we don’t keep our case load in order then Indianapolis can shut off our 40% reimbursement. We do appreciate the 2% increase but did not alleviate the risk or jeopardy of not getting the reimbursement. The last 4 quarters of reimbursement totaled \$370,000 to the General Fund. I don’t believe the 2nd quarter has yet come in. We are averaging about \$92,000 returning to the General Fund. That \$12,333 would be for the 10 part-time public defenders. I was hired on to the board for \$103,000 and have been getting paid only \$102,000 but am asking for the increase for next year. There are 2 full time employees. One para-legal and one investigator with a \$1,000 increase and would put them more in line with the prosecutor’s office. I would also say the staff in the prosecutor’s office is making more than my para-legal. The amount of salary increase is \$15,333 for 2016. We have been running some numbers and should have at least \$15,000 unspent from our 2015 budget. We are using the office supply office expense does help the public defender match-up to the prosecutor’s office. My own case load work is too high and I was out of compliance so we are working on getting that back into compliance. If we can hit the \$30,175 mark then I don’t think they are going to change that standard for some time.” President McWhirt, “We anticipate things being tight because of things that happened in the county this year. I preface my comments by saying we will do what we can to be fair to our employees and our staff but I don’t know what that is going to yet but we also don’t want to jeopardize our reimbursement.” Defender Elliott, “so I am asking for office supplies to remain the same. Contractual appointments remain the same. They represent 3 CSHCN attorneys then a small amount left over for appellate cases. Expert Witness Fees hasn’t had anything spent from it but with the number of high profile cases I’m surprised we haven’t spent it. The next item is Hourly investigator and part-time secretary in the amount of \$7,000. We do not have multiple investigators but will have cases with multiple defendants. Depositions and transcripts does has a small balance but the courts have asked that we add \$35,000 from their accounts and if it’s spent then we get the reimbursement. The other accounts are the same as 2015. Equipment was increased with the intent to buy a laptop that will play the dvd’s and cd’s so the client can see the evidence against them. I will talk with IT to see if they have anything extra.”

Councilman Middlesworth moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as amended.

1000-204-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 8,500.
	Total Supplies	\$ 8,500.
1000-204-3000.12	Contractual Appointments	\$ 94,000.
1000-204-3000.13	Expert Witness	\$ 4,000.
1000-204-3000.14	Hourly Investigator	\$ 3,500.
1000-204-3000.15	Depositions & Transcripts	\$ 39,000.
1000-204-3000.16	Contractual CHINS/TPR	\$ 50,000.

1000-204-3000.22	Postage	\$ 700.
1000-204-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 2,000.
1000-204-3000.25	Malpractice Insurance	\$ 6,000.
1000-204-3000.29	Education & Training	\$ 3,000.
1000-204-3000.32	Publications	\$ 1,620.
1000-204-3000.65	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 500.
	<i>Other Services & Charges</i>	<i>\$204,320.</i>
1000-204-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 1,500.
	<i>Total Capital Outlays</i>	<i>\$ 1,500.</i>

Second by Councilman Scott; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Grant County Auditor – 1000-002

Roger A. Bainbridge, Grant County Auditor, presented the budget. Auditor Bainbridge, “The salaries were calculated at a 2% increase. The total budget is the same with a small change in overtime to travel. We are using more overtime due to burdens from the state. Some of it we have taken on ourselves as a matter of principal. We are using the Ineligible Homestead Fund. I think everything else is about the same.”

Councilman Middlesworth moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 500 as amended.

1000-002-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 6,000.
	<i>Total Supplies</i>	<i>\$ 6,000.</i>
1000-002-3000.09	Codify Expenses	\$ 1,000. Reduced from \$2,500
1000-002-3000.12	Legal Counsel	\$ 6,000.
1000-002-3000.22	Postage	\$ 50.
1000-002-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 1,500.
1000-002-3000.29	Education & Training	\$ 50.
1000-002-3000.90	Dues	\$ 750.
1000-002-3000.91	Subscriptions	\$ 500.
	<i>Other Services & Charges</i>	<i>\$ 9,850.</i>

Second by Councilman Scott; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Grant County Auditor - Plat Book Fund – 1181-002

Roger A. Bainbridge, Grant County Auditor, presented the budget. Auditor Bainbridge, “This is a separate fund. Overtime is increased due to the salaries increased by \$500. The other accounts are the same.

Councilman Scott moved to approve the 200, 300, 500 and 700’s as presented.

1181-002-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 2,500.
	<i>Total Supplies</i>	<i>\$ 2,500.</i>
1181-002-3000.29	Training	\$ 500.
	<i>Other Services & Charges</i>	<i>\$ 500.</i>
1181-002-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 0.
	<i>Total Capital Outlay</i>	<i>\$ 0.</i>

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Grant County Auditor – Ineligible Homestead Fund – 1216-002

Roger A. Bainbridge, Grant County Auditor presented the budget. Auditor Bainbridge, “There is a 2% increase on the salaries. Category 2 is the same. Category 3 has an increase in Dues & Subscriptions. I think last year there was an additional because the service that we use to track people down was not working well so we found another service. We were using more of shotgun approach now more of a sniper approach and I say that because it is a target rich environment. The thing is every year the amount of cases that we find are less but the amount of money that we find goes up. Last year we could go back to 2009 and now we can still go back to 2009 forward. I found one just last week that could technically we could have gone back to 1994 had we been able to go back that far and it probably would have exceeded the value of the property. So there is some discretion that has to be exercised there. So when you try to, for lack of a better word, zap these people for that amount of money. You put more time into it. You have to justify it. You end up going to the PTABOA procedure more frequently because they challenge it more. The LOW Associates software account was reduced. This \$2,800 was for an interbase server update. It’s the software for the server. We had not had any updates since 2012. We have gone 42 months without it. They also estimated the same for next year. If we do it this year then we won’t have to update it next year. So it’s cut out for next year. If they tell us we

need the update then we will do it. It is something they initiate.” Councilman Middlesworth, “when you talk about overtime of \$30,661 can you elaborate on that?” Auditor Bainbridge, “yes, we are spending a lot of money because we are working the process very hard. Last year at this time we were up to the F’s in the alphabet. Now we are up to the S’s so in one year we have accomplished half of the alphabet.” Councilman Middlesworth, “wasn’t a portion of that for the rebuild?” Auditor Bainbridge, “no, that was in the overtime financial disaster rebuild. It’s kind of hard to tell when we are paying overtime what it is specifically going for because I try to keep it delineated pretty carefully. If you were to tell me actually that we spent \$65,000 on the rebuild and some of it came in from other sources I would have to say you may be right. We do it as closely as we can.” President McWhirt, “so this \$30,661 is for homestead violation?” Auditor Bainbridge, “yes, that is for ineligible homestead and things that are associated directly or indirectly with it.” President McWhirt, “just as a thought on that, obviously it’s to our benefit when that comes in. Is that something that we shouldn’t be paying overtime for and it’s a regular paid shift? It’s part-time overtime so it’s not so much overtime as it is part-time. It’s 98% part-time.” President McWhirt, “ok then, so we are doing it during office hours just additional part-time help doing it?” Auditor Bainbridge, “right, correct.”

Councilman Scott moved to approve category 200, 300, 500 and 700’s as requested.

1216-002-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 1,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 1,000.
1216-002-3000.30	Annual Maintenance LOW	\$ 55,179.
1216-002-3000.31	Technical Support LOW	\$ 21,200.
1216-002-3000.91	Dues	\$ 1,500.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 74,192.
1216-002-4000.40	Low Associates / software	\$ 0.
1216-002-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 3,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 3,000.

Second by Councilwoman Baker; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

President McWhirt recessed the meeting at 9:23 p.m. The budget hearings will reconvene tomorrow, September 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
September 3, 2014
Fourth Night**

The Grant County Council met in budget session on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

In attendance were council members Jim McWhirt, Tresa Baker, Frank Hix , Mike Scott and Shane Middlesworth. Also present were Grant County Auditor Roger A. Bainbridge, Chief Deputy Auditor Tammy Miller, Assistant Chief Deputy Chris Hancock and Executive Secretary Sharon Kirkwood.

President McWhirt reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken and 5 members were present. Councilman Mark Leming was absent. Councilman Conner came in at 6:39 p.m.

Convention & Visitors Bureau – 1127-082

John Lightle, Director of the Grant County Convention & Visitors Bureau, presented the budget. Director Lightle, “Thank you council members. Things are pretty much as they have been in the past. I do appreciate having Paula here with us. Paula is our Program Manager and has been with us at least 11 years. Mrs. Niverson had a great opportunity to go to Columbus so she left us in April. The commission did a search and they didn’t find a candidate that they could all agree to. So they asked me to fill in on a part time basis. The budget we are bringing to tonight is very similar to the 2015 request. We have kept the personnel line the same. We have just the 2 person office even though right now we are operating with just 1 and ½ persons. The anticipation is there. We would rather have the money budgeted so that if we can go back to a full time person in 2016 the funds are available and we won’t have to come back. Office supplies are increased just a little. One of the computers will need to be replaced and the usual software updates. About half of our budget is used to promote the great attractions and events we have in Grant County. That is our mission to not only help draw tourists but also to promote all existing. The statistics always show the trickle down is very effective on buying gas. Our goal is to get them to stay the night because that is how we exist.” President McWhirt, “There is some shifting from the Attractions account to the Printing of Brochures but that is the thought there, ok. Overall, it is pretty much the same.”

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve the budget as presented.

1127-082-1000.11	Salaries	\$ 120,000.
1127-082-1000.73	Insurance	\$ 2,000.
1127-082-1000.74	Taxes	\$ 12,000.
1127-082-1000.77	Commission Administration	\$ 200.
1127-082-1000.78	Retirement	\$ 3,000.
	Total Personal Services	\$ 137,200.
1127-082-2000.11	Miscellaneous Supplies	\$ 3,600.
	Total Supplies	\$ 3,600.
1127-082-3000.11	Legals & Accounting	\$ 8,200.
1127-082-3000.13	Attractions Development	\$ 50,000.
1127-082-3000.14	Contractual Services	\$ 30,000.
1127-082-3000.22	Postage	\$ 1,500.
1127-082-3000.23	Auto Expense	\$ 8,500.
1127-082-3000.24	Telephone	\$ 4,000.
1127-082-3000.31	Brochures & Printing	\$ 30,000.
1127-082-3000.33	Promotions & Advertising	\$ 118,000.
1127-082-3000.35	Training	\$ 1,500.
1127-082-3000.37	Miscellaneous	\$ 1,500.
1127-082-3000.65	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 1,500.
1127-082-3000.74	Rent, Equipment, Supp., and Ins.	\$ 19,500.
1127-082-3000.91	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 3,500.
1127-082-3000.98	Meals & Entertainment	\$ 2,500.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$ 280,200.
	Grand Total	\$ 421,000.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Council – 1000-061

Carey Services, James Allbaugh, “Thank you so much again, for the opportunity this year to be with you. It sounds like this year we had asked for an increase that we anticipate it might be 3% increase. However the quotient that we were able to get from Auditor Bainbridge was 2.6%. So, that is what we request. We certainly continue to appreciate the support here.” President McWhirt, “we have this as part of the Council budget in the General Fund with the amount of \$113,379 at 2.6%.

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve the amount of \$113,379 for Carey Services for 2016. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Grant Blackford Development Center, Paul Kuczora, “Good evening. It is my pleasure to be here this evening. What we are requesting is the statutory amount as agreed between the Association of Counties and the Indiana Association of Community Mental Health Centers and then subsequently put into the statute. That depends entirely of course, on the base line plus the growth quotient so thus the 2.6%. Mr. Bainbridge is wonderful about keeping me on my toes to see which one of us gets the growth quotient first. But that is very helpful since we deal with 2 other counties as well. In addition to the request we provided the required documents as well that were determined several years ago by the associations which the 92 counties decided would be a good representation of community mental health. That is the narrative selection from our audit, financials and those numbers of people served and types of service. Priorities for us in Grant County are a little different. You’ve already heard from Probation and our mutual concern about drug dependence in the area. We continue to work closely with Corrections, Marion General Hospital as well as the rest of the medical community particularly the dependence on opiates and the return of Heroin to our communities. I want to remind everybody we still do in-patient de-tox. We still do that on the ability to pay basis. I think someday they may put that on my tombstone. We may be one of the last facilities that continue to do those services and extending those services on the ability to pay or on a sliding scale basis. Some folks don’t understand that you can’t just go into a hospital for any kind of drug dependency there are medical standards in the United States, unfortunately. So sometimes people hear us say we can’t do services and we certainly can’t and won’t provide certain drugs. We know our community is reeling from some problems with addictive substances. We want to do more with forensics and those people particularly coming out of jail and prison and hopefully more and more of those people will be on Medicaid. I’ve at least suggested to our relatively new sheriff that if we can help with the sheriff’s obligation to help them apply for Medicaid in some way that we would be glad to extend some of our resources for that purpose. Beyond that we continue to work closely with the Department of Child Services and those with addictions, particularly where young people have parenting roles. We supervise visitation and do home based services. Supervised visitation now occurs in the old bank branch of the Keystone Family Resource Center just outside of town. Are there any questions about Grant Blackford Mental Health?” There were no questions from the council. President McWhirt thanked Mr. Kuczora for all that they do.

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve the budget request of \$363,143 for Grant Blackford Mental Health budget for the 2016. Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0.

Emergency Medical Services – 1000-301

Duaine Ashcraft, Director of Emergency Medical Services, presented the budget. Director Ashcraft, “Dawn is passing out information to you. The budget right now is pretty much flat lined. There is only one increase. In personal services however, there are some changes. Because of changes in billing operations, we have had to make some changes and will have to make further changes. There is an average of \$52,346 per month. That is over a comparable year of 2014. What has happened is starting October 1st, we have to go over to IC10 Codes. An example would be about 25 choices of diabetic coding now there are over 100. If they audit those charts and we have it wrong the county would have to pay back 40%. We don’t like to operate that way. Dawn was the only certified biller. If she was out sick then we are down. We are training 3 more to learn the certifying. They also do runs on the ambulance. So I would like to change their hourly wage to accommodate that. It would actually save us about \$18,758. So by taking and training them it should help. Our runs have increased 5%. County wide we average about 10 runs per day. The truck over Swayzee is about 44 runs per month. So there are

some proposed changes. Salaries were calculated at 3%.” President McWhirt, “can you explain some more about the salary changes because that is a substantial increase.” Director Ashcraft, “Right now they are making \$10.25 per hour at 72 to 80 hours per 2 weeks.” President McWhirt, “ok, at 40 hours per week that’s \$21,320 to go to \$27,040 which is \$3.00 an hour more because they are certified.” Director Ashcraft, “but our load is increasing.” President McWhirt, “I can see paying them for the hours they are billing but not all the time. I am having a hard time with that just because they won’t be billing all the time they would be getting that pay. Dawn Harness, “They all do it now on a regular basis. In order for them to do it, I had to teach them. They are doing it 2 or 3 times. They are also supervisors who are responsible for the scheduling, ever though they were already doing that but being paid the same as part time people. One makes sure the ambulances are supplied and orders supplies. One of them helps with payroll. We have different jobs for them. It is impossible for me to file the billing, follow up on it and get everything.” Director Ashcraft, “Once the chart comes in, you have to go to the hospital and get the billing information. Then you have to go through the chart and figure out the codes. I think they deserve it and we can’t afford to make a mistake.” Dawn Harness, “actually it’s cheaper to give them a raise instead of hiring another full time person with benefits. They probably should have made more per hour because they are supervisors. The run number volume has increased so much that if I could just sit there at my desk all day every day and do nothing but code then maybe. But there is more to it. The follow up, the rebilling, the calling up patients, right now it takes me and all 3 of them to keep caught up on billing.” President McWhirt, “then maybe we establish a certain amount of their time at this rate and then a certain amount of their time at the other rate?” Director Ashcraft, “I would be hard pressed to guess what percentage of their salary would be just billing.” Clerk Harness, “Sometimes they do it on the truck when they are in between runs. It would be difficult to pinpoint the hours.” President McWhirt, “I guess that all their hours are not spent billing, is what I am trying to say.” Clerk Harness, “true, not all of their hours are billing.” Councilman Scott, “are we getting to big?” Director Ashcraft, “we have no choice. When the runs come in with a 911 call we have to respond. Are you saying are we too big management wise? I don’t think so. I am really very paranoid about the billing and the money that goes out, I want to make sure that we are right on it because I don’t want to have justify litigation. We are very careful in going through those runs. That is what I really feel it is going to take. Who knows, maybe in January when we get through some of the coding that we won’t be as inundated with research that we think that we are.” Councilman Scott, “It just seems to be turning into a business. Maybe it’s just the state law and what the world is becoming but that is what it is looking like to me.” Director Ashcraft, “I don’t like to be a foreboder of doom, however 70% of ambulance services runs in the State of Indiana are actually provided by volunteers. A department of the federal government just did a study for the State of Indiana, a self-evaluation, the first recommendation of the state was you must be doing something bad because your volunteer system is failing. The first thing the state is going to put before the legislature is a mandate as to what part of local government is legally responsible for ambulance service. Now prior to 2002, it was the commissioners. As long as somebody else did it, like Marion General that did the city and at that time we even asked for a Attorney General’s Report and they said if the commissioner’s chose not to do it. Then it was going to fall back on the incorporated areas like the City. If they didn’t then it fell to the unincorporated area and if they didn’t it fell to the trustee’s. Then if the trustee’s didn’t it the Attorney General said it has never been litigated. So they struck it from the database. Right now no one legally has to provide ambulance service in the State of Indiana. But I definitely think the legislature will do something about it.” President McWhirt, “as long as it is supporting itself then we will continue to do. It’s just that amount of increase throws a lot of red flags to me.” Director Ashcraft, “I understand that. Down the road, because I’m not going to be here much longer, I guarantee you that in 5 years somebody is going to have to run this like the sheriff’s department.” President McWhirt, “I like the idea of the cross training and that is a good business practice. But to pay 3 people that kind of increase because they have the capability of doing that, I think that sounds like overkill to me.” Director Ashcraft, “yes, but I was thinking that having 3 like Dawn it’s going to be quicker.” President McWhirt, “well there is a price for being quicker and maybe we don’t need to pay that price. We are still going to get our money even if it’s a month late. We are still going to get it. I don’t know if you want to pay this much to be quicker if you are still going to get it.” Director Ashcraft, “I understand but getting those 3 to this point and the training I just think they deserve it.” President McWhirt, “well we have lot of people more too.” Director Ashcraft, “I understand that. We are able to bring in the income to at least support the increase that it should help.” President McWhirt, “that does help.” Chief Deputy Miller, “we think that \$574,000 will come in for 2016. For 2015 on the last 6 months and reviewing Mr. Ashcraft’s projections, I can change that to \$337,000. I feel comfortable with

that.” Director Ashcraft, “the other categories are the same. Equipment is up because we need to change the electronics in the trucks so that when we have a heart patient the information can be transmitted. However it will probably not happen. One of the difficulties is that we respond to several different hospitals and they are all different. I thought we could take 2015 and 2016 to take care of this but it may not happen just yet. So you can flat line that if you want. But maybe at some point in the future we can do this.”

Councilwoman Baker moved to allow categories 200, 300, and 500 as amended.

1000-301-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 1,500.
1000-301-2000.15	Medical Supplies	\$ 25,000.
1000-301-2000.16	Misc. Supplies	\$ 0.
1000-301-2000.20	Garage & Motors	\$ 80,000.
1000-301-2000.24	Protective Clothing	\$ 3,000.
1000-301-2000.65	Uniforms	\$ 1,000.
	Total Supplies	\$110,500.
1000-301-3000.04	ALS Reimb.	\$ 73,000.
1000-301-3000.05	Continuing Education	\$ 12,000.
1000-301-3000.10	Run Reimbursement	\$ 95,000.
1000-301-3000.12	MGH/ambulance Service Payment	\$ 4,700.
1000-301-3000.13	Computer Software	\$ 700.
1000-301-3000.20	Subsidy for S/W Medic	\$ 0.
1000-301-3000.21	Communications Expense	\$ 9,500.
1000-301-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 2,500.
1000-301-3000.31	Charts & Forms	\$ 0.
1000-301-3000.91	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 2,000.
	Total Other Services & Charges	\$199,400.
1000-301-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 10,000. Reduced from \$15,000
1000-301-4000.42	Pagers	\$ 6,000.
	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 16,000.
1000-301-5000.01	Unappropriated	\$ 0.
	Total Other	\$ 0.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 5-0 with Councilman Conner voting to abstain.

President McWhirt, “We do appreciate what you do even though my comments may be harsh concerning the personnel requests.” Director Ashcraft, “I will send you some more updated information before the next meeting.”

Health Department- 1159-610

Dr. Kennedy, Grant County Health Officer, presented the budget. Dr. Kennedy, “The difference is due to decreasing the overcharges account. Salaries were increased but we understand whatever the council can do. There are 3 employees that are being subsidized from the tobacco grant. The state has approved that grant. The amounts are \$1,000 each. They are taking on extra work. One is taking on the accreditation responsibilities. The secretary is taking on the billing work. The environmentalists’ are doing more work. There are working the same hours not any overtime.”

Councilman Scott moved to approve categories 200, 300 and 400 as presented.

1159-610-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.
1159-610-2000.25	Uniforms & Clothing	\$ 1,000.
	Total Supplies	\$ 3,000.
1159-610-3000.11	TB Control	\$ 1,500.
1159-610-3000.12	Prevention of Disease	\$ 35,000.
1159-610-3000.14	Legal Services	\$ 3,000.
1159-610-3000.15	Cholesterol Screening	\$ 1,000.
1159-610-3000.22	Postage	\$ 3,000.
1159-610-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 12,000.
1159-610-3000.25	Education	\$ 5,000.
1159-610-3000.26	Accreditation	\$ 5,500.
1159-610-3000.31	Forms & Advertising	\$ 4,500.
1159-610-3000.62	Vector Control	\$ 1,000.
1159-610-3000.65	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 2,000.

	<i>Other Services & Charges</i>	<i>\$ 73,500.</i>
1159-610-4000.41	Equipment	\$ 0.
	<i>Total Capital Outlay</i>	<i>\$ 0.</i>

Second by Councilman Conner; there was no public input. Motion carried 6-0.

Local Health Department Trust Account – 1206-615

Dr. Kennedy, Grant County Health Officer, presented the budget. Dr. Kennedy stated the account only has personal services. There was no action taken since the fund consists of personal services only.

Immunizations & Vaccines – 4902-615

Dr. Kennedy, Grant County Health Officer, presented the budget. Dr. Kennedy, “The fund is for vaccines at \$120,000.” Clerk Tara Street, “The fund has brought in \$49,000 but none of the billing has been done for the back to school vaccines. Flu shot season hasn’t even started. The biggest income is in the latter half of the year. The fund consists of vaccines only.”

Councilwoman Baker moved to approve category 200 at \$120,000 as presented. Second by Conner; there was no public input. Motion carried 6-0.

Grant County Council – 1000-061

Jim McWhirt, President of the Grant County Council, presented the budget. President McWhirt, “We have already dealt with 2 pieces of the budget already and those would be Carey Services and Grant Blackford. Office Supplies are the same. The Complex Energy Loan is still in this budget at the moment which was one of the debt payments we have. What I’m thinking is that we could move the Energy Loan to the Debt Service Fund that could help restore the operating balance in the General Fund.

Councilman Middlesworth moved to approve category 200 and 300 as presented,

1000-061-2000.11	Office Supplies	\$ 300.
	<i>Total Supplies</i>	<i>\$ 300.</i>
1000-061-3000.07	Contractual Services	\$ 42,500.
1000-061-3000.16	Developmental Center	\$113,379.
1000-061-3000.17	Grant Blackford Mental Health	\$363,143.
1000-061-3000.23	Travel & Conference	\$ 400.
1000-061-3000.91	Dues	\$ 5,700.
	<i>Total Other Services & Charges</i>	<i>\$525,122.</i>
1000-061-3000.33	Complex Energy Loan	\$ 0. Moved to Debt Service
	<i>Total Loans</i>	<i>\$ 0.</i>

Second by Councilman Scott, there was no public input. Motion carried 6-0.

County C.E.D.I.T. Share – 1112-104

Jim McWhirt, President of the Grant County Council, presented the budget. President McWhirt, “This fund has just 2 items consisting of Health Insurance and dues to Energize East Central Indiana. I think we should wait until the end of the budget process to see where we are and deal with it then.”

C.O.I.T. County Distributive Share – 1121-104

Jim McWhirt, President of the Grant County Council, presented the budget. President McWhirt, “The Sheriff’s Merit Pension and benefits are out of this account. The county vehicle insurance is included but are we duplicating that from the commissioner’s budget? We don’t exactly want to work on this budget until the end of the budget process. The C.O.I.T. and C.E.D.I.T. Funds used to be in the General Fund but are now split out.”

Debt Service- 4600-470

Jim McWhirt, Grant County Council President, presented the budget. President McWhirt, “there are just the 2 project loans from this fund. This budget already has the Complex Energy Loan in it which we just moved from the County General Fund.”

Councilman Scott moved to approve category 300 as presented.

4600-470-3000.14	Juvenile Detention Debt	\$ 0.
4600-470-3000.17	Jail & Detention Energy Project	\$399,174.
4600-470-3000.33	Complex Energy Loan	\$229,230.

Total Other Services & Charges \$628,404.

Second by Councilman Middlesworth; there was no public input. Motion carried 6-0.

President McWhirt, “The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. We will do the non-binding reviews that night as well. We may have to schedule a special meeting early in October to finalize the budget. We are scheduled to adopt the budget on October 21st.”

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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