

**Grant County Council  
Special Session  
September 13, 2017**

The Grant County Council met in Special Session on Wednesday September 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

**Call to order**

President McWhirt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call**

In attendance were Council members Jim McWhirt, Shane Middlesworth, Mark Leming, Frank Hix and Mike Conner. Also present were Council Attorney Phil Stevenson, Auditor Roger Bainbridge, Chief Deputy Auditor Angie Jarvis, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens. Councilman Mike Roorbach and Mike Scott were absent.

**New Business**

**Public Hearing-Facility Project Financing**-Council Attorney Phil Stevenson explained how the process works. The purpose is to do a preliminary determination as to whether the council wants to consider proceeding with this bond issue on the improvements, proposed for by the County Commissioners. You are not going to make a decision tonight, this is primarily an opportunity to present this, so the public may hear it, and you may hear it and to ask any questions you may have. Next Wednesday (September 20, 2017) we will have a second Council meeting at which time, you will do a bond resolution. That resolution will be a formal acceptance by this body, to proceed. From that we will then publish to set up a remonstrance period, for any objections from the public. We asked Ameresco to be here this evening, the bonds council which is Barnes & Thornburg, also the financial advisor London Witte. We did put proposals out for those, as a result of that it saved the county around \$25,000.00. President McWhirt introduced Brad from Ameresco to give an outline of the project.

The project for the phase 3 improvements is as follows:

- Jail/complex generator-a 700 kW diesel generator
- Jail/detention securities upgrade improvements
- Detention water infiltration
- Complex water infiltration corrections
- Complex emergency exit
- Jail envelope improvements
- Courthouse lighting upgrades
- Courthouse fan coil replacement & controls upgrade
- Jail sanitary plumbing upgrades

This is the overall project, as of right now we are under that 8.1 million that we discussed at the last meeting. We are at 8,012,304.00. This includes construction costs but does not include bonding costs. Discussion ensued concerning the diesel generator. There were no questions. Attorney Phil Stevenson is estimating at this time soft costs will be around \$50,000.00.

**Public Hearing-Additional Appropriation**

President McWhirt expressed that Auditor Roger Bainbridge will establish a fund number for proceeds to spend for construction purposes, soft costs, etc.... for \$8,062,000.00; we will have that number determined at next Wednesdays meeting. Attorney Phil Stevenson will have the bond resolution and additional appropriation resolutions at next week's meeting also. There were no questions.

President McWhirt expressed "The public meeting on these items is now closed."

President McWhirt expressed we need to address the approval of our Financial Consultant contract. The contract is with London Witte, LWG CPA & Advisors. The amount is \$15,000.00, that's assuming we go through with the entire process, if for whatever reason we stop the

process we would owe them the cost of whatever the time is that it stops. At this time the \$15,000.00 is involved. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the contract with LWG CPA'S & Advisors to act as our advisors in this project, with a fee up to \$15,000.00. Second by Councilman Conner: motion carried 5-0.

The next item is to approve the project bond council. Barnes & Thornburg LLP is the bond council. Their fee will not exceed \$17,500.00. Councilman Middlesworth made a motion to approve the contact with Barnes & Thornburg LLP to act as our bond council with a fee not to exceed \$17,500.00. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

President McWhirt expressed our next regular meeting will be Wednesday September 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm. We will have a special meeting to discuss the budgets and a public hearing on Wednesday October 4, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

President McWhirt adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.