

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
January 16, 2019**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday January 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

Vice-President Mike Conner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Prayer

Councilman Roorbach led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Leming led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance were Council members Mark Leming, Shane Middlesworth, Mike Roorbach, Frank Hix, Mike Scott, Mike Conner and Jonathan Perez. Also present were Council Attorney Phil Stephenson, Auditor Jim McWhirt, Chief Deputy Auditor Angela Jarvis, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

5. Election of County Council Officers

Councilman Conner called for nominations of County Council President. Councilman Scott moved to nominate Shane Middlesworth for president. Second by Councilman Roorbach, there were no further nominations. The motion was unanimous.

Councilman Conner called for nominations of County Council Vice-President. Councilman Scott moved to nominate Mike Conner for vice-president. Second by Councilman Middlesworth, there were no further nominations. The motion was unanimous.

6. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Leming moved to approve the minutes of regular session December 19, 2018 as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 5-2 (abstention).

7. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jim McWhirt reported from the general fund balance report. Auditor McWhirt expressed he gave each Council member a page that is a summary of the normal 7 page report and he will try to do this each month. The general fund balance is healthy at this point, 3.3 million as of 12-31-18 and 1.7 million to start the year. I have also included in your report a comparison of cash disbursements. This compares our budget by department, by budgeted funds with what we have actually spent. In 2018 in the general fund we spent almost 1.3 million less than we budgeted. You can see the breakdown by department how much they did not spend out of their total budgets. There is a page that shows the receipt side. For 2018 it shows our DLGF projected receipts, what we actually received in 2018, and the difference. Part of the reason we have a cash balance of more than we expected is one some of our budget was not used, and two we did better on receipts than we thought we would.

Auditor McWhirt also reported from the insurance fund report the 12-31-18 balance is just over 1.6 million. That compares to 906,000 a year ago. Our revenue went up 21% and our expenses only went up 4%, so that is a good thing. 2018 was a good year for us.

Auditor McWhirt expressed the Treasurer provided the months end reconcile for August, September, October and November 2018. These balance the Treasurers books to the Auditors books.

New Business

A. County Clerk- Clerk Pam Harris is asking to fill a vacancy. This vacancy is due to retirement of a first deputy. Clerk Harris would like to move the second deputy to the first deputy position and fill in with the domino effect that will take place. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the vacancy as requested effective 3-1-19. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

B. County Sheriff- Sheriff Reggie Nevels is asking to fill vacancies of 2 merit deputies and 2 dispatchers. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the filling of the vacancies as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

C. County Coroner- Coroner Stephen Dorsey is requesting additional funding. The amount Coroner Dorsey is requesting is 34,050, to bring his budget back up to what the 2019 total should be. 2018 was a bad year and 2018 bills had to be paid out of 2019 budget money, after the claims that I submitted on 1-2-19 are paid I will be left with 11,325 for the 2019 year. Council expressed to Coroner Dorsey an appropriation will need to be advertised, he will need to submit a letter to the Auditor's office so the advertising can be done, and the request can be taken care of at the February Council meeting.

D. County Prosecutor- Prosecutor Rodney Faulk is requesting insurance coverage for two (2) part-time deputy prosecutors. These two positions were labeled part-time due to their salary being on 25,000. Both positions are working 30 plus hours a week. Commissioner Mike Burton expressed that as a matter of principal a part-time person should not receive health insurance. If they are working 30 hours or more under affordable health care you have to give them health insurance, if it is under 30 hours we are not required to give them insurance. If the Prosecutor would put in writing the requirement of working 30 hours per week and dropping the part time label, that would suffice under the affordable health care. I would not approve a change if Council is not going to fund it. After much discussion Councilman Roorbach made a motion to table this item until next month's meeting. Second by Councilman Scott; motion failed 2-5. Councilman Conner made a motion to amend the salary ordinance and remove the part-time title of three (3) positions. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-1. Since this was not unanimous there will be a second reading at the February 20th Council meeting.

Prosecutor Faulk is also asking to use the STOP and VOCA grants to fund salaries and amend the salary ordinance. After much discussion Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the salary ordinance amendments that Mr. Faulk has requested. Second by Councilman Leming; Stacy Landis, Scott Hunt and Kim Parker spoke about how the salaries being less has affected them and their families. Julie Autry spoke about the grant letter and the grants. After a short break the motion was withdrawn.

President Middlesworth called the meeting back to order.

Auditor McWhirt explained the request as follows:

Scott Hunt's current salary is 56,610 they want to increase it to 56,900 and that is all grant funded. Luann Randol's current salary is 28,560 they are not changing this just changing the category she is paid from. Connie Studebaker's current salary is 26,000 they want to increase this by 500 that would be out of the Prosecutor IV-D incentive fund. Stacci Landis' current salary is 28,560 they want to make her salary 30,209 this is not a change just correcting it and putting it back to the 2018 total. Dave Homer's current salary is 42,000 they want to move this all to the Prosecutor IV-D incentive fund. Julie Autry's current salary they have at 32,488 they are asking 6,503 to come from victim assistance and 3156.30 from spotlight making the salary 42,147, which is down 2,515. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve increasing Scott Hunt's salary to 56,610, restore Stacci Landis salary to 30,209, reduce the general fund and amend the ordinance to make these changes. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

Jarred Eib spoke about how the salaries affect the employees.

Kim Rogers spoke about Connie Studebaker's salary and where the 500 increase they are asking for comes from.

Councilman Leming made a motion to address everything that is being requested except for the 500 increase for Connie Studebaker. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Scott made a motion to accept the STOP and the VOCA grant amendments as presented. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 7-0.

E. Superior Court III- Judge Warren Haas is asking to fill a vacancy of a bailiff position and the domino effect that may occur with the process. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to

approve the filling of the vacancy as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

8. Old Business

President Middlesworth read the Committee assignments from last year and expressed to keep in mind for the next meeting to be thinking about new assignments.

Technology Committee-Mark Leming

Grant County Economic Growth Council-Jim McWhirt—we will need a replacement for this.

ECI Regional Planning Board-Shane Middlesworth

EMA Advisory Board-Frank Hix

Plan Commission-Jim McWhirt—we will need a replacement for this.

Legislative Lesion-Mike Roorbach

Juvenile Detention Alternative-Jim McWhirt—we will need a replacement for this.

Community Corrections Board-Conner—this is a 4 year term.

Salary & Wage Committee-Conner, Scott, Leming

Juvenile Detention Review Committee-Shane Middlesworth, Mike Scott, Mike Roorbach.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion Committee Reports

None

The next Council meeting will be February 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.