

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
January 15, 2020**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday January 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**1. Call to order**

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

**2. Prayer**

Councilman Mike Roorbach led the prayer.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Leming led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

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

**5. Election of County Officers**

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

Councilman Middlesworth called for nominations of County Council Vice President. Councilman Roorbach moved to nominate Mark Leming for Vice President. Second by Councilman Perez, there were no further nominations. The motion was unanimous.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Roorbach moved to approve minutes from the regular session for December 18, 2020. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

**7. Auditor's Report**-President Middlesworth expressed Auditor McWhirt sent an email to the Council members expressing his report of the various funds. President Middlesworth highlighted some of the report. The General fund balance for this month is good, the health insurance fund is in good standing. President Middlesworth read from the email from Auditor McWhirt expressing there were no other comments other than to say the County is in solid financial standing at this time.

**New Business:**

**A. Local Alcoholic Beverage Board**-Liz Wright is asking to be reappointed to the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the appointment period is January 2020 through December 2020.

Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

**B. County Health Department**-Tara Street is asking for a transfer of \$3,000.00 from Travel & Conference to Gasoline & Auto. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

**C. County Recorder**-Kathy Foy is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5000.00 for Microfilm Supply and Development. This appropriation was overlooked during the budget process. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

**D. County Assessor**-Rhonda Wylie is requesting permission to fill a vacancy and any domino effect that may occur. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the filling of the vacancy and any domino effect that may come with it. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

**E. County Auditor**-Chief Deputy Auditor Angie Jarvis is requesting an amendment to the 2020 Salary Ordinance pertaining to the County Clerk's Chief Deputy Position. The amount of salary is not changing just the amounts to be paid from the General Fund and the Clerk's IV-D Incentive Fund. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

Chief Deputy Jarvis also is asking to amend the Salary ordinance. The amendment is to a Secretary position in the Prosecutors office, right now the salary is \$30,360.00 and it should be \$32,009.00. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve the amendment. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

**F. Detention Center Renovation**-President Middlesworth expressed there is a committee that represents the Detention Center that is Shane Middlesworth, Mike Scott and Mike Roorbach, we have met a few times and the committee name is The Juvenile Detention Center Feasibility Review Committee. President Middlesworth turned the discussion over to Councilman Mike Scott. Councilman Scott expressed we are considering housing female and juvenile inmates, currently there are 3 different options for proposal. I am encouraged by the numbers budget and the proposals that we have received so far. As a committee we recognize we do need to do something. We would like to see some movement forward in regards to the implementation of the conversion of the juvenile detention center to expand to house the additional inmates and help elevate some of the issues we have. This needs to go to the Commissioners and they need to make a recommendation back to us in regards to the proposals and the options we will then accept it in full or be able to provide some sort of conclusion.

Mike Roorbach and Shane Middlesworth spoke and agreed with Councilman Scott.

Judge Dana Kenworthy spoke and expressed the option with 14 beds for juveniles makes the most fiscal sense to her.

Commissioner Mark Bardsley expressed the Commissioners will have something for the Council at the February meeting.

**G. County Highway Department**-David White is asking to fill a vacancy for a book keeper position. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the filling of the vacancy effective immediately and to amend the salary ordinance for this position from \$34,500.00 to \$32,500.00. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent White is also asking for signatures for the Community Crossings Grant and approval to match the \$274,000.00 of the grant. Councilman Perez made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

### **8. Old Business**

President Middlesworth expressed he will be emailing the budget calendars to the other Council members.

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

#### **A. Committee Reports-**

President Middlesworth read the County Council 2020 Committee Assignments as follows:

**Grant County Economic Growth Council:** Johnathan Perez

**ECI Regional Planning District Board:** Shane Middlesworth (Commissioner Appointment)

**Grant County EMA Advisory Board:** Frank Hix

**Plan Commission:** Mark Leming

**Legislative Liaison:** Mike Roorbach

**Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative:** Shane Middlesworth

**Community Corrections Board:** Mike Conner (4 year term)

**Juvenile Detention Center Feasibility Review Committee:** Shane Middlesworth (chairman),  
Mike Scott, Mike Roorbach

**Union Negotiations Committee:** Mike Scott (chairman), Mark Leming, Shane Middlesworth

**EMS Wage and Revenue Study Committee:** Johnathan Perez (chairman) 2 vacant

Councilman Perez gave an update on the EMS Wage and Revenue Study.

### **10. Adjournment**

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.