

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

**Note: This Grant County Council meeting was conducted electronically as permitted under Governor Holcomb's Executive order 20-09.**

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

**1. Call to order**

President Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**2. Prayer**

Councilman Roorbach led the prayer.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Middlesworth led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

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

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Scott moved to approve minutes from the regular session for February 19, 2020. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 7-0.

**6. Auditor's Report**-Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed that all of our funds are in good shape, General fund included. The health insurance fund is in good shape as well. There are no concerns at this time.

**New Business:**

**1.** President Middlesworth recommends approval of all vacancies, which include item A-Correctional Services and part of item B-County Health Department on the agenda. Councilman Scott moved to approve the recommendation of President Middlesworth. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

**2.** President Middlesworth recommends approval of all transfers, which include items C-County Sheriff, D-County Coroner, E-Public Defender and the first part of item I-County Auditor on the agenda. Councilman Perez moved to approve the recommendation of President Middlesworth. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

**A. Correctional Services**-See motion made in item #1 above.

**B. County Health Department**-See motion made in item #1 above for vacancy.

Tara Street is asking for an additional appropriation from the 1159 General Health Fund: \$9,438.25 to line item 1159-11100.000.0610, \$719.00 to line item 1159-17100.000.0610, and \$1,334.00 to line item 1159-17700.000.0610. Councilman Perez made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

**C. County Sheriff**-See motion made in item #2 above.

**D. County Coroner**- See motion made in item #2 above.

**E. Public Defender**- See motion made in item #2 above.

**F. County Highway Department**- Highway Superintendent David White is asking for additional appropriations in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Local Road and Street account and \$800,000.00 to the Bituminous account. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 7-0.

**G. County Commissioners**-Commissioner Mark Bardsley is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$176,170.00 to the Repair Building and structure account in the Commissioners General Fund. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 7-0.

**H. County Clerk**-Pam Harris is asking for a salary ordinance amendment. This is due to moving an employee from fund #8899 to fund #1119. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve the amendment as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

**I. County Auditor**-See motion made in item #2 for transfer.

Auditor Jim McWhirt is requesting additional appropriations in the following funds:

1. County 911 Fund (#1222) \$288,500.00-Contractual Services (#30700)
  - \$420,000.00-Dispatch Communication Equipment (#44105)
  - \$242,000.00-Building Renovations (#46001)
  - \$49,500.00-Transfer to Central Dispatch Construction Fund (#4806)

Total \$1,000,000.00

The \$49,500.00 transfer noted above is to reimburse the Central Dispatch Construction Fund (#4806) for costs paid in 2019.

2. Central Dispatch Construction Fund (#4806):\$115,000.00-Professional Services (#30701)
  - \$573,689.55-Building Renovations (#46001)Total \$688,689.55

The appropriation of \$688,689.55 will accommodate the total amount available in the fund during 2020.

3. In November and December 2019 prior to actual appropriations being established and approved by County Council \$110,810.45 was disbursed from the Central Dispatch Construction Fund (#4806). Auditor McWhirt is requesting Council approve the use of the \$110,810.45 after the fact. The \$110,810.45 is comprised of the following payments:

Pyramid Consulting-\$108,658.10  
VFP Fire Systems-\$2152.35

4. County Council agreed to appropriate \$250,000 from the General Fund toward the costs associated with the central dispatch construction project. Auditor McWhirt is requesting approval of this additional appropriation for that purpose at this time.

General Fund-Commissioners Department (#0068) \$250,000.00

5. County Council Department (#0061)-Central Dispatch Loan principle (#31910) \$65,400.00  
Central dispatch Loan Interest (#31911) \$22,000.00  
Total \$87,400.00

Councilman Roorbach moved to approve the above appropriations as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

**J. Review of Hiring Freeze (Resolution No. 3-2008 and Resolution No. 2-2020)**-President Middlesworth recommends removing the hiring freeze and allow department heads and elected officials to fill these vacancies as they become available as long as they stay budget neutral. They will need to notify the Auditor's office and Human Resource director once the position has been vacated and that the Human Resource director be a part of the hiring process. Councilman Perez made a motion to repeal Resolution No. 3-2008 and Resolution No. 2-2020.. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

**K. Establish Positions for Dispatch**-Michael Clayton, Public Communications Safety Director expressed the need to establish positions for dispatch and an assistant director position, There will be 15 (fifteen) dispatch positions needed and 3 (three) supervisor positions needed (fund #4922). There is 1 (one) assistant director position needed (fund #1222). Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

### **8. Old Business**

**County Clerk**-Pam Harris is asking for additional appropriation for an amount up to \$75,000.00 for promoting vote centers. After some discussion, Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the appropriation in the amount of \$40,000.00. No second, motion died. After further discussion Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the appropriation in the amount of \$45,325.00. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

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

None.

### **10. Adjournment**

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.