

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
June 17, 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 June 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

President Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Prayer

Britney Flowers let in prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Scott led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance physically were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Mike Roorbach, Mike Scott, Jonathan Perez and Frank Hix. In attendance via electronic source were Mark Leming and Mike Conner. 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 May 20, 2020. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 7-0.

6. Auditor's Report-Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed in our financial report we are in good shape comparatively, the health insurance fund is in good shape as well. The Treasurer's reconcile we have the end of April and May and they agree. I want to note the spring settlement, the numbers that we have seen exceed what I expected. We actually distributed to the county fund a little over 50% of our approved levy. That compares to last year in the spring at 53%. The tax payers did a great job paying their bills even though the due date was extended most still paid on time.

New Business:

A. County Coroner-Coroner Stephen Dorsey is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$34,000 to help with expenses for the rest of 2020. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Hix: motion carried 7-0.

B. Correctional Services-Melissa Stephenson is asking for approval of the 2020 Pretrial Grant. Councilman Perez made a motion to approve the 2020 Pretrial Grant. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 7-0.

C. County Health Department-Health Officer David Moore is asking for additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,100 for part-time security/traffic control through the month of June for COVID testing site located at the Marion YMCA. After some discussion this request is put on hold until a later date.

Health Officer David Moore is also asking for approval of the Preparedness Grant that is a July 2020 to June 2021 grant. The grant amount awarded to Grant County for the 2020/2021 cycle is \$31,895. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-1.

Health Officer David Moore expressed the Health Department was awarded \$8,000 from the United Way Immediate COVID award. The program goals are to implement Grant County Health Department's COVID community testing program, conduct research and prepare a model for continuation of testing in the upcoming months/years to be use by future teams. The fund established for the \$8,000 is fund #9192. Councilman Hix made a motion to approve the United Way Immediate COVID award and fund #9192. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0 (1 abstention).

D. County Commissioners-Commissioner Mark Bardsley is asking Council to consider an Emergency Payroll Proposal, regarding County services during COVID-19 pandemic shutdown April 13, 2020 to May 1, 2020. The Board of Commissioners is recommending Grant County Council adopt the following option....

All county employees that reported to work during the 3 week period receive the equivalent of time and a half for the 3 week period. In addition, public safety personnel (police, jailers, fire, EMS) receive an additional \$100 flat rate per work week as an equivalent for hazard pay.

After much discussion Council asked Commissioner Bardsley to come back to next month's Council meeting with amounts reflecting what the proposal is asking for.

E. County Auditor-Auditor Jim McWhirt is asking for additional appropriations for the Central Dispatch Operations fund #4922 in the amount of \$652,700. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 7-0.

Auditor McWhirt expressed the Grant County Emergency Medical Services department has received a direct payment from the federal government in the amount of \$22,485 under the CARES Act. We have placed the money into the CARES/EMS fund #8901 as directed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. Mr. Ashcraft, EMS Director, is in the process of determining how the finds will be used in accordance with applicable guidelines.

F. CF-1 Dunham's –This is year 6 of 10 for this approval of CF-1. Councilman Perez made a motion to approve the CF-1 for Dunham's Athleisure Corporation. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

8. Old Business

President Middlesworth expressed he recommends that at the July meeting we do not have a public meeting for the LIT review this year and we just do it next year. It is only required every 2 years and we do not plan to make any changes.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

None.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.