

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 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 July 15, 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

Commissioner Mark Bardsley led in prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Conner led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner moved to approve minutes from the regular session for June 17, 2020. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 5-0.

6. Auditor's Report-Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed there is not much to report so unless there are any questions from Council I will leave it at that. There were no questions.

New Business:

President Middlesworth stated County Recorder's request is informational only and no action needs to be taken.

A. County Recorder-Recorder Kathy Foy expressed she is starting the project that will consist of digitizing all records from 1967 thru 1993. The cost of this project is \$256,322. This agreement has been approved by the Recorder's Office attorney and the County Commissioners.

B. County Clerk-Clerk Pam Harris is asking for the correction of part of her Chief Deputies pay from \$3500 to \$3,570. There was an unexplained error made in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and the first half of 2020. Clerk Harris is asking for the last 4 ½ years of pay be reimbursed to her Chief Deputy and the pay be the correct amount moving forward starting with the next pay. The

amount to be reimbursed is \$322.40. Councilman Leming moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

C. County Commissioners-Commissioner Mark Bardsley expressed he is going to speak about the emergency payroll proposal and the disaster response fund and ask that Terry Burnworth from Pyramid Consultants speak concerning the joint session follow up.

Commissioner Bardsley stated he sent information to each of you of our initial study of what it would cost to do the recommendation option C, which we mention last month regarding the call-out time and time and a half pay that we did not pay to our employees that were working during that 3 week period. We have 2 figures, one with hazard pay, and one without for you to review. We do not have to make any type of decision on this, Council has plenty of time to wrestle with that issue. We do have to have things in with cares act money sometime in September, October at the latest.

Another item we wanted to remind you about is, back in March the Commissioners developed the ordinance (ordinance #7-2020) regarding the disaster response fund, and we have adopted that. Because it deals with financial issues we believe you should also review and have your attorney assume some type of ordinance or action to verify what we have done. We are asking for annually for \$50,000 in this fund, which caps off at \$250,000 unless we use money.

Terry Burnworth from Pyramid Consultants gave a brief follow up from the joint session meeting that was held last week. Discussion ensued on how to pay for items that were discussed and the process could be done. President Middlesworth expressed he would get with the Commissioners to see about having another special session meeting to iron things out.

8. Old Business

President Middlesworth expressed he gave the Council members a hand-out of a wage analysis for Grant County employees. President Middlesworth asked the Council members look it over and keep it in mind.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

None.

The next regular Council meeting will be August 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

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