

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 21, 2021**

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 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

President Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Prayer

Councilman Roorbach led in prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Hix led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Members present: 7, Electronically: 0 In attendance were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Mike Conner, Chuck Poling, Mike Roorbach, Mark Leming, Mike Scott and Frank Hix. Also physically present were Council Attorney Phil Stephenson, Chief Deputy Auditor Angela Jarvis, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens. Auditor Jim McWhirt was absent.

NOTE: All members were present in person.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes from the regular session on June 16, 2021 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

6. Auditor's Report-Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed he sent the Council members his report and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

New Business

A. Emergency Management Agency-Bob Jackson is asking to transfer \$700.00 from Travel and Conference, \$100.00 from Dues and Subscription (\$800.00 total) to Training. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

B. Data Processing-Marcus Elliott is asking for an additional of \$40,000 to Contractual Services. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Elliott is also asking for an additional of \$12,000 to overtime. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Elliott is asking to transfer \$200.00 from FTR Maintenance to GIS Hardware & Software. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

C. County Extension Office-Courtney Schmidt is asking to transfer \$800.00 from Travel to Overtime, \$325.00 from Equipment Repair to Overtime, and \$200.00 from Postage to Overtime. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

D. County Highway Department-Tony Smith is asking to transfer \$600.00 from Single Hands (1176) to Buy Out Days and \$4900.00 from Contractual Services (1135) to Repair and Maintenance. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

Tony Smith expressed the Highway Department will be applying for the Community Crossings grant for bridge #39 and is asking for permission to proceed. Councilman Conner made a motion to proceed with the grant process. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

E. County Coroner-Stephen Dorsey is asking for an additional in the amount of \$25,000 to cover the Autopsy, Laboratory & Transports account for the remaining year of 2021. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

F. County Health Department-Dr. David Moore is asking for approval of a grant that will allow them to hire 2 employees and for a salary ordinance amendment that will be need for this grant. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve upon the Commissioners approval, and amend the salary ordinance to have the part-time salary between \$16.00 and \$22.00. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-1.

G. County Prosecutor-Rodney Faulk is asking to transfer \$200.00 from printing to Publications. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Faulk is asking for a salary ordinance amendment for an opening in his office for a Clerical Support for the Victims' Advocate. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Faulk is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$21,999 to purchase 2 vehicles for the Prosecutors Investigators. Council asked Mr. Faulk to come back next month with the appropriation request so there is time to get this advertised.

H. County Area Plan Commission-Ryan Malott is asking to transfer \$1,000.00 from Dues to Office Supplies and \$450.00 from Travel & Conference to Cell Telephone. Councilman Conner moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Malott is asking to amend the salary ordinance and to change an employee's work hours from 20 to 28. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Malott is also asking for an additional part time secretary with a salary ordinance amendment. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion was amended to approve as requested with a transfer of 9,000.00 from salaries to part-time to add to the 5,000.00 for the salary of the part time secretary. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested with the amendment. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

I. County Commissioners-Commissioner Mark Bardsley is asking to transfer 14,398.80 from Cares Act salaries to Part-time. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Bardsley is asking for an additional appropriation in the CCD fund in the amount of \$43,500. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Bardsley is asking for an additional appropriation in the General fund in the amount of \$153,050. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Bardsley expressed "We will be asking for a \$1000.00 per year raise for the Council members.

J. County Auditor-Auditor Jim McWhirt is asking for an additional in the County 911 fund in the amount of 265,000. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

K. Van Buren Public Library-Van Buren Public Library is asking to appoint Henrietta Story to the Library board. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

L. Public Hearing-Review of Local Income Taxes-After much discussion and looking at different ways of what is the best way to proceed in a way that is best for the entire county. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to proceed with scenario #2 and hold another public hearing on August 26, 2021. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 7-0.

8. Old Business

None.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion Committee Reports- None

The next regular session Council meeting will be August 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.