

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 11, 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 August 11, 2021 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

Wesley Rennaker led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Leming led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance physically were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Frank Hix, Mark Leming, Mike Roorbach, Mike Conner and Mike Scott and Chuck Poling. Also physically present were Auditor Jim McWhirt, Chief Deputy Auditor Angela Jarvis, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

NOTE: All members were present in person.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner moved to approve minutes from the regular session for July 21, 2021. Second by Councilman Scott. Motion carried 7-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed he sent each member his notes on the Auditor's report and unless there were any questions he didn't have much to report. There were not questions from Council.

New Business

A. Review of Estimated Property Tax Levy Limits and Circuit Breaker Losses-

President Middlesworth expressed he would read through the Calculation of Estimated Maximum Levy for budget year 2022 as follows:

Grant County	Civil: \$17,806,423
Center Township	Fire: \$124,515 Civil: \$268,192

Fairmount Township	Fire: \$47,169 Civil: \$26,696
Franklin Township	Fire: \$24,357 Civil: \$153,329
Green Township	Fire: \$41,779 Civil: \$7,336
Jefferson Township	Fire: \$54,046 Civil: \$38,803
Liberty Township	Fire: \$27,764 Civil: \$12,733
Mill Township	Fire: \$63,343 Civil: \$193,872
Monroe Township	Fire: \$15,653 Civil: \$17,023
Pleasant Township	Fire: \$27,239 Civil: \$46,590
Richland Township	Fire: \$15,028 Civil: \$23,045
Sims Township	Fire: \$9,534 Civil: \$52,764
Van Buren Township	Fire: \$22,049 Civil: \$30,155
Washington Township	Fire: \$75,964 Civil: \$45,140
Marion Civil City	Civil: \$21,050,985
Gas City Civil City	Civil: \$1,536,206
Fairmount Civil Town	Civil: \$880,638
Fowlerton Civil Town	Civil: \$36,914
Jonesboro Civil City	Civil: \$408,899

Matthews Civil Town	Civil: \$143,147
Swayzee Civil Town	Civil: \$200,701
Sweetser Civil Town	Civil: \$158,135
Upland Civil Town	Civil: \$509,177
Van Buren Civil Town	Civil: \$345,899
Eastbrook Comm. Schools	SO: 2,290,266
Madison Grant Schools	SO: 3,014,586
Mississinewa Comm. Schools	SO: 2,208,996
Marion Comm. Schools	SO: 8,027,660
Oak Hill United Schools	SO: 2,288,698
Fairmount Public Library	Civil: \$86,656
Gas City/Mill Township Public Library	Civil: \$522,173
Jonesboro Public Library	Civil: \$59,442
Marion Public Library	Civil: \$1,809,842
Matthews Public Library	Civil: \$9,067
Swayzee Public Library	Civil: \$71,022
Barton-Rees-Pogue Memorial Library	Civil: \$53,799
Van Buren Public Library	Civil: \$118,854

President Middlesworth read the second part of the review, the 2022 estimates of property tax caps by unit. The 2022 Estimated Property Tax Circuit Breaker Impacts are as follows:

Grant County	\$ 2,190,520
Center Township	\$ 55,840

Fairmount Township	\$ 520
Franklin Township	\$ 37,670
Green Township	\$ 140
Jefferson Township	\$ 580
Liberty Township	\$ 40
Mill Township	\$ 25,770
Monroe Township	\$ 570
Pleasant Township	\$ 7,180
Richland Township	\$ 2,700
Sims Township	\$ 4,700
Van Buren Township	\$ 260
Washington Township	\$ 2,790
Marion Civil City	\$ 6,005,150
Gas City Civil City	\$ 153,700
Fairmount Civil Town	\$ 11,320
Fowlerton Civil Town	\$ 100
Jonesboro Civil City	\$ 60,000
Matthews Civil Town	\$ 1,000
Swayzee Civil Town	\$ 9,470
Sweetser Civil town	\$ 7,600
Upland Civil Town	\$ 6,410
Van Buren Civil Town	\$ 5,340
Eastbrook Community School Corp.	\$ 40,380
Madison-Grant United School Corp.	\$ 25,040

Mississinewa Community School Corp.	\$ 358,380
Marion Community School Corp.	\$ 2,399,710
Oak Hill United School Corp.	\$ 320,720
Fairmount Public Library	\$ 700
Gas City-Mill Township Public Library	\$ 46,800
Jonesboro Public Library	\$ 8,700
Marion Public Library	\$ 489,200
Matthews Public Library	\$ 60
Swayzee Public Library	\$ 5,200
Barton-Rees-Pogue Memorial Library	\$ 680
Van Buren Public Library	\$ 760

B. County Health Department-Health Officer David Moore is asking to transfer \$12,000 (fund 1168) from Part-time to Nurse Salary. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Health Officer Moore is also asking for a salary ordinance amendment for a grant award. These funds would be used to hire 2 part-time medical staff, with an hourly rate at \$16 to \$22 per hour. Councilman Conner moved to approve as presented. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 4-3.

C. County Commissioners-Commissioner Mark Bardsley is asking to transfer \$4,000 from Soldier Burial to Equipment and \$3,000 from Publications to Supplies. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Bardsley is asking for an additional appropriation of \$10,000 for Soil and Water Conservation. Councilman Conner moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-1.

Commissioner Bardsley is also asking for an additional appropriation in the CCD fund in the amount of \$22,000 and in the Prosecuting Attorney Equipment fund in the amount of \$44,000. Councilman Roorbach moved to approve \$22,000 in the CCD fund and \$22,000 in the Prosecutors fund. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Bardsley presented a summary of the Central Dispatch building repair from Pyramid Consulting. In the summary the exterior project total cost is \$900,000, the interior project total cost is \$1,600,000. After much discussion Council asked Commissioner Bardsley to come back for the September meeting with more information concerning the use of ARP (American Rescue Plan) money to see what if any of it can be used.

8. Old Business

A. County Health Department- action taken in item B. under new business.

B. County Commissioners- action taken in item C. under new business.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Committee Reports-None

Future Meeting Dates:

Public Hearing-202 Budget

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10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.