

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
December 15, 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 December 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

President Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Prayer

Charlie Myers led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Middlesworth led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

NOTE: Seven (7) members were present in person.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes from the regular session October 20, 2021. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes from the regular session November 17, 2021. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed he sent each member his notes on the Auditor's report and we are in good shape financially. Auditor McWhirt noted in January we would have a new insurance carrier, UHC (United Health Care). Our budget has been approved by the DLGF.

New Business

A. County Sheriff Department Union Contract-Council Attorney Phil Stephenson expressed the Jailers received a 6% raise and the other employees received 2000.00, this is a 3 year contract. Council Conner made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

B. Fairmount Public Library-President Middlesworth expressed we would leave this open to the public like he have done with the appointments we received last month. This will be open to the public until January 10, 2022.

C. County Coroner- Coroner Stephen Dorsey is asking for the following transfers...

From Telephone to Equipment: \$43.43

From Medical & Photo Supplies to Part time: \$241.90

From Dues & Subscriptions to Part time: \$25.00

From Telephone to Autopsy, Lab & Transport: \$556.54

From Supplies to Autopsy, Lab & Transport: \$955.90

From Travel & Conference to Autopsy, Lab & Transport: \$1,900.00

Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

D. Emergency Medical Services-Dawn Harness is asking for the following transfers:

From ALS Reimbursement to Garage & Motors: \$15,000.00

From Training to Equipment: \$5,000.00

Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

E. Emergency Management Agency-Bob Jackson is asking for a transfer in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Garage & Motors to Supplies. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

F. County Highway Department-Superintendent David White is asking for the following transfers...

Cumulative Bridge 1135

\$55,000 from Bridge #728 to Bridge Inspection

\$15,000 from Bridge #789 to Bridge Inspection

\$20,000 from Bridge #39 to Bridge Inspection

MVH 1176

\$2,200 from Single Hand to Rental of Uniforms

\$2,500 from Single Hand to Gas, Oil, & Lubricants

\$1,300 from Single Hand to Radios

Recycle

\$4,300 from Contractual Services to Part time

\$5.00 from Gas Oil & Lube to Life Insurance

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

G. County Recorder- Recorder Kathy Foy is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$45,000. Councilman Poling made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

H. County Commissioners-Commissioner Mark Bardsley is asking for the following transfers...

From SS/Medicare to Supplies \$550.00
From SS/Medicare to Janitor Cont. \$100.00
From SS/Medicare to Trash Removal \$3,000.00

Commissioner Bardsley is not present, Councilman Conner made a motion to suspend the rule and vote; motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Poling made a motion to approve the transfers as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

I. County Auditor-Auditor Jim McWhirt is asking for the following transfers...

General Fund-County Auditor

\$1,300.00 from Codify to Software Support.

Auditors Ineligible Deductions Fund (1216)

\$250.00 from Contractual Services to Dues & Subscriptions

County 911 Fund (1222)

\$96,500.00 from Building Renovations to Dues & Subscriptions

\$13,500.00 from Building Renovations to Equipment

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

J. 2022 Salary Ordinance-Auditor Jim McWhirt presented Ordinance #1-2021 the Salary ordinance for 2022. Councilman Scott moved to approve Ordinance #1-2021 as presented. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

K. Correctional Services-Melissa Stephenson is asking for approval of a potential continuance of the Pretrial Grant Award fun #9145. Councilman Leming moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

L. Converse Library-The re-appointment of David Durkes term needs to be fixed to end in 2025 instead of 2024. Councilman Conner made a motion to correct the term to 2025 from 2024. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

President Middlesworth opened a position on the Converse Public library board to the public until January 10, 2022.

7. Old Business

A. Marion Public Library-Councilman Leming made a motion to appoint Cindy Ketchem to a 4 year term to the Marion Public Library. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-1.

B. Jonesboro Public Library-Councilman Scott made a motion to appoint Norma Davis to the Jonesboro Public Library. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

C. County Area Plan Commission-Councilman Conner made a motion to accept the resignation of Bob Monroe and appoint Jared Florence to the Area Plan Commission. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

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

Future Meeting Dates: January 19, 2022.

9. Adjournment

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