

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
April 20, 2022**

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 April 20, 2022, 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

Jason Camery led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Scott led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

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

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes from the regular session March 16, 2022. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Conner moved to approve the minutes from the Executive Session March 16, 2022. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor McWhirt sent his report to the Council members. Auditor McWhirt expressed it is very routine and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

New Business

A. County Assessor-Rhonda Wylie is not present but is asking to transfer \$500 from Contractual Services to Postage. Councilman Scott made a motion to suspend the rule and act on the transfer request. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

B. County Area Plan Commission- Ryan Malott is asking to transfer \$500 from Dues & Subscriptions to Photo, Blueprints & Legals. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 7-0.

Ryan Malott is also asking to use the remainder of the Unsafe Building Fund (\$68,500). Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

C. County Coroner-Stephen Dorsey is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 to cover the Autopsy, Laboratory and Transports account. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve the request. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 7-0.

D. County Emergency Management Agency- Bob Jackson is asking for a \$30,000 additional appropriation for the Equipment account. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 7-0.

E. County Highway-David White is asking for the following additional appropriations:

- MVH 1176- \$75,000 in Garage & Motor
 - \$ 3,000 in Buy Out Days
- MVH 1173 \$1,600,000.00 in Bituminous
 - \$ 100,000.00 in Stone & Gravel
- Cumulative Bridge 1135
 - \$ 125,000.00 in Repair & Maintenance
- Local Road & Street 1169
 - \$240,000.00 in Paving

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

F. County Clerk-Pam Harris is asking for a salary ordinance amendment and some staff changes, effective April 25, 2022. After some discussion Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

G. County Auditor-Jim McWhirt is asking for an additional appropriation in the ARP fund, in the amount of 2,500,000. This is the amount going to the Gas City Performing Arts Center. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Jim McWhirt is also asking for a salary ordinance amendment of \$200 effective on April 25, 2022. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

7. Old Business

A. County IT Department-Marcus Elliott presented lease purchase proposals, for the recent "Data Center/Network refresh". Director Elliott's choice is American Financial Services. The equipment cost is \$334,586.00, lease term is 5 years with a \$1 buyout, the

payment will be \$71,585/yr. at 3.490%. Councilman Scott made a motion for Director Elliott to move forward with the purchase proposal from American Financial Services. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 7-0.

B. County Commissioners-Mark Bardsley is asking for additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 for the facilities condition assessment & asset planning services. After some discussion, Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as presented. There was not a second, motion dies.

Commissioner Bardsley expressed he has a court order to remove a pipe from a creek on Bock Road. This pertains to the Drainage Board and the cost is \$225,000 from Redman Excavating. Commissioner Bardsley will bring the appropriation to next months meeting (5-8-22). After some discussion, Councilman Conner made a motion to proceed with additional appropriation next month. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 5-2.

8. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Committee Reports-Councilman Roorbach expressed he attended the Indiana Associate of Counties meeting.

Future Meeting Dates: May 18, 2022.

9. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.