

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
September 21, 2022**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday September 21, 2022, 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

Councilman Conner led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Hix led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Scott moved to approve minutes from the regular session for August 10, 2022, and Budget Hearings sessions August 17, 18, 24, and 25, 2022. Second by Councilman Hix. Motion carried 4-1 (Councilman Conner abstain for 8-25-2022).

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 no questions from Council.

New Business

A. County Sheriff Department-Sheriff Reggie Nevels is asking to transfer \$51,444.59 from Misdemeanant Fund to Sheriff Work Crew Salaries. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

B. County Prosecutor-Evan Hammond is asking to transfer \$3,900 from Telephone to Equipment. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

C. County Emergency Management Agency- Director Bob Jackson is asking to transfer \$940.00 from Dues and Subscriptions to Equipment. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 5-0.

D. County Highway Department-Superintendent White is asking for the following transfers: Cum. Bridge 1135: \$25,000 from Bridge Inspection to Culvert Pipe & Tile
\$75,000 from Bridge Inspection to Repair & Maintenance
\$25,000 from Bridge #254 to Contractual Services
MVH 1173: \$72,000 from Bituminous to Equipment
\$50,000 from Bituminous to Gas, Oil & Lubricant
MVH 1176: \$680.00 from Calcium Chloride to CDL Alcohol & Drug
Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent White expressed the Highway department is applying for a Recycle Center grant through the Indiana Department of Environmental Management office. This grant is up to \$100,000 and is a 50/50 matching grant. We are trying to replace our recycle center building. Superintendent White has received permission from the Commissioners and is asking Council to sign off for financial support as well. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 5-0.

E. Central Dispatch-Director Kevin Hicks is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 for the contractual account. Councilman Hix made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 5-0.

F. County Recorder-Kathy Foy is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$60,000 for the service agreement account. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

G. County Emergency Medical Services-Director Duaine Ashcraft is asking for approval of financing for the proposed purchase of 4 ambulances per purchase agreement approved contingent upon the approve of financing by this Council. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 4-1.

8. Old Business

A. 2023 Budget- Auditor Jim McWhirt gave Council members a printout of outstanding budget issues to look over and be ready to discuss at the October 5th Special Session meeting.

B. Superior Court II-Magistrate Brian McLane is asking for an additional appropriation in the Title IV-D fund (salaries)in the amount of \$946.00 and the Superior Court II general fund (salaries) in the amount of \$1,419.00. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 5-0.

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

Future Meeting Dates:

Special Meeting-Wednesday October 5, 2021—2023 County Budget Matters

Regular Council Meeting Wednesday October 19, 2022

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.