

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
October 5, 2022**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday October 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

President Middlesworth called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Prayer

Councilman Roorbach led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Scott led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

5. New Business

A. County Sheriff Department Union Contract-Councilman Scott expressed each member had a copy of the signed agreement between Grant County and the Sheriff's union. We were able to provide an 8% increase in base pay for various units within the department. Also, we were able to address administratively differences in pay, hopefully giving our veteran guys an opportunity to stay involved with the department and to attract qualified candidates to the Sheriff's department. Council Attorney Phil Stephenson stated this still needs the Sheriff's and Commissioners approval. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the Union Contract as follows: An 8% pay increase in base pay, increase the base year in longevity to 2021. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Note: See attached document.

6. Old Business

County Emergency Medical Services-Duaine Ashcraft is asking for approval for the Ambulance purchase. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the lease agreement between the County and Crossroad Bank at the stated interest rate of 4.42%. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 7-0.

B. 2023 BUDGET-President Middlesworth expressed he was giving his thoughts on raises for County employees first, I don't have anything in mind at this time. If we can decide on a percentage upfront, we could narrow down some of these outstanding issues we have. Auditor Jim McWhirt expressed he did some figuring to show what a raise of 7% would cost. If we gave the 7% to county employees across the board and the 8% you

gave the Sheriff's department would cost the county roughly \$930,000. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve a 7% increase in salaries for non-mandated and non-union employees of Grant County excluding the Highway department. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 6-1.

President Middlesworth read though the remaining outstanding budget issues as follows:

County Sheriff-The additional Civilian Lt. position that was added to the 2022 salary ordinance needs to be added to the 2023 budgeted positions if we wish to maintain it. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the second Civilian Lt. position be added to the 2023 budgeted positions. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

County Coroner-Is requesting an increase in the appropriation for part-time clerical position from \$3,085 to \$4,700. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

County Prosecutor-is requesting the deputy prosecutor positions be uniform in pay and the salaries of various positions in the department to be paid from the general fund. Councilman Conner made a motion to remove the 7% raise be removed from the Prosecutors and approve what is being requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion did not pass 3-4. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve 7% raise, anything below \$60,000.00 be brought up to \$60,000.00. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the fund salaries be paid as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

Area Plan Commission-has requested the part-time Code Enforcement Secretary be moved to a full-time position with a salary of \$28,000. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion did not pass 3-4.

Emergency Medical Services-has requested an increase in overtime appropriation from \$0 to \$2,000 and requesting \$218,846 for part-time drivers account. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Roorbach; motion carried 7-0.

County Auditor-has requested the salaries of the two Billing Deputy positions be equal, this will require an increase of \$200 for one of them. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 7-0.

Health Fund-has requested an additional full-time nurse with a salary of \$42,220 and appropriate \$27,900 in the Local Health Department Trust Account Fund for a part-time nurse. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the appropriation for the part-time nurse. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-1.

Local Health Maintenance Fund-has requested an increase in the appropriation for part-time Environmental Specialist from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-1.

Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund-has requested a decrease in the appropriation for part-time from \$19,198 to \$1,000. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

Reassessment Fund-has requested that Shannon Correa's salary increase include an extra \$1,377 to bring her salary in line with other real property staff members. Councilman Roorbach made a motion to approve. This motion dies due to lack of a second.

Cumulative Capital Development Fund-the approved fund budget is \$390,000 which includes \$6,000 for supplies, supplies wouldn't normally be purchased using this fund. Councilman Conner made a motion to move the \$6,000 to the ambulance line. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 7-0.

Health Insurance Fund-Approved total fund budget \$7,000,000. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve \$17,000 per employee contribution for health insurance and approve the funding schedule as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

Supplemental Juvenile Probation Services Fund-has requested a reduction in overtime appropriation from \$5,733 to \$5,000. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Motor Vehicle Highway Fund-Superintendent White has requested a change in the base year for longevity pay from 2018 to 2022. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the base year for longevity for the Highway Department to 2021. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent White also requested the following: an increase in Longevity Pay appropriation from \$47,000 to \$57,151, an increase in Overtime appropriation from \$51,000 to \$53,219, an increase in Buy Out Days appropriation from \$7,500 to \$10,000 and an increase in Rental of Uniforms appropriation from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

Recycle Fund-Superintendent White has requested an increase in part-time appropriation from \$18,171 to \$20,000, a change in the base year for longevity pay from 2018 to 2022, and an increase in longevity pay appropriation from \$1,411 to \$1,776. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested except longevity pay to be at the 2021 level. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

County 911 Fund-has requested an increase for the Asst. Director (1222 fund) and employees getting longevity in 4922 fund. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve longevity to the 2021 level in the 1222 fund and the 4922 fund. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Director Hicks has requested an increase in appropriations for Longevity from \$4,000 to \$4,4100 and Overtime from \$5,250 to \$6,000. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Central Dispatch Operations Fund-has requested changes in appropriations for Overtime/Part-time from \$100,000 to \$108,750 and Longevity from \$25,000 to \$23,000 and Holiday Pay from \$11,550 to \$12,600. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the overtime to 7%, Longevity to \$23,000 and Holiday to \$12,600. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

The next Council meeting will be held Wednesday October 19 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.