

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 19, 2023**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday July 19, 2023, 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

Council Attorney Nathan Meeks led prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Leming led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Frank Hix, Mark Leming, Chuck Poling, Jonathan Perez, and Mike Scott. Councilman Mike Conner was absent. Also present were Council Attorney Nathan Meeks, Auditor Angela Jarvis, Chief Deputy Auditor Cori Anderson, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Perez made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular session on June 21, 2023. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Angie Jarvis expressed the general fund and health fund are in great shape. We submitted the resolution and ordinance to the DLGF, and I am still waiting on a reply from them.

New Business

A. Grant County Sheriff Department-Jay Kay is asking for the following appropriations:

\$150,000.00 for Contractual Meals

\$30,000.00 for Part-time Salaries

Councilman Perez made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

B. Grant County Highway-David White is asking for additional funds for summer projects in the amount of \$500,000.00 (Wheel Tax). Councilman Perez made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

David White is asking for the following transfers:

\$185,000.00 from Bridge #138 to Bridge #16

\$70,000.00 from Bridge #138 to Contractual Services

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

C. Grant County Commissioners-Commissioner Bardsley expressed this project started last year with our initial reports starting at the end of March of this year. We have been working into the summer to get this final product. Commissioner Bardsley introduced Dale Davis from Envoy. Mr. Davis expressed with DLZ and Halstead Architects we have looked at the county owned buildings to see what it is going to take to perform necessary maintenance and to look at the long-term life span. Eric Ratts from DLZ is here to walk us through their findings. Eric Ratts presented handouts to Council members and gave a presentation on the monitors. Mr. Ratts explained the assessment that was done at the jail. After the presentation Council members asked questions and discussion ensued. During public comment Ryan Howell 2909 Branson Street spoke about people staying out of jail and building strong families. Ed Hartman, Fairmount, expressed one thing some businesses do when they expand, they have a plan to make the next expansion. If you're looking at, what do we need now, 10 years from now, 20 years from now you don't have to build it on the first time. Plan so the building can be expanded. Do what you can afford.

D. Grant County Extension-Kris Goff is asking for the following transfers:

\$325.00 from Equipment repair to Overtime

\$850.00 from Supplies to Overtime

Councilman Perez made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

E. Grant County Auditor-Angela Jarvis is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,000.00 from the Ineligible Homestead fund. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

8. Old Business

A. Grant County Commissioners-Council President Shane Middlesworth expressed this is an additional appropriation withing the ARPA funds from last month. This is the second reading for this item.

Commissioner Bardsley is asking the Mill Township request to be removed from the current request and the other 3 items to move forward. Councilman Perez made a motion to approve the airport sewer/water project, the drainage projects, and the jail/annex chiller project. No second, motion dies

Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the jail/annex chiller and boiler project at \$1,300,000.00. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve the drainage projects for general drain improvement fund in the amount of \$200,000.00. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Perez made a motion to approve the airport sewer/water project in the amount of \$500,000.00. No second, motion dies.

B. Grant County Clerk-Clerk Pam Harris is back for the second reading of the salary ordinance amendment from last month. Councilman Perez made a motion to approve the second reading as presented. Second by Councilman Hix; motion does not carry 2-4.

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as presented by reduce the Chief Deputy to \$43,045.00 effective July 31, 2023. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 5-1. Needs to come back next meeting for a second reading.

C. Grant County Court Services-Melissa Stephenson present the Court Services budget from last months approval of the Opioid restricted fund a total of \$701,270.00. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as presented. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

D. IT-Marcus Elliott is here for the second reading of an additional appropriation of \$50,000.00. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as presented. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 4-2.

E. Grant County Health Department-Tara Street is asking for a salary ordinance amendment in the Preparedness Grant and to be retro active to July 1st, 2023, from last months approve of the grant. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Councilman Scott stated we met with one member of the union negotiating team from the Grant County Sheriff's Department. It went extremely well; they made a presentation of what they would like to see added for the 2024 budget. We will meet and negotiate on our end to give something back to the Sheriff's Union towards the end of August.

10. Public Comment

None.

Future Meeting Dates:

Regular Session: August 9th

Budget Hearings: August 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th

11. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.