

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 9, 2023**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday August 9, 2023, 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

Nathan Meeks 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 Scott, and Chuck Poling. Councilmen Mike Conner and Jonathan Perez were absent. Also present were Auditor Angela Jarvis, Chief Deputy Auditor Cori Anderson, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens and Council Attorney Nathan Meeks.

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Scott moved to approve minutes from the regular session for July 19, 2023. Second by Councilman Leming. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Angela Jarvis expressed she sent each member the Auditor's report and unless there were any questions, she did not have much to report. There were not questions from Council.

New Business

A. Review of Estimated Property Tax Levy Limits and Circuit Breaker Losses-

President Middlesworth expressed he would read through the Calculation of Estimated Maximum Levy for budget year 2024 as follows:

Grant County	Civil: \$19,448,271
Center Township	Fire: \$135,971 Civil: \$292,866
Fairmount Township	Fire: \$51,508 Civil: \$29,152
Franklin Township	Fire: \$26,598 Civil: \$167,435

Green Township	Fire: \$45,623 Civil: \$8,011
Jefferson Township	Fire: \$59,018 Civil: \$42,373
Liberty Township	Fire: \$30,318 Civil: \$13,905
Mill Township	Fire: \$69,170 Civil: \$211,709
Monroe Township	Fire: \$17,093 Civil: \$18,589
Pleasant Township	Fire: \$29,745 Civil: \$50,877
Richland Township	Fire: \$16,410 Civil: \$25,165
Sims Township	Fire: \$10,411 Civil: \$57,618
Van Buren Township	Fire: \$24,077 Civil: \$32,930
Washington Township	Fire: \$82,952 Civil: 49,293
Marion Civil City	Civil: \$22,984,561
Gas City Civil City	Civil: \$1,684,894
Fairmount Civil Town	Civil: \$961,657
Fowlerton Civil Town	Civil: \$40,310
Jonesboro Civil City	Civil: \$446,446
Matthews Civil Town	Civil: \$158,211
Swayzee Civil Town	Civil: \$219,165
Sweetser Civil Town	Civil: \$173,455
Upland Civil Town	Civil: \$446,762

Van Buren Civil Town	Civil: \$377,389
Eastbrook Comm. Schools	SO: \$2,500,970
Madison Grant Schools	SO: \$3,291,928
Mississinewa Comm. Schools	SO: \$2,412,224
Marion Comm. Schools	SO: \$8,766,205
Oak Hill United Schools	SO: \$2,499,258
Fairmount Public Library	Civil: \$94,629
Gas City/Mill Township Public Library	Civil: \$570,213
Jonesboro Public Library	Civil: \$64,911
Marion Public Library	Civil: \$1,976,347
Matthews Public Library	Civil: \$9,901
Swayzee Public Library	Civil: \$77,556
Barton-Rees-Pogue Memorial Library	Civil: \$58,749
Van Buren Public Library	Civil: \$129,789

President Middlesworth read the second part of the review, the 2024 estimates of property tax caps by unit. The 2024 Estimated Property Tax Circuit Breaker Impacts are as follows:

Grant County	\$2,405,000
Center Township	\$64,200
Fairmount Township	\$270
Franklin Township	\$38,000
Green Township	\$40
Jefferson Township	\$430
Liberty Township	\$30
Mill Township	\$21,300

Monroe Township	\$510
Pleasant Township	\$7,900
Richland Township	\$2,000
Sims Township	\$4,400
Van Buren Township	\$200
Washington Township	\$4,300
Marion Civil City	\$6,823,000
Gas City Civil City	\$155,600
Fairmount Civil Town	\$24,600
Fowlerton Civil Town	\$530
Jonesboro Civil City	\$66,600
Matthews Civil Town	\$3,800
Swayzee Civil Town	\$13,800
Sweetser Civil town	\$9,900
Upland Civil Town	\$7,900
Van Buren Civil Town	\$7,000
Eastbrook Community School Corp.	\$57,100
Madison-Grant United School Corp.	\$47,400
Mississinewa Community School Corp.	\$379,200
Marion Community School Corp.	\$2,796,000
Oak Hill United School Corp.	\$421,500
Fairmount Public Library	\$1,400
Gas City-Mill Township Public Library	\$47,100
Jonesboro Public Library	\$9,700

Marion Public Library	\$569,700
Matthews Public Library	\$240
Swayzee Public Library	\$5,900
Barton-Rees-Pogue Memorial Library	\$830
Van Buren Public Library	\$960

B. Local Income Tax Structure-President Middlesworth and Auditor Angie Jarvis explained the Local Income Tax Structure process. President Middlesworth read the numbers as follows: Cagit/Coit (Shares) 1.300%

- Cedit 0.250%
- Special Purpose 0.000%
- EMS 0.000%
- Lit Public Safety 0.050%
- PSAP (911) 0.200%
- Lit (Property Tax Relief) 1.0000%
- Lit Operating Levy Freeze 0.000%
- Lit Correctional/Rehab 0.000%
- TOTAL 2.5500%

President Middlesworth opened the public hearing. Deb Cane Center Township Trustee spoke about the money lost is less money she has to help her clients. Jeff Duncan Sims Township Trustee spoke about the money lost was a big chunk from his fire department. President Middlesworth closed the public hearing. President Middlesworth read Ordinance #23-2023 and Resolution #2-2023. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve Resolution #2-2023. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 5-0. After some discussion President Middlesworth recessed the meeting for Auditor Jarvis to make copies of the correct Ordinance and Resolution.

President Middlesworth reconvened the meeting.

Councilman Leming made a motion to approve Resolution #3-2023 to supersede Resolution #2-2023. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve Ordinance #2-2023. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

C. County Highway Department-Superintendent David White is asking for the following transfers: \$1,200.00 from Calcium Chloride to Office Supplies

\$600.00 from Calcium Chloride to Travel & Conference

\$30,000.00 from Calcium Chloride to Contractual Services

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 5-0.

D. Grant County Auditor-Auditor Angela Jarvis is asking to transfer \$685.00 from Supplies to Repair of Equipment. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 5-0.

8. Old Business

Grant County Clerk-Clerk Pam Harris is back for a second reading of the following:

Amend the salary ordinance

Do away with the Judgement Clerk position and split the salary as follows:

Chief Deputy \$4,000.00

All other employees \$2,000.00

Effective July 31, 2023.

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 4-1.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Committee Reports-None

Future Meeting Dates:

Public Hearing-2024 Budget

August 16, 17, 23, 24

Regular Meeting September 20, 2023

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.