

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
January 17, 2024**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday January 17, 2024, 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 Leming led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jarvis expressed you have the same information you get every month, your county general report and your health insurance report, if you have any questions. There were no questions.

6. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2023, regular session. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

New Business

A. Election of County Officers-Shane Middlesworth opened the nominations for President. Councilman Poling made a nomination for Shane Middlesworth as President. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 5-1 (Shane Middlesworth abstained).

Councilman Scott made a nomination for Mark Leming as Vice President. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 5-1 (Mark Leming abstained).

B. Grant County Recorder-Recorder Kathy Foy is requesting to amend her part time salary ordinance. Recorder Foy would like to raise the rate of pay to \$17.00 per hour, retroactive to January 15, 2024. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested with the difference made from the Perpetuation fund. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

C. Grant County Commissioners-Commissioner Steve Wright expressed I have Conner Sullivan to help talk about the ARPA funds (#8950), the additional 10 million to lost revenue. Conner Sullivan explained the ARPA funds process. Mr. Sullivan stated this will need to be appropriated by December 31, 2024, and spend by December 31, 2026. If this is not done correctly the money will be lost. After some discussion Council agreed to Councilman Scott being on the committee with the Commissioners for the ARPA funds. Councilman Leming made a motion to table this request until the February 21, 2024, council meeting. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Wright is requesting to put the \$518,090.00 insurance reimbursement from the Ems fire into Repair Building & Structure from the General Fund. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

D. Grant County Health Department-Tara Street is requesting a salary ordinance amendment in fund 1161 to pay the nurses \$24.00 per hour. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

E. Grant County Court Services-Melissa Stephenson stated we were awarded a second grant for the Problem-Solving Court Veterans Court in the amount of \$524.00. Mrs. Stephenson explained all that goes with this grant and is requesting a salary amendment in the amount of \$1,250.00 and everything included for a total of \$5,924.00 from this grant making the stipend retroactive to January 1, 2024. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

Melissa Stephenson also expressed we have two grant awards that have been provided to plan and implement a mental health court in Grant County. Mrs. Stephenson explained about the grants. The totals for each grant are as follows.

SAMHSA	\$88,907.00 for 2024
IOCS	\$5,454.00 for 2024

This is a 5-year grant. The entire funding for the SAMHSA grant is as follows.

1-	\$315,000
2-	\$280,226
3-	\$329,771
4-	\$328,714
5-	\$329,949

Melissa Stephenson is requesting to amend the salary ordinance to include the Mental Health Coordinator Probation Officer position within Court Services in the amount of \$57,770.00 and \$2,000.00 for the Office Manager which will be paid out of identified grant funds. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

F. Grant County Auditor-Auditor Angie Jarvis is requesting an additional appropriation in the Public Defenders 2024 budget in the amount of \$13,000.00. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

Discussion ensued concerning grant paid positions. Auditor Jarvis will put together a spread sheet showing what positions are funded with grants for the Council members.

President Middlesworth expressed we need to appoint a member to the Economic Development Commissioner. Mr. Poling has requested to be on that board. Councilman Conner made a motion to appoint Chuck Poling to the EDC board. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 5-1 (Poling abstain).

President Middlesworth read through the committee assignments as follows:

Growth Council: Jonathan Perez

EMA Advisory: Frank Hix

Area Plan: Frank Hix

Nomination Committee: Mark Leming, Shane Middlesworth, Mike Scott

Union Negotiation: Shane Middlesworth, Mike Scott, Chuck Poling

Legislative Liaison: Mike Conner

Community Corrections: Chuck Poling

ARPA Committee: Mike Scott, Mike Conner, Mark Leming

We have the Alcohol and Tobacco board we will do at the next meeting. Anyone willing to serve will need to send their application to the Auditors Office by February 12, 2024.

President Middlesworth expressed you have a paper at your seat that has all the meeting dates for the year. The June meeting will be June 12, 2024, due to the holiday on the 19th, our normal meeting day. Councilman Conner made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2024. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion **Committee Reports**

Future Meeting Dates:

Regular meeting-Wednesday February 21, 2024.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.