

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
March 20, 2024**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday March 20, 2024, 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

Council Attorney Nathan Meeks led the prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Hix led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance were Council members Shane Middlesworth, Frank Hix, Mark Leming, Mike Conner, Jonathon Perez, and Chuck Poling. Councilman Mike Scott was absent. Also, present were Auditor Angela Jarvis, Chief Deputy Auditor Cori Anderson, 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, are there any questions? There were no questions.

6. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Perez made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2024, regular session. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

New Business

A. Grant County Sheriff-Sheriff Garcia was not present. Councilman Conner made a motion to table this item until the April 17, 2024, meeting. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

B. Grant County Highway-Superintendent David White is asking for the following appropriations: Wheel Tax \$7000,000.00 for summer paving.

Local Rd & St.\$2000,000.00 for summer paving.

MVH Restrict. \$450,000.00 for summer chip seal.

MVH \$2,000.00 Foreman's cell phone stipend.

Councilman Leming moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Poling; motion carried 6-0.

C. Grant County E-911/Central Dispatch-Director Kevin Hicks is asking for an additional appropriation in the Contractual account in the amount of \$60,000.00.

Councilman Leming moved to approve as presented. Second by Councilman Perez; motion carried 6-0.

D. Grant County Commissioners-Tabled until the April 17, 2024, meeting.

E. Gas City-Mill Township Public Library Board-President Middlesworth expressed the Gas City Mill Township Library is asking to reappoint Tim Luckey. We need to advertise this and make our recommendation at the next meeting.

F. Grant County Auditor-Angie Jarvis is asking to do a fund-to-fund transfer in the amount of \$1,408.23 to be transferred from the General fund and distributed as follows:

\$37.30 to the CARES Provider Relief fund #8900

\$1,370.93 to the DOC 1006 Grant fund #9104

These transfers will bring both funds up to a zero balance. Councilman Perez moved to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Conner; motion carried 6-0.

G. Grant County Council-President Middlesworth expressed the county has been involved with ECI for several years, currently the county pays everyone but Marion's share, Marion has not been a player for some time. I am asking the Council for support, the payment is based on per capita, the total is \$8,453.10, if we could advertise this as an additional appropriation for the next meeting to be able to pay the dues to ECI.

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

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Committee Reports-Councilman Perez spoke about House Bill 1121 and the special purpose funds.

Michael Due spoke about section 12 of House Bill 1121.

President Middlesworth expressed concern about the BOT agreement the Commissioners approved.

Discussion ensued.

Jim McWhirt spoke about House Bill 1121.

Harold King spoke about House Bill 1121.

Councilman Conner spoke about action taken against Area Plan Director Ryan Malott.

Discussion ensued with Randy Atkins.

Future Meeting Dates:

Regular meeting-Wednesday April 17, 2024.

10. Adjournment

President Middlesworth adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.