

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 16, 2025**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday July 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

President Kitts called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Prayer

Councilman Greg Brankle led the prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Greg Brankle led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

In attendance were Council members Greg Kitts, Frank Hix, Mark Leming, Gregory Brankle, Jim McWhirt, Mike Scott and Aaron Caudell. Also, present were Auditor Angela Jarvis, Council Attorney David Glickfield, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

5. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jarvis stated you have a copy of the usual monthly reports.

6. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Caudell made a motion to approve the June 4, 2025, special session minutes as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0 (1 abstention).

Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the June 18, 2025, minutes as presented. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

7. New Business

A. Grant County Clerk-Pam Harris is requesting a transfer of \$4,845.00 from equipment to part-time in the Clerk's perpetuation fund (1119). Councilman Brankle made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

B. Grant County Public Defender-Bruce Elliott is requesting a salary ordinance amendment in the amount of \$55,000.00. This will be split between two Public Defenders, \$27,500.00 each. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as presented effective July 14, 2025, Second by Councilman Caudell; motion carried 7-0.

C. Grant County Probation-Melissa Stephenson is asking for a replacement of a vacancy. This is for a Juvenile Probation Officer. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Brankle; motion carried 7-0.

D. Grant County Community Corrections-Chris Cunningham is asking for a salary ordinance amendment in fund 9101, to correct salary amounts for 2 employees from \$77,561 to \$77,828. A second salary ordinance from fund 9130 for training stipends in the amount of \$7,500.00. Councilman McWhirt made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

E. Grant County Central Dispatch-Kevin Hicks is asking to transfer \$5,000.00 from training & education to overtime in the E-911 fund (1222). Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

F. Grant County Commissioners-Beth Winters is requesting the following transfers in the General fund:

- \$25,000 from Copier & Printers to Pictometry
- \$15,750 from Animal Shelter to Pictometry
- \$4,205.09 from Animal Shelter to Supplies
- \$989.375 from Animal Shelter to Promotional
- \$543.71 from Animal Shelter to Institutions
- \$4,596.77 from Animal Shelter to Vehicle Insurance

Councilman Brankle made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

G. Upland Public Library Board Appointment-Council President Greg Kitts stated this will need to be advertised and we will put this on the August agenda.

8. Old Business

A. Grant County Council-LIT Discussion & Ordinance Review-Attorney David Glickfield expressed I prepared this ordinance for your preview; you can see the existing LIT rate and what the purpose LIT rate was. The only change is adding potentially to the correctional rehabilitation facility of .2, which raises the rate to 2.75%. I believe this is ready to send to the DLGF. Councilman McWhirt made a motion for Auditor Jarvis to send the LIT ordinance to the DLGF for review. Second by Councilman Caudell; motion carried 7-0.

Michael Duke expressed that .2 is a tax increase. Please give consideration of the burden on the citizens of the county.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Councilman Leming stated Mr. Hix, and I attended the Redevelopment Commission meeting. They are looking into organizing the bylaws and looking into a couple different locations.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular meeting-Wednesday August 13, 2025.

Budget Hearings-Wednesday August 20, 2025

Thursday August 21, 2025

Wednesday August 27, 2025

Thursday August 28, 2025

10. Adjournment

President Kitts adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.