

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
October 15, 2025**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday October 15, 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 Brankle led the prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Brankle led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jarvis expressed I have nothing to report.

6. Approval of Minutes

None.

7. New Business

A. Grant County EMS- Director Dawn Harness is requesting the following additional appropriations: \$9,300.00 to full-time EMT Supervisors
\$15,000.00 to part-time EMT's
Total: \$24,300.00

Director Harness is requesting the following transfers:

\$11,400.00 from Certified Biller/Coder to part-time EMT
\$4,400.00 from Medical Director to part-time EMT
\$3,000.00 from Garage & Motors to Supervisor overtime

Total: \$18,900.00

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

B. Grant County Highway- Superintendent David White is requesting to fill two positions. One Truck Driver position and a Road Foremen position, I would like to move to a Truck Driver position, making it 2 truck driver positions. We would like to replace both Truck Driver positions. Councilman McWhirt made a motion to approve the replacement of positions and the salary ordinance amendment. Seconded by Councilman Caudell; motion carried 7-0.

C. Grant County Public Defender- Public Defender Bruce Elliott is requesting to hire a Trial PD and use funds that have already been approved in the 2025 budget. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Councilman McWhirt; motion carried 7-0.

D. Grant County Sheriff- Sheriff Garcia is requesting to transfer \$60,000.00 from Salaries to Special Deputies, and \$375.00 from Salaries to Merit Board. Sheriff Garcia is also asking to fill a Detective position. Councilman Brankle made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Councilman Hix; motion carried 7-0.

E. Grant County Community Corrections- Director Chris Cunningham (via Web-ex) is requested to fill a vacated grant funded Secretary position. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested effective October 20, 2025. Seconded by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

F. Grant County Area Plan- Director Todd Glancy is requesting to fill 2 vacancies, a part-time permit clerk and a Code Enforcement officer. Councilman Brankle made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

G. Grant County Central Dispatch- Director Kevin Hicks is requesting transferring \$30,000.00 from Salaries to Overtime. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Councilman Brankle; motion carried 7-0.

H. Ordinance Modifying Local Income Tax Rates- President Kitts opened the public hearing for the ordinance modifying local income tax rate to .2%. Ryan Howell, 2909 Branson, Marion spoke about the importance of law enforcement and public safety being a priority. Michael Duke, 5180 E 800 Marion, spoke about the new jail and the need to know the root cause. Bill Creech, 1409 Ironwood, Marion, spoke about being in favor with law enforcement and expressed to Council to get what you want for the base price for the jail. Karen Creech, spoke about the new jail and the juveniles needing to be here. Discussion ensued among Council members. Councilman McWhirt made a motion to approve ordinance #3-2025 to modify the Local Income Tax Rate from 2.55% to 2.75% by adding the Correctional & Rehabilitation Facility tax at .2%, effective 1-1-2026. Seconded by Councilman Caudell; motion carried 7-0.

8. Old Business

A. Adoption of 2026 Budgets- Attorney David Glickfield expressed the Sheriff Union contract is in order. Councilman McWhirt made a motion to approve the Sheriff Union contract. Seconded by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Brankle made a motion to approve the Election Board Personal Services for 2026. Seconded by Councilman Hix; motion carried 7-0.

Councilman McWhirt made a motion to approve all the budgets we have gone through in public meetings as listed on the DLGF form and the listing of all funds as prepared by the county Auditor. Seconded by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Committee Reports- Councilman Leming expressed the Redevelopment Committee is in the process of getting things set up.

Public Comment-None

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular meeting-Wednesday November 19,2025.

10. Adjournment

President Kitts adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.