

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
March 18, 2026**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday March 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Call to order

President Kitts called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Mark Leming, Aaron Caudell, Jim McWhirt, Greg Brankle and Mike Scott. Also present were County Attorney David Glickfield, Auditor Angela Jarvis, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

5. Auditor's Report

Auditor Jarvis expressed you have all the usual reports in your packet.

6. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Leming made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular session on February 18, 2026. Second by Councilman Caudell; motion carried 7-0.

7. New Business

A. Grant County Central Dispatch- Director Kevin Hicks is requesting to establish an account within the general fund to purchase necessary supplies not eligible through the 1222 State 911 fund. The amount requested for the fund is \$7,000.00. Councilman McWhirt made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

B. Grant County Area Plan- Director Todd Glancy is requesting to fill current open positions of Executive Administrative Assistant and Code Enforcement Officer and move the current Code Enforcement Secretary person to the Executive Administrative Secretary position. Making the Code Enforcement Secretary a Permit Clerk position. Councilman McWhirt made a motion approving to fill the vacancies by moving the current person in the Code Enforcement Secretary to the Executive Administrative Assistant position and fill the vacancies in the Code Enforcement Officer and Permit Clerk. With an effective date of March 23, 2026. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

C. Grant County EMS- Director Dawn Harness is requesting to transfer \$2,000.00 from Medical Director to Overtime and \$4,300.00 from Medical Director to Contractual

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

D. Grant County Prosecutor- Prosecutor Scott Hunt is requesting a transfer of \$201.38 from Supplies to Notary Fees. Councilman Caudell made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

E. Grant County EMA- Director Bob Jackson is seeking funding for vehicle replacement. Director Jackson submitted information on current vehicles in his fleet, showing mileage and year of vehicles. After some discussion Council expressed to Director Jackson to come back to the April meeting with a plan and a vehicle to purchase.

F. Grant County Probation- Chief Probation Officer Melissa Stephenson presented information on the implementation of a Pretrial Home Detention Program. Officer Stephenson and Sheriff Garcia are requesting approval to transfer \$200,000.00 from the Sheriff's budget to a newly created Community Corrections fund to support the implementation of a Pretrial Home Detention Program. A home rule fund may need to be created. After some discussion, Councilman McWhirt made a motion to approve advertising for the reduction, appropriation and the posting of the 2 positions that will be needed. Second by Councilman Caudell; motion carried 7-0.

G. Grant County Clerk- Clerk Pam Harris is requesting to fill a vacancy of 2nd Deputy in the Clerk's office. Councilman McWhirt made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Brankle; motion carried 7-0.

8. Old Business

A. Jail Discussion- Councilman Kitts went through the options for the jail and what was discussed at the joint session. After much discussion Councilman Greg Kitts took public comment (see public comment).

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion **Committee Reports-** None.

Public Comment- Cassi Moriarity, Marion, expressed to the Council to look at the studies of the jail that have already been done.

Dallas Street, Van Buren, spoke in favor of building a new jail.

Molly Earley spoke in favor of redoing the current jail.

Ed Bounds, Marion, spoke in favor of redoing the current jail.

June Brown, Sweetser, spoke in favor of redoing the current jail.

Mark Trader spoke in favor of redoing the current jail.

Ed Hartman, Fairmount, spoke in favor of redoing the current jail.

Todd Glancy spoke in favor of redoing the current jail.

Randy Atkins spoke about the programs working.

Tony Helfer spoke about a new jail being built by a school on Garthwaite Road.

Michael Duke spoke about a preventative maintenance program for the current jail.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular meeting-Wednesday April 15, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

President Kitts adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.