

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
April 15, 2026**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday April 15, 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, Greg Brankle and Mike Scott. Councilman Jim McWhirt was absent. Also present were County Attorney David Glickfield, Auditor Angela Jarvis, Chief Deputy Auditor Cori Anderson 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 Brankle made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular session on March 18, 2026. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

7. New Business

A. Grant County Prosecutor- Prosecutor Scott Hunt is requesting additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,000.00. Councilman Caudell made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

B. Grant County Highway- Superintendent David White is requesting a transfer in the amount of \$47,000.00. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Brankle; motion carried 6-0.

C. Grant County Civil Defense (EMA)- Director Bob Jackson is requesting an additional appropriation of \$68,322.00 for the cost of 3 vehicles. Councilman Brankle made a motion to approve option 2 as presented. Second by Councilman Hix; motion carried 5-1.

D. Grant County Probation- Director Melissa Stephenson is asking to fill a vacancy of a Juvenile Probation Officer. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Brankle; motion carried 6-0.

Director Stephenson presented the Pretrial Grant (\$268,531.00) and the Mental Health Court Grant (\$56,986.00). Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as presented. Second by Councilman Caudell; motion carried 6-0.

Director Stephenson is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$198,153.00 in the Pretrial Home Detention Program. Councilman Caudell made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

Director Stephenson is requesting a reduction in the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$200,000.00 to cover the Pretrial Home Detention Program. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 6-0.

E. Grant County Assessor- Assessor Rhonda Wylie (not present) is asking to transfer \$81.88 from Equipment to Postage. Councilman Brankle made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0.

F. Grant County Sheriff- Sheriff Del Garcia is asking to transfer \$6,000.00 from Salaries to create a new account titled Polygraph Testing. Councilman Leming made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Caudell; motion carried 6-0.

G. Grant County Auditor- Auditor Angie Jarvis is asking for the following additional appropriations in the General Fund: Developmental Center \$13,473.00

Mental Health \$40,527.00

Gas City Court \$25,000.00

Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Brankle; motion carried 6-0.

8. Old Business

A. Jail Discussion- Councilman Greg Kitts expressed his thoughts on the D-Home and the new jail. Councilman Kitts stated the D-Home is an unused asset and it would only take \$100,000.00 to clean.

Discussion ensued among the Council members.

Commissioner Chuck Poling spoke about his thoughts on remodeling the D-Home.

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

Public Comment- Michael Duke presented a document of information to the Council members. Mr. Duke spoke about BW's option 3 is incomplete, there is nothing about sanitary, water connections and ongoing maintenance costs.

Ed Hartman, Fairmount, spoke about how the Maintenance is managed. Mr. Hartman expressed the Maintenance crew could go to the D-Home and start working.

Randy Atkins, Fairmount, spoke about the condition of the mechanical conditions of the D-Home. Mr. Atkins stated it is bought and paid for and we have a need.

Alysha Street spoke about the D-Home housing female inmates. Mrs. Street expressed this was discussed in the June 2019 Council minutes. Reopen this for drug and mental health not housing inmates.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular meeting-Wednesday May 20, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

President Kitts adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.