

**GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 12, 2026**

The Grant County Council met in regular session on Wednesday August 12, 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 Caudell let in prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Caudell led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Brankle moved to approve minutes from the regular session for July 15, 2026. Second by Councilman Scott. Motion carried 7-0.

6. Auditor's Report

Auditor Angela Jarvis expressed she sent each member the Auditor's report and unless there were any questions, she did not have much to report. There were not questions from Council.

New Business

A. Review of Estimated Property Tax Levy Limits and Circuit Breaker Losses-

Councilman Jim McWhirt read through the Calculation of Estimated Maximum Levy for budget year 2027 as follows:

Grant County	Civil: \$20,724,298
Center Township	Fire: \$181,296 Civil: \$562,530
Fairmount Township	Fire: \$59,054 Civil: \$54,909
Franklin Township	Fire: \$65,935 Civil: \$202,858

Green Township	Fire: \$52,307 Civil: \$9,184
Jefferson Township	Fire: \$67,664 Civil: \$48,581
Liberty Township	Fire: \$34,760 Civil: \$15,941
Mill Township	Fire: \$79,303 Civil: \$242,723
Monroe Township	Fire: \$19,597 Civil: \$21,312
Pleasant Township	Fire: \$34,102 Civil: \$58,330
Richland Township	Fire: \$18,814 Civil: \$483,899
Sims Township	Fire: \$11,936 Civil: \$66,059
Van Buren Township	Fire: \$27,605 Civil: \$37,754
Washington Township	Fire: \$95,104 Civil: 56,515
Marion Civil City	Civil: \$26,030,524
Gas City Civil City	Civil: \$1,836,360
Fairmount Civil Town	Civil: \$1,102,536
Fowlerton Civil Town	Civil: \$46,215
Jonesboro Civil City	Civil: \$496,907
Matthews Civil Town	Civil: \$179,216
Swayzee Civil Town	Civil: \$251,272
Sweetser Civil Town	Civil: \$179,193

Upland Civil Town	Civil: \$607,017
Van Buren Civil Town	Civil: \$482,218
Eastbrook Comm. Schools	SO: \$2,890,254
Madison Grant Schools	SO: \$3,774,182
Mississinewa Comm. Schools	SO: \$2,790,716
Marion Comm. Schools	SO: \$10,050,419
Oak Hill United Schools	SO: \$2,892,961
Fairmount Public Library	Civil: \$108,492
Gas City/Mill Township Public Library	Civil: \$653,748
Jonesboro Public Library	Civil: \$74,419
Marion Public Library	Civil: \$2,265,874
Matthews Public Library	Civil: \$11,352
Swayzee Public Library	Civil: \$88,917
Barton-Rees-Pogue Memorial Library	Civil: \$67,356
Van Buren Public Library	Civil: \$148,803

Councilman Jim McWhirt read the second part of the review, the 2027 estimates of property tax caps by unit. The 2027 Estimated Property Tax Circuit Breaker Loses are as follows:

Grant County	\$3,140,100
Center Township	\$131,710
Fire Funds	\$10,370
Fairmount Township	\$1,770
Fire Funds	\$3,180
Franklin Township	\$38,420
Fire Funds	\$1,280
Green Township	\$180

Fire Funds	\$1,135
Jefferson Township	\$2,600
Fire Funds	\$2,710
Liberty Township	\$380
Fire Funds	\$810
Mill Township	\$38,490
Fire Funds	\$14,200
Monroe Township	\$1530
Fire Funds	\$955
Pleasant Township	\$10,785
Fire Funds	\$2,055
Richland Township	\$1,530
Fire Funds	\$690
Sims Township	\$3,545
Fire Funds	\$1,365
Van Buren Township	\$1,750
Fire Funds	\$1,115
Washington Township	\$5,345
Fire Fund	\$7,500
Marion Civil City	\$7,689,600
Gas City Civil City	\$263,600
Fairmount Civil Town	\$72,200
Fowlerton Civil Town	\$2,480
Jonesboro Civil City	\$113,950
Matthews Civil Town	\$8,510
Swayzee Civil Town	\$19,440
Sweetser Civil town	\$26,360
Upland Civil Town	\$66,600

Van Buren Civil Town	\$43,110
Eastbrook Community School Corp.	\$291,900
Madison-Grant United School Corp.	\$201,000
Mississinewa Community School Corp.	\$860,000
Marion Community School Corp.	\$3,688,900
Oak Hill United School Corp.	\$396,000
Fairmount Public Library	\$5,590
Gas City-Mill Township Public Library	\$82,810
Jonesboro Public Library	\$16,590
Marion Public Library	\$647,300
Matthews Public Library	\$550
Swayzee Public Library	\$4,840
Barton-Rees-Pogue Memorial Library	\$4,985
Van Buren Public Library	\$6,930

B. Grant County Recorder- Kathy Foy is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be appropriated from the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund and placed into the Service Agreement account. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Caudell; motion carried 7-0.

C. Grant County Highway- David White is requesting the following additional appropriations: Cumulative Bridge (1135) \$200,000.00 in bridge 712
\$100,000.00 in a new line item for the new bridge in Fairmount.
MVH (1176) \$6,000.00 in Calcium Chloride
\$30,000.00 in Gas. Oil & Lube
Councilman Caudell made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

D. Grant County Public Defender- Jerry Drook (not present) is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$40,000.00 in the Supplemental Public Defender Fund

(1200). Councilman McWhirt made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Brankle; motion carried 7-0.

E. Grant County Extension- Eric Hillis is requesting the following transfers:

\$200.00 from Travel to Overtime

\$325.00 from Equipment Repair to Overtime

\$500.00 from Equipment to Overtime

\$200.00 from Supplies to Co. Ext./Purdue H&S

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

F. Grant County Prosecutor- Scott Hunt is asking to fill 2 vacant positions in the Prosecutor's office. Councilman McWhirt made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Caudell; motion carried 7-0.

G. Grant County Commissioners- Commissioner Chuck Poling is asking for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$330,000.00 for the replacement of the Courthouse boiler system. Councilman Brankle made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 7-0.

H. Grant County Sheriff- Sheriff Garcia is asking to transfer \$40,695.86 from Misdemeanor Fund to Sheriff Work Crew Salaries. Councilman Scott made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Leming; motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Garcia is requesting an appropriation of \$130,000.00 to Garage & Motors, and to replace a vacant Sheriff's Deputy position. Councilman McWhirt made a motion to approve as requested. Second by Councilman Brankle; motion carried 7-0.

I. Payton Scott-Grant County Drug Research- Dr. Payton Scott presented a packet of information to the Council members and presented a power point presentation. Dr. Scott spoke about the drug research he has done, and the effects drugs have on communities and the people in that community.

8. Old Business

A. Grant County Sheriff-Tabled

B. Grant County Central Dispatch- Kevin Hicks is requesting approval to add two additional full-time 911 Dispatchers to his current staff. Discussion ensued. Councilman Brankle made a motion to deny the request. Second by Councilman McWhirt; motion carried 7-0.

9. Reports, Resolutions, Communications and General Discussion

Committee Reports- Councilman McWhirt spoke about the LIT jail project and removing the .2 in the LIT ordinance. Discussion ensued.

Councilman McWhirt suggests having a MUST meeting. Councilman McWhirt suggested September 2, 2026, at 6:00 pm. After some discussion Council appointed Councilman McWhirt to lead the MUST meeting. Councilman Brankle made a motion to have the MUST meeting on September 2, 2026, and Councilman McWhirt to lead the meeting. Second by Councilman Scott; motion carried 6-0 (1 abstention).

Commissioner Poling spoke about removing the .2 LIT and the remodeling of the D-Home.

Future Meeting Dates:

Public Hearing-2027 Budget

August 19, 20, 26, 27

Regular Meeting September 16, 2026

10. Adjournment

President Kitts adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.