

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 10, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President, Ron West.

I. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Steve Hollenbeck, Paul Reed, Rick Mason, John Price, and Josh McCarty. Charles Canary was absent. Phil Wilson was present as Council’s attorney.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. APPROVAL OF 10/10/06 AGENDA

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF 9/11/06 MINUTES

Mr. Reed moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Price seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VII. SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, REDUCTIONS, & TRANSFERS:

WIC – (215)

Mr. West commented that they have withdrawn their request and will return next month.

JUVENILE COURT – (137)

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the transfer as requested. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: 137-312.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance	(\$	51.71)
To: 137-405.0 – Office Equipment	\$	51.71

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE – (116)

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the transfer as requested. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: 116-215.0 – Office Supplies	(\$	610.97)
To: 116-320.0 – Promotions	\$	241.97
To: 116-350.0 – Equipment Leases	\$	369.00

HEALTH – (210)

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the transfer as requested. Mr. Mason seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

From: 210-116.3 – Salary 3 rd Public Health Nurse	(\$	2,500.00)
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To: 210-114.0 – Part-time Vital Stats Clerk \$ 2,500.00

COURTHOUSE – (123)

Jason Miller, Assistant Director, appeared to request the following transfer of funds:

From: 123-115.0 – Salary Custodian	(\$ 4,452.00)
To: 123-114.0 – Part-time	\$ 4,452.00
From: 123-360.0 – Equipment Repair & Maintenance	(\$ 1,500.00)
To: 123-275.0 – Wearing Apparel	\$ 1,500.00

Mr. Hollenbeck moved to approve the requests as presented above. Mr. Mason seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

ENHANCED 911 FUND – (901)

Mr. West commented that the Council had requested additional information from the Commissioners on this request, specifically job descriptions, responsibilities, goals, short term and long term accomplishments expected, comparisons with other counties, and whether or not the position would be self-funded. To date, he is not aware of receiving any of the additional information requested.

Mr. Reed then moved to table the request until next month. Mr. Mason seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

R.J. McConnell, Commissioner, arrived later on and explained the reason why the commissioners are asking for the re-organization of the GIS, which will be more beneficial to the public and to all public safety entities. He said that he would get the Council additional information before their next meeting.

PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL – (327)

Mr. West also commented that since the amount requested is over \$1,500 and no one is here from that department, the request should be tabled.

Mr. Reed moved to table the request until next month. Mr. Price seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

SHERIFF – (105)

COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FOR INMATES – (903)

BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE GRANT (JAG) – (365)

-Discussion of hiring personnel for 2007 and sending a new employee to the Law Enforcement Training Academy that begins on December 4, 2006

Terry McLaughlin, Sheriff, was present to address his requests. He first withdrew the request for the Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) because the funds are not available yet so he will come back next month. He then asked if anyone had questions regarding his other requests for Overtime or Claims for Medical Payments.

Mr. Reed moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Hollenbeck seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

105-165.0 – Overtime \$ 3,464.64

Sheriff McLaughlin then commented that this is the first year that the Law Enforcement Academy is starting their session in December, usually they start it in January. Therefore, he would like to go ahead and hire one deputy (of the three approved for 2007) on December 4, 2006 and send them to the Law Enforcement Training Academy, which actually begins on December 11, 2006. He explained that the next Academy session doesn't start until April 2007, and they prefer to send them to the Academy before they go through their FTO (field training officer). He noted that he should have enough monies within the 100 series to accomplish this. He also added that he would come back next month with a formal request to hire the deputy (create a new position); he just wanted to see if it would be approved so that he can reserve a spot at the academy.

Mr. West then asked the Sheriff if he wanted to talk about the Court Security Grant.

Sheriff McLaughlin explained that they submitted a grant for Courthouse Security equipment and they were awarded all the money that they had asked for. The grant was only for equipment and not personnel. After looking at the layout of the courthouse, he feels like there would need to be a minimum of three security guards to handle the security equipment properly. He also noted that they needed to spend these funds by October 31, 2006.

Mr. McCarty asked the Sheriff if he knew how much it would cost for the three new security guards, including benefits.

Sheriff McLaughlin responded that he estimated about \$30,000 each, probably a little more.

Mr. McCarty then commented that we get around \$50,000 for equipment on a one time basis, but then have to spend close to \$100,000 each year to operate it.

Sheriff McLaughlin added that when they submitted this grant, it was specified that it would provide security for the entire courthouse, not just the court areas.

R.J. McConnell, Commissioner, spoke in favor of allowing the personnel now and using the grant money to buy the equipment now because in the future, in may be mandated to upgrade security then we have lost out on these grant monies.

Mr. Mason expressed his concern with how the state has handled these grants and to only give thirty days to make an informative decision without having all the information needed isn't right, not to mention that it is being offered after budget hearings. He stated is for helping law enforcement, but he cannot support this.

Mr. West wondered if they were to add new personnel, would they be better serving the public out on the road instead of being in charge of building security.

Mr. Mason also inquired on who was going to cover these three new security guards shifts while they were off on breaks, lunch, vacation or sick.

To: 102-440.0 – Office Equipment

\$ 1,200.00

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

There being no further business, Mr. Mason moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion that unanimously carried.