

Meeting Minutes  
Grant County Commissioner  
Regular meeting

Alton Zenker

Commissioners:  
Al Roy Hochhalter

John Reinhardt

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Commissioner Zenker opened the September 14, 2022 Grant County 2023 Budget Hearing at 9:02 a.m. Present were Commissioner Hochhalter, Commissioner Meyer, Merlin Leithold, and Auditor Sara Meier.

Commissioner Meyer wanted to discuss the responsibilities of the sheriff department positions. Sheriff Harding was not available in person, but joined by phone call. Deputy Seelye was present. The additional costs are associated with having six deputies and a vehicle for each deputy and the equipment that needs to be installed in each vehicle. Chairman Zenker asked if a new vehicle was necessary for 2023. Harding said yes, and then may not have to budget for one the next year. Meyer asked how many miles are put on a vehicle in a year. Harding said about 15,000. Meyer asked that reports be submitted to the Board of Commissioners on the upkeep, repairs and expenses for the department will be expected.

The Board moved on the each department budget.

Discussion of the 4% raise for all employees, including the commissioners was prompted by Meyer. Meyer stated that he is hesitant to accept a raise for the next year. Zenker stated that the commissioners are usually all the same salary. The newly elected commissioner salary will be revisited at the first meeting in 2023 with the officials take office. Motion by Hochhalter to approve preliminary budget of \$91,084.97 for account 4110 County Commissioner and seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer to approve preliminary budgets totaling \$5,500 for accounts 4121 District Court, 4125 Juvenile Court, 4126 Public Defender, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer to approve preliminary budget of \$198,184.05 for account 4141 County Auditor/Treasurer, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hochhalter to approve preliminary budgets totaling \$130,061.06 for account 4143 State's Attorney, and seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer to approve preliminary budget of \$124,719.10 for account 4145 County Recorder/Clerk of Court, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hochhalter to approve preliminary budgets totaling \$1,000 account 4147 County Superintendent of Schools, and seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer to approve preliminary budgets totaling \$147,018.84 for account 4148 Director of Tax Equalization, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer to approve preliminary budget of \$59,016.24 for account 4149 Courthouse Maintenance, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

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Motion by Hochhalter to approve preliminary budgets totaling \$13,382.58 for account 4150 Zoning and Planning Board, and seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer to approve preliminary budgets totaling \$83,500.00 for account 4160 Buildings and Grounds, \$7,400.00 for account 4170 Elections, \$117,500.00 for account 4190 Non-Departmental, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Meyer stated that expectations from the County Sheriff department include more patrolling, and ticket writing, log books kept for mileage, gas fills, and oil changes for each vehicle, and keep log books for where and when patrolling has been done. All these expectations are subject to monthly reporting. Motion by Meyer to approve preliminary budgets totaling \$653,511.05 for account 4211 County Sheriff, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer to approve preliminary budgets totaling \$69,724.61 for account 4240 Disaster Emergency Service, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hochhalter to approve preliminary budgets totaling \$56,800.00 for account 4280 Insurance Reserve, and \$20,000.00 for account 4289 Worker's Compensation, and seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer to approve preliminary budgets totaling \$11,700.00 for account 4430 Human Services, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hochhalter to approve preliminary budgets totaling \$17,500.00 for account 4840 County Fair, and \$3,000.00 for account 4900 Miscellaneous, and seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer to approve preliminary budget of \$511,500.00 for fund 2110 Federal Aid Road, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hochhalter to approve preliminary budgets totaling \$2,693,102.37 for fund 2140 Road and Bridge, and seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer to approve preliminary budgets totaling \$10,271.19 for Fund 2920 Veterans Service Officer, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hochhalter to approve preliminary budget of \$65,000.00 for account 4213 Prisoner Care, and seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer to approve preliminary budgets totaling \$118,016.85 for fund 2960 County Extension, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

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Motion by Hochhalter to approve preliminary budget of \$217,637.50 for fund 2970 Noxious Weed Control, and seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer to approve preliminary budget of \$57,652.64 for fund 2982 Emergency Service, and \$600.00 for fund 2985 County Hazard Material, and seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote – Hochhalter – aye, Meyer – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Approval of mill levies:

Meyer moved to approve State Medical 1 mill, seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote -- Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Hochhalter moved to approve County General 55.25 mills, seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote -- Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Meyer moved to approve Road and Bridge 10.00 mills, seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote -- Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Meyer moved to approve Veteran Services Officer 0.46 mill, seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote -- Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Hochhalter moved to approve Extension Services 4.00 mills, seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote -- Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Meyer moved to approve Historical Society 0.25 mill, seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote -- Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Hochhalter moved to approve Custer Health 3.34 mills, seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote -- Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Meyer moved to approve Council on Aging 1.00 mill, seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote -- Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Hochhalter moved to approve Weed Board 4.00 mills, seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote -- Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Meyer moved to approve Water Resource District 3.09 mills, seconded by Hochhalter. Roll call vote -- Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Hochhalter moved to approve Soil Conservation District 1.97 mills, seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote -- Meyer – aye, Hochhalter – aye, Zenker – aye. Motion carried.

Seeing no other comments or items for discussion, Chairman Zenker close the hearing at 12:33 p.m.

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Alton Zenker, Chairman

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Sara Meier, County Auditor