
Gibson County Council
Regular Session
April 12, 2011

The Gibson County Council met in regular session on April 12, 2011, at 9:00 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: George Ankenbrand, President, Jeremy Overton, VP, D. Craig Pflug, William McConnell, William George, LeAnn Smith, and Tony Wolfe.

The meeting was called to order with all present standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting, March 8, 2011, were approved with a motion by William George and seconded by Craig Pflug. Motion passed 6-0. Tony Wolfe was absent from the March 8, 2011 meeting and abstained from voting.

Department Reports: EMS: Jeremy Overton covered the EMS report because Dan Alvey could not attend.

Health Department: Jennifer Schatz told the Council that the Health Department is going to conduct a Bio-Terrorism drill on April 30, 2011. She is asking for money to be spent out of the Public Health Preparedness Base Grant for a contract nurses for that event. Council members could not decide on what tax document would have to be reported, a 1099 or a W-2. The \$10,000.00 grant has \$9,000.00 left in the account. The decision was delayed until new business was discussed. *This decision was not addressed before meeting was adjourned.

Judge Meade addressed the council informing them that his Director of Social Services resigned (Kathleen Johnson) and her replacement is Joy Jines. Judge Meade asked the council to give her 100% of her pay effective immediately because of her outstanding abilities and experience in the court system over the past several years. Jeremy Overton made the motion to approve the request and Tony Wolfe seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Judge Penrod addressed the council informing them that because of Joy Jines resigning her position in the Superior Court, he had to hire Joe Williams to replace her. He is asking for 7 days clerical per diem rate of \$122.98 be paid out of the Fund 520 to pay Joe Williams during his seven days overlap of Joy Jines last days. Also beginning April 21, 2011, Ms. Jines's salary will come from account 520-01-01-12 and Mr. Williams's salary will come from account 520-01-01-11. Tony Wolfe made that a motion and was seconded by William McConnell. Motion passed 7-0. LeAnn Smith made a motion to fund the new employee at 100%. William George seconded and passed 7-0.

Judge Penrod elaborated on the new Drug Court and employees that he will be funding out of the Probation users fund. He will further discuss the issues with the council during the upcoming budget cycle.

Sheriff Ballard would like to replace three employees that have vacated their positions. Kevin Harmon resigned. Bob Hayes is retiring May 15, 2011 and Joe Williams is going to replace Joy Jines in the Superior Court position. Jeremy Overton made motion to approve hiring to replace the three vacancies and start their pay at 90% of full salary. Also to replace Field Officer in Community Corrections and replace Corrections Officer that may transfer to Field Officer in Community Corrections. William George seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

Sheriff Ballard addressed the council concerning an ordinance 2011-3, a \$25.00 inmate processing fee. The money collected will go to the General Fund and a funding line will be created by the Auditor titled Inmate Processing Fee Fund. Tony Wolfe made a motion to support the ordinance and Jeremy Overton seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Steve Bottoms asked the council about the 1 million dollar balloon payment owed on the detention center. He asked for some responsibility of the contractor and architect because of the shoddy workmanship. Discussion followed.

HMC: Jerry Stilwell, representing HMC, asked the county council for a seven year tax abatement on \$3,200,000.00 real property and seven year tax abatement on \$800,000.00 on personal property. The tax year will begin 2012 and end 2019. Jeremy Overton made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-1. William McConnell seconded and passed 6-0. LeAnn Smith abstained due to conflict of interest.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 1

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GIBSON COUNTY, INDIANA
AUTHORIZING TAX ABATEMENT FOR HIGHWAY MACHINE CO., INC.

WHEREAS, the County Council of Gibson County, Indiana has previously by Resolution designated an area owned by Highway Machine Co., Inc. (HMC) as an Economic Revitalization Area; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Gibson County, Indiana has been advised by HMC of a proposed revitalization project which includes certain real property development and expenditures for certain personal property items; and

WHEREAS, HMC has caused to be filed with the County Council of Gibson County, Indiana its Statement of Benefits for both real property and personal property; and

WHEREAS, said application for tax abatement has been assigned for hearing this date; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Gibson County, Indiana has reviewed the Statements of Benefit and other information brought to its attention and has determined that the deductions permitted under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-3 should be allowed as: (1) the estimate of the value of the redevelopment is reasonable for projects of that nature; (2) the estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed redevelopment; (3) the estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed redevelopment; and (4) the totality of the benefits is sufficient to justify the requested tax abatement deduction; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Gibson County, Indiana hereby FINDS that the purposes of I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 are served by allowing HMC the deductions provided by I.C. 6-1.1-12.1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Gibson County, Indiana as follows:

1. HMC shall be entitled to a deduction for a period of seven (7) years as provided by I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 with respect to real property which is redeveloped or rehabilitated as contemplated by the Statement of Benefits filed herein.

2. HMC shall be entitled to a deduction for a period of seven (7) years as provided by I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 with respect to personal property expenditures as contemplated by the Statement of Benefits filed herein.

3. That the President of the County Council of Gibson County, Indiana shall be authorized to sign such documents as might be required to enable the tax abatement approved herein.

4. That a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the office of the Gibson County Assessor.

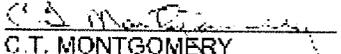
5. That the tax abatements being granted herein are subject to providing annual reports as required by I.C. 6-1, 1-12.1.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Council of Gibson County, Indiana this 12th day of April, 2011.

GIBSON COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: 
GEORGE J. ANKENBRAND, President

ATTEST:


C.T. MONTGOMERY
Gibson County Auditor

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EMS: Auditor C.T. Montgomery asked the council to fund the part-time position line because there is no money in that line at the present. Jeremy Overton made a motion to move \$10,800.00 from 4701-20 to 4701-19 to fund the position. Craig Pflug seconded and motion passed 7-0.

EMS: The arbitration settlement will be discussed at the next meeting. Jeremy Overton made a motion to table until the next meeting. Craig Pflug seconded and passed 7-0.

Salary Amendment: Jeremy Overton made a motion to approve the March 8, 2011 salary amendment. LeAnn Smith seconded and motion passed 7-0.

Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana: Greg Watson, President and CEO, told the audience how active the Coalition has been in securing grant money for Gibson County and the surrounding counties. Out of the present 20 active projects they are working on, 8 are for Gibson County. If those eight projects came to fruition Gibson County could secure up to 3000 employees and \$3 billion dollars in construction and revenue for the county.

Debbie Bennett-Stearsman gave a presentation on grants the coalition had secured for Gibson County to date. She also informed the council that there is a vacancy on the board. Bob Montgomery has asked to resign. Next month the County Council will consider names submitted to the Council Chairman.

Sheriff Ballard introduced Ordinance 2011-2, meals for jail employees, set at \$2.00 per meal. Fees collected will be deposited monthly into the General Fund. Jeremy Overton made a motion to support the ordinance. William George seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

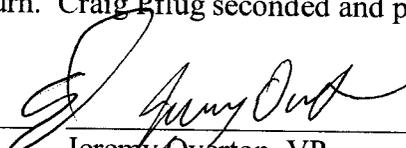
Jeremy Overton made a motion to approve moving \$500.00 out of the Rainy Day fund to pay Arbitration attorney John Bowers for legal fees. Jeremy Overton made it a motion and was seconded by Tony Wolfe. Motion passed 7-0.

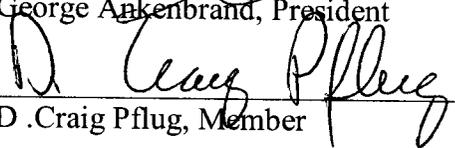
Tony Wolfe reported on the status of the Indiana congressional bills being addressed.

William McConnell commented about the surplus TIF money that is becoming available. He says any property tax should come back into the General Fund and the County Council should decide what it is spent on. Bob Townsend asked him to attend the next Redevelopment commission meeting being held on April 25, 2011, at 5:30 PM.

Jeremy Overton made a motion to adjourn. Craig Pflug seconded and passed 7-0.

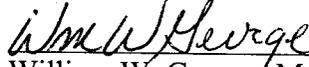

George Ankenbrand, President

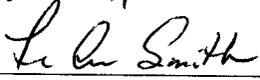

Jeremy Overton, VP

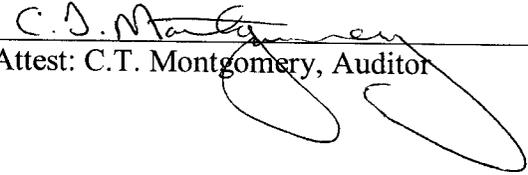

D. Craig Pflug, Member


William McConnell, Member


Tony Wolfe, Member


William W. George, Member


LeAnn Smith, Member


Attest: C.T. Montgomery, Auditor