
Gibson County Council
Regular Session
April 13, 2010

The Gibson County Council met in regular session on April 13, 2010, at 9 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

Jeremy Overton, Pres. George Ankenbrand, VP
William McConnell D. Craig Pflug
William George Tony Wolfe Cecil R. Allen

Members absent:

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

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting of March 9, 2010, were approved with a motion by Ankenbrand seconded by Pflug and passed 7-0.

Department Reports: EMS: Dan Alvey gave the monthly report. Pflug asked about the new ambulance. Alvey stated he was waiting until June when prices were usually better.

Veterans Services: Barbara Schenks distributed and gave the monthly report.

Additional: Unadvertised: Superior Court: Judge Earl Penrod asked for an additional of \$1,500 out of Probation User Fee Fund due to a retirement and paying severance pay. Part of the salary for the Chief Probation officer is from this fund and Penrod has hired a new officer, Dusty Wilkenson, and will need the extra money to complete the year.

Circuit Court: Judge Jeff Mead requested an additional for Probation Drug Testing for the amount of \$4,500 from the Probation User Fees Fund. These funds are needed to purchase drug screens. The line was created during budget times but they failed to request funds in the line.

Advertised: Four-D, Prosecutor: Rob Kreig requested \$4,417 for PERF due to the change in PERF benefits changing after budgets had been approved. This was approved with a motion by Ankenbrand seconded by George and passed 7-0.

Reassessment: Juanita Beadle requested \$14,500 for taxes and benefits for the new employee approved by the Council after budgets had been approved. This was approved with a motion by McConnell seconded by Ankenbrand and passed 6-1 with Allen casting the nay vote.

Commissioners: The Commissioners requested \$60,000 to cover tax refunds from the County. This is mainly due to a large sum paid by two companies on the same equipment. The request was approved with a motion by Wolfe seconded by Ankenbrand and passed 7-0.

EDIT Budget: A request of \$1,768,500 which is the difference of approved budget and the EDIT Plan. This difference is due to the availability of road millings and additional chip and seal for county roads. The explanation is that millings are rarely available and this gives the county the opportunity to improve roads at a much lesser cost. McConnell spoke on some changes within the EDIT Plan he would like to see-\$200,000 from building improvements/land acquisition and \$20,000 from special events. After discussion, Ankenbrand made a motion to reduce the total of the EDIT Plan to \$3,000,000. McConnell seconded the motion. The motion failed to pass with a vote of 2 yes and 5 no. There was more discussion on the use of EDIT money in the past to relieve the County General Fund. A motion to accept the advertised amount was made by Allen seconded the George and passed 5-2 with McConnell and Ankenbrand casting the nay votes.

Prodigy Mold & Tool, Incorporated: Todd Mosby, representing the County Economic Development Corporation, presented a request by Prodigy Mold & Tool for a five year phase in abatement, real and personal property, on an expansion project. The expansion will cost approximately \$1.25 million and the addition of 6-8 employees.

Old Business: EMS: Jerry Overton spoke of the request from Dan Alvey to add a line to budget and salary ordinance for a base EMT and wages for said persons, with a starting salary of \$10/hour. He would also like the salary ordinance to state there would be a total of 12 basis and advance EMTs. A motion to allow the base EMT with a starting salary of \$10 per hour was made by Pflug seconded by Wolfe and passed 7-0.

Overton explained the change in salary ordinance for new hires at budget time and the problem that EMS had with hiring paramedics at the 90% level which is lower than an EMT. Discussion continued.

A motion to allow Department Heads to petition the Council for a starting salary advance allowed by the Salary Ordinance was made by Allen seconded by Wolfe passed 5-2 with McConnell and Ankenbrand casting the nay votes.

Sheriff Cars: Sheriff Harmon had the quotes for the four cars which the Council had allowed him \$60,000 from Rainy Day Fund. The total for the cars will be \$45,794 and he would like permission to spend the rest of the money for new equipment for the vehicles. There was discussion on the need of equipment and the difference in the quotes from three dealers. A motion to allow \$8,000 to buy new equipment for the cars was made by Allen seconded by George and passed 7-0.

New Business: Todd Mosby stated that "Friendship City" visitors would be in Gibson County from Tahara, Japan, this month for a visit to different site within the county. Also a group of six students and three teachers would be going to Japan in June for a visit. They hope to make the student trip and annual event for the future.

EMS: Dan Alvey asked for a 4% increase for a new paramedic (6 months) because of the work she has been doing. She has taken over the position of training officer that is necessary for the department and done an excellent job. He also stated that he has been looking at possibly moving the Princeton base from the hospital to either a new purchase or lease.

McConnell asked that the Council take a time to study financing for the 2011 budget because of less state funding and the caps on property tax.

Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Ankenbrand seconded by Pflug and passed 7-0.

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Mary B. Key, Auditor