
Gibson County Council
Regular Session
December 20, 2010

The Gibson County Council met in regular session on December 20, 2010, at 6:30 PM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

Members

absent:

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

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting, November 9, 2010, were approved with a motion by Ankenbrand seconded by McConnell and passed 6-0.

Department Reports: Surveyor: Michael Stevenson gave an update on the new aerial photography project for the GIS department. The low bid was not recommended because after checking references there were too many problems reported. The recommendation was ASI for \$54,000 as Gibson County's share. Posey County is doing theirs at the same time so the cost of the photography could be shared. The dead line for completion is October 1, 2011. The photography has to be completed by the first of April before the trees leaf.

Health: Jennifer Schatz reported that the clinic numbers are down and that the department is looking into purchasing an auto dialer to notify clients of changes in hours, etc.

Sheriff: George Ballard stated some of the light fixtures are being replaced. He also asked permission to hire a new Corrections officer, with a starting January 1, 2011, to replace on that had just resigned to join the Air Force. Permission was granted.

Ordinance 2010-4 Approving the Execution of a lease between the Gibson County Facilities Holding Corporation and Gibson County, Indiana, Pledging County EDIT Tax, and Assigning Construction Bids: Commissioner Townsend explained the need for the ordinance, waiting on the bids for the bonds and answered several questions. He stated that the EDIT Fund would pay the expense of the bonds. After discussion a motion to approve the ordinance was made by Wolfe seconded by Ankenbrand and passed 6-0.

Assessor: Juanita Beadle asked for a raise for a newer employee at the rate of 94% instead of the 90% which is allowed by the Salary Ordinance. This request is based on the years of experience on the job as a part time employee. The funding would come from the Reassessment Budget not County General. After discussion a motion to allow this was made by Ankenbrand seconded by George and passed 6-0.

Prosecutor: Rob Krieg asked to be allowed to pay the new Deputy Prosecutor at 100% of the salary on the Salary Ordinance; this is based on the education and experience of the person. This was allowed with a motion by Ankenbrand seconded by George and passed 6-0. Krieg also presented the "Consent of the County Council" form for the Council to approve to certify that as an elected Prosecutor he is full-time. It was approved for the Council president to sign the form with a motion by Ankenbrand seconded Wolfe and passed 6-0.

Transfers: Circuit Court: Judge Meade requested the transfers of \$2,500 for use of prisoner evaluation for trial, \$5,000 for Repairs-Mtce, Equipment and \$4,021.50 for Medical and Pysh Exams. These transfers were allowed with a motion by Ankenbrand seconded by McConnell and passed 6-0.

Superior Court: Judge Penrod requested the transfer of \$5,960.00 for Pauper Attorney fees. The request was allowed with a motion by Wolfe seconded by Allen and passed 6-0.

EMA: Terry Hedges requested the transfer of \$375.00 for computer expenses. This allowed with a motion by McConnell seconded by George and passed 6-0.

Extension: Cathy Boerste requested \$470.00 for Office Supplies. This was allowed with a motion by Ankenbrand seconded by Allen and passed 6-0.

Reassessment: Juanita Beadle requested transfers of \$23.00 for insurance and \$2,800 for PERF to complete the year's payment. These were allowed with a motion by Ankenbrand seconded by Allen and passed 6-0.

Commissioners: The Commissioners requested the transfer of \$20,000.00 for Mental Health payment. This was allowed with a motion by McConnell seconded by Ankenbrand and passed 6-0.

Courthouse: Andy Schafer requested \$10,700.00 for courthouse renovation. The transfers were allowed with a motion by Allen seconded by Wolfe and passed 6-0.

Sheriff: Allen Harmon requested the transfer of \$3,164.00 for part time pay and \$4,500.00 for overtime pay in the Jail budget. These were allowed with a motion by Ankenbrand seconded by Allen and passed 6-0.

Appropriations: Health: Jennifer Schatz request the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Grant money \$28,600.00, the Tobacco Master Settlement Grant money \$11,250.00 and Bio-Terrorism/Preparedness Grant \$15,200.00 be advertised for appropriation at the January, 2011, Council meeting. These funds must be appropriated due to bookkeeping requirements. It was agreed to advertise these appropriations.

Sheriff's Contract: The contract for the new Sheriff was presented for review and approval. A motion to approved a four (4) year \$90,000 contract was made by Wolfe seconded by Allen and passed 6-0.

Old Business: *Steve Bottoms* asked about the status of the law suit concerning of the Surveyor. He is concerned that the cost is going to be greater than the cost of settling the matter as has happened in the past. The reply was it is in the hands of the attorneys at this time.

Diane Hornby asked if the Council had given any more consideration about the nurses' salaries at the Health Department. She stated that in other departments the education and experience in the "professional" arenas are taken into consideration but not with the nurses. It was stated that this request needs to come from the Health Board to start the process because the Board is the one that is over the department.

EDIT Plan Amendment: Bob Townsend presented a new funds distribution plan to include the Courthouse renovation costs. This did not require a budget amount change just line item changes. The Council stated that is the amount didn't change for the total budget that the line amount changes were fine and don't require any action.

Amend Salary Ordinance 2010: The salary ordinance for 2010 needed to be amended to reflect the change in Paramedic pay due to the settlement of a grievance. A motion to approve the amended ordinance was made by Ankenbrand seconded by McConnell and passed 5-1 with Allen casting the nay vote.

Amend Salary Ordinance 2011: The salary ordinance for 2011 needed to be amended to reflect the above change and those of approved differences based on the statement within the salary ordinance.

A motion to approve the amended ordinance was made by McConnell seconded by Ankenbrand and passed 5-1 with Allen casting the nay vote.

Councilman Wolfe presented a plaque to Cecil R. Allen in appreciation of his time and effort on the County Council.

January Meeting date and time: It was decided to have the January meeting on January 18, 2011, at 9AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Wolfe seconded by Allen and passed 6-0.

Jeremy Overton, Pres.

George Ankenbrand, VP

D. Craig Pflug

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Attested: _____
C. T. Montgomery, Auditor