
Gibson County Council
Regular Session
February 12, 2013

The Gibson County Council met in regular session on February 12, 2013, at 9:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: Jeremy Overton, LeAnn Smith, Craig Pflug, Bill McConnell, Derek McGraw, George Ankenbrand and Sherri Smith, Gibson County Auditor. Tony Wolfe was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and led by Jeremy Overton.

Special Requests:

Judge Penrod – Addressed the Council and requested that Darcy Norton’s status be changed from that of part time to a full time employee with subsequent pay and benefits. He also said that he appreciated the support from the County and the Community. Bill McConnell made the motion to change employment status of Darcy Norton from that of a part time to a full time Drug Court employee, LeAnn Smith seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Salary Ordinance will not need an update as the 2013 Budget was established with a full time position.

Clerk Becky Woodburn – Addressed the Council and requested that Cindy Wernz pay be increased from 90%. After several minutes of discussion, Craig Pflug tabled the request and asked that Becky return at the March 12, 2013, meeting and recommend the increase.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from January 8, 2013 (Recessed) and Reconvened January 23, 2013 meeting are incomplete, missing a signed Trust Agreement, George Ankenbrand stated that the minutes should be tabled and will be read at the March 12th, 2013 meeting.

Council Members to “SIGN” only the Official Pages for December 18th, 2012 Executive Session and December 18th, 2012 Regular Session Minutes.

Department Reports:

EMS Dan Alvey gave his monthly report with write-offs totaling \$33,967.38.

Sheriff Ballard gave his monthly report. In addition, gun permits totaled 349 applications for 2012 and 156 in January 2013.

Old Business:

Sheriff Ballard – Jim McDonald, County Attorney amended Pension Fund Ordinance. Existing Ordinance designates that the \$200 fee charged for every Sheriff Sale property and all County and In-State Civil Process Service Fee of \$13.00 go into the Sheriff's Police Pension to help fund the Plan. Amended Ordinance states that Tax Warrant Monies and Out-Of-State Civil Process Service Fees be placed in the Sheriff's Police Pension Plan instead of the General Fund. This had been discussed a few years back but Ordinance was never amended. President Jeremy Overton stated that we were obligated by statute to fund this Pension Fund. Bill McConnell led further discussion. It was decided that this item would be tabled and discussed again at the March Meeting.

New Business:

Sheriff Ballard – Corrections Nurse vs. Inmate Healthcare Services Proposal – He stated that instead of hiring a single nurse, he would like the Council to consider hiring a company such as Quality Correctional Care, saving the County money while providing good Correctional Health Care.

Lisa Scroggins then addressed the Council by stating that they currently manage correctional facilities for 16 Counties by offering a complete Health Care Package. By utilizing her company, they would reduce the County's Liability against law suits – take inmate health care and mental health care off of the Sheriff's plate – provide Nurses 37 hours a week as well as a Bi-Weekly Nurse Manager, their Nurse would administer daily meds instead of Corrections Officer – provide an onsite Dentist, X-ray capability - manage medical records and third party billing – reduce malpractice insurance premiums – onsite drug and alcohol detoxification – departmental training for corrections staff and instruction on suicide risk warning signs among many other services – while working directly with Dr. Emerson. Her company truly cares about the inmates while saving the County approximately \$30,000 the first year.

Sheriff Ballard proposed and recommended to the Council to transfer 01 part of budget which is the Nurse, in the amount \$29,953.88 to Medical Line Item Budget which is 32-03-60 to enter into a contract with Quality Health Care and pay any outstanding bills that they currently have with CRS and a few other Vendors.

Commissioners and County Attorney will be asked to review and approve contract. He expects \$40,000 to \$60,000 savings in the 2014 Budget.

Bill McConnell asked if Tulip Tree could help and Sheriff Ballard stated they do not have the capability or manpower to temporarily take care of inmates in addition to security issue with removing inmates from jail. Quality Correctional Care will be able to place nurse in the jail by 2/25/13.

George Ankenbrand made motion to transfer funds in the amount of \$29,953.88 from 32-01-21 to 32-02-60 and eliminate the nurse line, seconded by Derek McGraw. Motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Ballard – Property Room Renovation – Inmates pay a \$25 process fee upon entering the jail. \$29,000 collected thus far for jail improvement and monies have been used to purchase new mattresses. Sheriff Ballard stated that they fight MERSA every day. Inmates do not always have the best hygiene nor are they healthy when they arrive.

Current storage room is used for the storing of inmate property and is not very secure. The inmates shower and are deloused in this area plus this area itself needs to be deloused every day.

Move the inmate property room to an area in the basement to be fenced in and go to a clothing rack system. Different styles of bags that are ventilated to hold inmate possessions and new changing room. Quotes have been put together and expenses to be approved by the County Council as per Ordinance.

Asking for 8,454.70 out of current balance of \$23,211.43. and also wanting to buy chemicals from PRO-TEX-All to combat MERSA germs and bacteria. Chemical spray down every night in jail, property room, day rooms as well as purchasing additional blankets so that the existing blankets can be washed 2-3 time a month. Sheriff Ballard is promoting a secure, healthy, clean jail and wants to move all property into a better, secure and efficient area.

George Ankenbrand made motion for permission to spend monies in the amount of \$8,454.70 for improvements from inmates processing fund, seconded by Craig Pflug. Motion carried 6-0.

Ft. Branch Library Appointment – Chris Wallace term expired and President Overton re-appointed her to library board – term expires 02/10/17. George Ankenbrand made a motion, seconded by LeAnn Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Health Department Transfers – Jennifer Tuley made request that an additional transfer of \$185.00 from 8108-03-01-13 Advertising and \$1237.00 from 8108-02-01-10 Supplies to 8108 Pandemic Flu. Craig Pflug made motion to transfer funds, seconded by LeAnn Smith. Motion carried 6-0.

Second request was made to transfer \$3700 from 9101-03-03-18 Promotional Contracts (Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Grant Money) to 9101-02-02-61 Community Education. George Ankenbrand made motion to transfer funds, seconded by Derek McGraw. Motion carried 6-0.

Court House Department Transfer – Andy Schafer made an out-of-series request to transfer \$6200.00 from 31-02-35 Supplies to 31-04-21 Equipment to purchase a utility tractor and replace current courthouse lawnmower, it was noted that it would also be used with snow removal. Craig Pflug made motion to transfer the funds, seconded by George Ankenbrand. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioners Request – President Gerald Bledsoe addressed the Council. County Commissioners are installing a new data and phone system, work began late in 2012. There are

additional expenses that surfaced once development of the program and installation began. Budget Line Item 1000-30-03-18 or Computer Support presently has \$55,570.00, with approximately 80% already spent this year. Nomad's contract is actually \$64,200 which exceeded the initial appropriation. Backup support contract with Nomad came to \$33,168 for a total of \$97,368. Commissioners are asking for an additional appropriation of \$41,978 into line 30-03-18.

Bill McConnell led an extensive discussion and said that we should take this out of the operating balance or appropriated from the General Fund. He felt that this expense benefitted the entire County. Council determined this additional appropriation will need to be advertised. However, Bill McConnell was concerned about the overages.

President Bledsoe explained that there were two contracts – one with NOMAD providing computer support or any State mandated adjustments for each County department. However, the changeover was not developed nor expense of \$33,168 known until later in 2012, which included new wiring, plus the State also asked the County for a few updates. President Overton noted a cabling issue to get over to the Jail also increased costs. President Bledsoe in conclusion, stated that he believed that a full time IT person will be required in the future.

Craig Pflug stated that 30-03-18 Computer Support - \$55,750 was correct. There was a new budget line added for 2013, line 30-03-19 titled Computer Licensing for \$33,168. He also stated his "budget meeting notes" said that our former Commissioner said that line 19 was appropriated for computer backup and this expense should be covered. Kay Vore and President Bledsoe stated they felt line 19 for was Computer Licensing. Computer Backup was budgeted according to the Council. However there will still be a shortage of approximately \$10,000.

Dark Fibre Line – line that will be run from the Sheriff's building underground to the Court House – QC Communications is asking \$17,500 for installation and cable – hardware from Nomad will not exceed \$5,000 and these quotes were not covered in the original quote.

Commissioners are asking for \$22,500 – Bill McConnell says this system is supposed to save us so much money and hopes will be beneficial in a number of ways. This appropriation will be advertised to take out of the General Fund.

Bill reminded everyone that the balance in the General Fund was due to the diligence of the seven Council Members reviewing items very closely.

Dan Cochrum – Acting CEO of GCARC, has announced his retirement, 10/31/13 and appreciates working with County Council, Commissioners and all other County officers and to introduce Stan Keepes, worked with Pike County Organization.

Jeremy Overton announced a couple of meetings from Tony Wolfe, AIC Conference and a presentation by Dr. DeBoer on the 27th.

Dan Alvey brought up the purchase of Heart Monitors. Craig Pflug stated to the Council that the grand total was \$148,192. No decision was made by the Council, still taking this purchase under advisement.

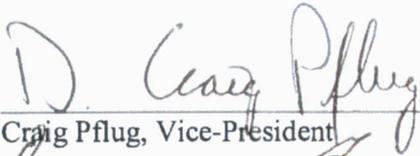
Bill McConnell addressed Council and the Public in regard to understanding the TIF Funds. He was concerned about the misconceptions about how TIF money which belongs to Patoka and Union Townships, should be handled. President Overton and Bruce Fisher added further to the conversation and obligations by Redevelopment Commission. Bruce Fisher stated that a Confirmatory Resolution will be drawn up by the Redevelopment Commission members and a public meeting held.

President Overton reported that the Fort Branch Johnson Township Library accepted a bid and construction will start very soon on the Library.

With no further business, LeAnn Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by George Ankenbrand. Motion carried 6-0.



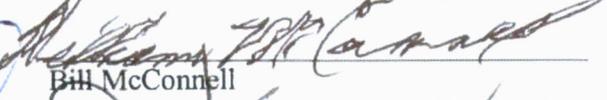
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Craig Pflug, Vice-President



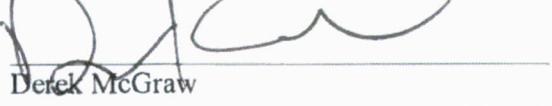
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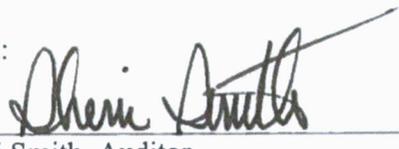
Bill McConnell



George Ankenbrand



Derek McGraw

Attest:


Sherri Smith, Auditor