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Gibson County Council  
Regular Session  
July 13, 2010  
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The Gibson County Council met on July 13, 2010, at 9:00 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

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

Members absent:

William George

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

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting of June 7, 2010, were approved with a change in meeting time for the August 11 budget meeting from 9 AM to 8 AM with a motion by Wolfe seconded by Ankenbrand and passed 6-0.

Overton handed out a report on Rainy Day obligations and status reports on County General fund and Riverboat fund.

Department Reports: EMS: Dan Alvey gave the monthly report for July.

Highway: Jerry Heldt reported that four bridges have been repair or replaced, working on five more and eight box structures and are a third of the way completed on the chip and seal projects.

Sheriff: Allen Harmon gave the monthly report on jail population. He stated that the State is getting ready to make changes in prisoner status which will be shifting more responsibility to the local level.

Veterans Service: Barbara Schenks gave her monthly report.

Extension: Cathy Boerste gave a report on the County 4-H Fair.

EMA: Terry Hedges explained that the bill for the old Emge property in Fort Branch just about drained the disaster contingency fund and asked if the Council wanted to pay for it this way and deal with the need for more money if anything else happens. He reported there were 30 to 40 fire trucks, 6-8 tankers, generators and other equipment on sight. This event does not qualify for State or Federal reimbursement. Discussion followed concerning the owner's insurance paying for this and other contingencies. The consensus was to use the fund and if needed other financing would be considered in the future.

Additional: Unadvertised: Highway: A total \$91,453.64 for overtime due to the Commissioners having lengthened the work day to allow for road repair.

Recorder: Debbie Whetington requested a total of \$32,155 for Personal Services and Other Supplies due to the Recorder's Perpetuation Record Fund being about out of money and the State changing the status of funding for said fund.

Voter Registration: Becky Woodburn requested \$3996 for meals for workers for the general election. She forgot to put this in the budget for this year. At this time there was a discussion on the financing of the new required voting machines. These machines need to be purchased this year because this fall's election will be the last election that the present machines will be under maintenance and fulfilling State obligations. Woodburn explained the process to choose which machines would be purchased. Discussion was held for each request. The consensus was to advertise for these items.

Voting Machines: After discussion on the voting machines, it was decided that \$125,000 would be taken out of Rainy Day Fund and passed 6-0 with a motion by Wolfe seconded by McConnell.

Advertised: Highway: General, \$38,032, Cum Bridge, \$2,813 budget change due to change in PERF. These were approved with a motion by Ankenbrand seconded by Wolfe and passed 6-0.

Health: Pandemic Flu Grant, \$36,500 was approved with a motion by Wolfe seconded by McConnell and passed 6-0.

Commissioners: Insurance, \$65,000 was decided after discussion to fund from the Rainy Day Fund with a motion from Pflug seconded by Ankenbrand and passed 6-0.

Prosecutor: General, \$2,568, Deferral User, \$1,998 due to change in PERF was approved with a motion by Ankenbrand seconded by McConnell and passed 6-1 with Allen casting the nay vote.

Bob Townsend: Townsend stated that Landfill #2 methane probe field has to be moved and will require the purchase of ground and request \$100,000. The total expense is not known at this time. He stated that there is approximately \$100,000 left from what was allotted in the Rainy Day Fund for the new controls for the jail. It was agreed to use this money for the landfill. A motion to allow the transfer of the money from the jail line to a landfill line was made by Wolfe seconded by Pflug and passed 6-0.

Jail Cooling Unit: Andy Schafer, Custodial Supervisor, explained that the 20 year old unit at the jail is in need of replacing. It is difficult to find part plus a new unit will be much more fuel efficient and save money overall. The unit will have to be a special build in order to set on the present base on the roof. It was decided that Schafer and Mark Dove, Jail Commander, will work together to get at least three quotes for a replacement unit.

Transfers: Highway: A request for \$1,500 from supplies and \$500 travel in Administration for overtime. This was approved with a motion by Allen seconded by Pflug and passed 6-0.

Cum Bridge: A request for \$4,000 for overtime was approved with a motion by Allen seconded McConnell and passed 6-0.

Health: A request of \$220 was approved with a motion by Allen seconded by Wolfe and passed 6-0.

Council of Aging: Becky Cederholm sent a letter of request to each member of the Council for 2011.

Tulip Tree Health Center: Nora Nixon, business administrator for the Center, asked for possible funding for the hiring of a dentist for the facility. They have the office equipment and space. They need up front funding of approximately \$100,000 and should be self sustaining in the future. There was discussion and questions on this. No decision was made at this time.

Abatements: County Assessor Beadle sent a list of abatements that have turned in all required paperwork and are compliant. A motion to approve the signing of these forms was made by Ankenbrand seconded by Pflug and passed 6-0.

Old Business: Salary Ordinance: Clarification on changes to make the last wording presented was correct and to make sure that at budget time and if a change is made with in an office that said office is responsible in bring that change to the Auditor's office in writing.

New Business: Budget: Overton stated that budget work would start after the next meeting in August. Department meetings will be held immediately after the meeting and will continue the next day. Work days will be the week of August 16-20, 8AM to 4PM (all days may not be needed to complete the work). A motion to adjourn was made by Ankenbrand seconded by Wolfe and passed 6-0.

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Mary B. Key, Auditor