
Gibson County Council
Regular Session
July 8, 2014

The Gibson County Council met in regular session on July 8th, 2014, beginning at 9:00 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: President Jeremy Overton, Vice-President Craig Pflug, Councilwoman LeAnn Smith, Councilmen Bill McConnell, George Ankenbrand, and Derek McGraw and Gibson County Auditor Sherri Smith

Members Absent: Councilman Tony Wolfe

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Welcome were recited and led by President Overton.

Minutes:

The minutes from the June 10th, 2014 meeting were approved as read.

Department Reports:

EMS Director Dan Alvey presented the monthly report for June. The State has recognized Gibson County with the highest passing rate on the Advanced EMT tests. Director Alvey will try to pay the \$4,000 bill for the 2013 Indiana Medicaid Ambulance Supplemental Payment Cost Report out of his budget, but an additional may be needed. If everyone stays healthy, the payroll budget should be good for the rest of the year. If not, an additional may be needed.

Highway Superintendent Jerry Heldt asked for permission to replace three Highway workers that will be retiring soon. President Overton said that it would be discussed in the budget meetings.

Sheriff George Ballard presented his monthly report.

Commissioner Bottoms asked the Council to set the salary for the replacement of the Highway Superintendent. President Overton asked that it be discussed at the budget meeting.

Cheri Sweeney representing the Health Department told the Council that the Health Department will be open Monday thru Thursday until 6 pm for the summer.

Veterans Service Officer Jerry Wright presented his monthly report for June.

President Overton stated that he received a letter from Bruce Fischer, stating that he has resigned, effective immediately, from the Gibson County Economic Development Commission. He is the Council's appointment to that Board. Mr. Fischer thanked the Council for their support during the last three years. A replacement will be announced at a later date. Councilman

McConnell thanked Mr. Fischer for all of his hard work and said that it will be hard to replace the quality of his work.

EMA Performance Grant/Salaries – Director Terry Hedges was not in attendance.

Old Business:

- County General Prosecutor Deferral Fund Additional Appropriation – The Auditor’s office made a request of the Council to de-appropriate \$44,090.33 out of the deferral fund. The initial Additional was for \$61,212.00. Councilman Ankenbrand made a motion to de-appropriate \$44,090.33 from the budget of the Prosecutor Deferral Fund #2502, seconded by Councilman Pflug. Motion carried 6-0.
- The Commissioner’s made an Additional Appropriation request in the amount of \$40,000 for the Care of Patients and Inmates at the June Meeting. The Additional has been advertised and upon Council approval will be sent to the State for final approval. Councilman Pflug made a motion to approve an additional of \$40,000 for 1000-30-03-58, Care of Patients and Inmates, seconded by Councilman McGraw. Motion carried 6-0.
- The Highway Department made an Additional Appropriation request in the amount of \$10,000 to be used during the training period of the new Highway Superintendent at the June Meeting. The Additional has been advertised and upon Council approval will be sent to the State for final approval. Councilman McConnell made a motion to approve an additional of \$10,000 for the Highway, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carried 6-0.
- Amendment to Surtax/Wheel Tax Ordinance including Scooters. This Amendment was approved in June, 2014. Council is awaiting the written amendment to sign. This has been tabled to the next meeting.
- Amendment to G.C. Police Retirement Plan (from Attorney and IRS) The Amendment to the Gibson County Police Retirement Plan was tabled until a future meeting at the request of Sheriff Ballard.
- Severance and County Employees Retirement Costs – According to Payroll/Health Deputy Wendy Williams, there is over \$459,000 in accumulated sick days earned thru 2010 and owed to County Employees at their retirement. Councilman McConnell would like some of this money put into the budget for 2015.

New Business:

- EMS Dept. - Transfer of Monies in 01 Series – Councilman Pflug made a motion to transfer \$24,000 from 1000-47-01-14 Full Time Paramedic to 1000-47-01-16 Part Time, seconded by Councilman Ankenbrand. Motion carried 6-0.

- Additional Appropriation request from the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$20,000 in the 911 fund # 1222 – This Additional will not have to be advertised, it has already been approved by the State. Councilman Ankenbrand made a motion to approve an additional of \$20,000 in the E911 Fund for some unpaid bills from 2013 out of the T-Line/Fax/and Internet account, seconded by Councilman McGraw. Motion carried 6-0.
- Health Department made a request for an Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$2500.00. Approval was given to advertise an additional Appropriation for the Health Department in the amount of \$2,500. This will be voted on at the next meeting. It will require State approval.
- Health Department's Reimbursement Grant for Bio/Terrorism/Preparedness - \$15,471.00 Councilman Pflug made a motion to approve the Bio Terrorism/Preparedness Grant appropriations for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015, amounting to \$15,471.00, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carried 6-0.
- Judge Meade's Personnel Request - In a letter, Judge Meade requested a replacement for retiring Chief Probation Officer Frances Barr, Circuit Court. Jodi Montgomery has been named Chief Probation Officer (while continuing to work for Judge Penrod) and a new employee will be hired as a Circuit Court Probation Officer. Judge Meade also informed the Council about his need to pay a part-time person out of the PUFF Fund (Probation User Fee Fund) allowing a training period with Frances. Her Severance pay will be paid out of the PUFF Fund as well. The supplement for the new Chief Probation Officer will be paid out of the Superior Court Admin Fee Fund # 2002. Further discussion on these transactions will take place at the August meeting.
- Murder Trials – With information from Judge Meade, County Auditor Sherri Smith reminded the Council that at this time the County is still facing two murder trials and an attempted murder trial.
- Bruce Fischer provided the Council with two reports for their review from Umbaugh pertaining to TIF Finances.

Councilman Ankenbrand made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Pflug. Motion carried 6-0.

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Jeremy Overton, President

Craig Pflug, Vice-President

LeAnn Smith, Councilwoman

Bill McConnell, Councilman

George Ankenbrand, Councilman

Derek McGraw, Councilman

Attest: _____
Sherri Smith, Gibson County Auditor