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Gibson County Council  
Regular Session  
June 10, 2014  
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The Gibson County Council met in regular session on June 10, 2014, at 9:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting were approved as read.

**Department Reports:**

Diane Hornby representing the Health Department informed the Council that the Department will be open until 6:00PM Monday thru Thursday for the summer. This will enable individuals that work past 4pm, to get the vaccinations needed for their children for school. There are two new vaccine requirements from the state.

Andi Ice representing the County Extension Office introduced Andrea Wilzbacher as the new Health and Human Science Educator, and Holly Schutter, a new Purdue intern.

Sheriff George Ballard presented the monthly report. Councilman Tony Wolfe gave a shout out to the Employers of Gibson County for hiring people from the Gibson County Work Release Program.

Commissioner Bottoms spoke to the Council about possibly needing additional money to purchase more earthquake coverage. Right now it is only two million dollars. The Council gave some suggestions and said that it probably should be at least fifteen million. A decision on insurance coverage will be made at the next Commissioners meeting. If more money is needed for insurance premiums, they will come back to the Council and ask for an additional.

**Old Business:**

- Prosecutor Deferral Fund - \$61,212.00 – Advertised Additional Appropriation – Need Council approval at this meeting. Councilman Ankenbrand made a motion to approve an additional in County General for the Prosecutor's Department in the amount of \$61,212.00, seconded by Councilman Wolfe. Motion carried 7-0.

- Park's Dept. Ordinance # 2014-2 (Revised) – After much discussion, Councilman Wolfe made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO 2014-2 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, Seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carried 5-2, with Councilmen Ankenbrand and McConnell voting no.
- Terry Hedges – “Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant” \$12,500 (did not advertise, no additional appropriation needed. Councilman Ankenbrand made a motion to approve the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant of \$12,500 and to let that fund run in the red until reimbursed by the State, seconded by Councilman Pflug. Motion carried 7-0. More of these types of Grants will come about in the future.
- Sheriff Dept. Amended Pension Plan – Councilman McGraw made a motion to approve the amended Sheriff's Pension Plan, seconded by Councilman Wolfe. Motion carried 7-0.
- Surveyor Lawsuit – Councilman Wolfe made a motion to approve payment of \$5,038.87 from Rainy Day, to the legal firm representing the County in the lawsuit with the Surveyor, seconded by Councilman Ankenbrand. Motion carried 7-0. Councilman Wolfe also gave an update on the lawsuit.

**New Business:**

- Health Dept. Ordinance 2013-1 (Revision) - Councilman Pflug made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2014-3, a REVISION TO ORDINANCE NO. 2013-1 pertaining to Health Department fees, seconded by Councilman Wolfe. Motion carried 7-0.
- House Bill 1343 Excise Tax on Scooters – With information provided to the Council by Auditor Smith, Councilman Wolfe made a request that the Council set an Excise Tax on Scooters, in the amount of \$10.00. Therefore the amount of the surtax would be \$1.00. The total amount the County would receive would then be \$6.00 after the state credit of \$5.00. After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Wolfe made a motion to amend the County's current Surtax/Wheel Tax Ordinance to include motorized scooters, and to waiver the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, seconded by Councilman Ankenbrand. Motion carried 7-0. The County Attorney will amend the existing Ordinance.
- Budget Meetings and Hearings Scheduled  
The following dates were set by the Council for Budget Hearing Sessions for the 2015 Budget. They are:
  - 07/08/14 at 10:00 am following Council meeting
  - 07/09/14 at 9:00 am
  - 08/05/14 at 10:00 am following Council meeting
  - 08/07/14 at 9:00 am
  - 08/28/14 at 9:00 am – 1<sup>st</sup> hearing
  - 09/09/14 at 10:00 am – Adoption Hearing following Council Meeting

- Additional Appropriation from Commissioners to cover Care of Patients and inmates – The Commissioners asked for an additional appropriation in the County General Commissioner’s budget in the amount of \$40,000 for Care of Patients & Inmates. Consent was given to advertise and further discussion at the July meeting.
- Highway Superintendent Jerry Heldt will be retiring effective 8/29/14 - The Commissioners asked the Council to approve hiring a replacement by August 1, 2014 and for the money to pay the individual. Consent was given to hire a replacement and to advertise an additional of \$10,000 for the Highway Department and to be voted on at the July meeting.
- Severance - With several County Employees retiring this year and next, money for severance pay will probably come out of other line items. This will be decided at a later meeting.

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Craig Pflug, Vice-President

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LeAnn Smith, Councilwoman

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Bill McConnell, Councilman

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George Ankenbrand, Councilman

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Derek McGraw, Councilman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sherri Smith, Gibson County Auditor