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Gibson County Council  
Regular Session  
June 09, 2015  
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The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on June 09, 2015, at 9:00 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: Included President Jeremy Overton, Vice-President Derek McGraw, Councilman Craig Pflug, William McConnell, George Ankenbrand, Dan Beard, Jay Riley 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 the May 12, 2015 Council Meeting were approved as read.

**Department Reports**

Sheriff Tim Bottoms presented his monthly reports.

Highway Supervisor Chuck Lewis stated that the Highway Department is doing summer mowing projects and he is compiling a list of roads to be chip and sealed. He plans to have 10 miles per township, chip and sealed this summer. He hopes to start the last week of June. Also he is working with the Commissioners and the County Engineer on upcoming paving projects.

EMS Director Jim Allen presented his monthly report.

**Old Business**

- 2015 Salary Ordinance - Councilman Pflug made a motion to remove the clause in the Salary Ordinance for 2015 that stated a new hire would start at a \$1,000 less for the first six months of employment and \$500 less for the next six months, seconded by Councilman Riley. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 7-0. This policy was not being followed by all departments.

Councilman McGraw made a motion to correct the pay of all new employees hired since January 1, 2015 seconded by Councilman Riley. Motion carried 7-0. Auditor Sherri Smith stated that everyone's pay will be fixed on the June 26<sup>th</sup> pay.

- Restroom Repairs at Community Corrections – Councilman Pflug made a motion to rescind the motion made at the May 12, 2015 meeting to pay a bill of \$24,300 for repair of the Work Release Center out of the Cum Building Fund, seconded by Councilman McConnell. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Pflug made a motion to pay the bill of \$24,300 for the Work Release Center out of the Rainy Day Fund, seconded by Councilman McGraw. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 7-0.

### **New Business**

- Judge Meade asking to change a part time person/position into a full time position. The request from Judge Meade was tabled until the Council has additional information.
- Hwy. Supt. Chuck Lewis asking the Council to replace a retiring highway employee. Council Consensus was given to the Highway Supervisor to advertise for the replacement of a retiring highway employee.
- Clerk Jim Morrow - Tri-State Systems Invoice in the amount of \$67,776.40 – Councilman Ankenbrand made a motion to allow up to \$120,000 to be appropriated out of 1119 Clerk's Records Perpetuation Fund, seconded by Councilman McGraw. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 7-0.
- EMS Director Allen made a request of the Council for \$25,000 in an Additional Appropriation for Ambulance/Medical Supplies and medication costs due to increased run volumes; an Additional Appropriation for \$15,000 due to unexpected costs to repair 1 unit; and an Additional Appropriation for \$15,000 to cover increased costs and utilization of cardiac monitor supplies due to increased run volume and usage. Councilman McGraw made a motion to advertise an additional of \$55,000 for the EMS Department, seconded by Councilman Beard. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 7-0.
- Councilman McConnell stated that his idea to raise the EDIT tax rate to have extra money to help out County General isn't going to work according to the DLGF. He is still going to try to come up with a plan for relief for our County funds. President Overton stated that in the last five years the County has been in the best shape it has been in during the last fifteen years.
- Commission President Bottoms stated that the premium for the liability insurance for another year had a decrease. The last premium paid for the nonunion health insurance had a decrease.
- Circuit Court Judge Meade – requests an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,000 total – Councilman Ankenbrand made a motion to approve an additional of \$4000 for the Gal Casa Fund Operating Expenses and an additional of \$3,000 for the Circuit Court User Fee Fund Probation Office Supplies, seconded by Councilman Riley. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 7-0.
- Health Department – Tobacco Prevention & Cessation requests Transfer in the amount of \$50.26 from 9101-03-03-13 TPCT Travel into 9101-02-02-60 Office Supplies. Councilman McGraw made a motion to approve a transfer of \$50.26 from 9101-03-03-13

Travel to 9101-02-02-60 Office Supplies in the Tobacco Cessation Fund, seconded by Councilman Pflug. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 7-0.

- Prosecutor Rob Krieg questioned the Council about the student loan payments made for his deputy prosecutors. He thought that \$500 a month was to be paid. Some of the payments have been less than \$500 so the payment was made according to the claim. The Council and the Auditor’s office will check on this and will bring it to the next Council meeting. He also asked for a change in the way Department Heads are notified about changes to the Salary Ordinance or Budgets.
- Budget Meetings, Hearings and Adoption Schedule – Consensus was given to the following Budget Meeting Dates:

Council Meeting – July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am  
 Departmental Meetings – July 14 @ 10:30 am and July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am  
 Budget Meetings – August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am and August 6<sup>th</sup> @9:00 am  
 AND ONLY IF NEEDED – August 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am and August 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am  
 1<sup>st</sup> Hearing – August 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am  
 Adoption Hearing– September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am

- Commission President Bottoms put together a TIF package request for necessary equipment to maintain our services in the Highway, Sherriff, E-911 and EMS Departments and presented it to the Council for their approval.

Requesting Funds for:

Highway Department	Cost
Fully Equipped 10 Wheel Dump Truck (warning lights, snowplow, sander and radio)	\$135,000
Sheriff’s Department	
Squad Cars (3)	\$140,436
SUV (1)	\$ 49,996
Trucks (2)	\$106,932
E-911	
Dispatch Computer Equipment	\$ 99,228
EMS	
Ambulance Remount	\$ 50,000
Ambulance	\$150,000
SUV	\$ 33,800
Repeater	\$ 10,640
Radios (Upgrade Current) (8)	\$ 4,000
Radios (Purchase New Dual Band) (8)	\$ 56,000

Total Request

\$836,032

After a lengthy line by line discussion, Councilman Riley made a motion for the Council to approve and send this list of items on to the Commissioners for their approval and then the Commissioners would officially request the use of TIF money from the Redevelopment Commission to purchase equipment for the County in the amount of \$836,032, seconded by Councilman Ankenbrand.

Further discussion – Councilman Beard stated that he felt like the Council, these were things they had a responsibility to find the money from somewhere. Even though we don't have a vote on the TIF money, we have a person voting for us. Same as the Commissioners. But the Council backed themselves into a corner over the last 7 years. It did not happen overnight. The money keeps going down when the tax caps went into effect. The governor and the legislature gave the Counties an option of regaining back that money. We had the opportunity of COIT or LOIT tax. Something is going to have to be looked at sometime, this is a short term fix. Councilman McConnell also stated that this is an emergency situation and agreed with Councilman Beard regarding a new tax or increase. With the original motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Motion carried 7-0.

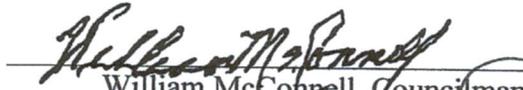
With no further business, Councilman Ankenbrand made a motion to adjourn.

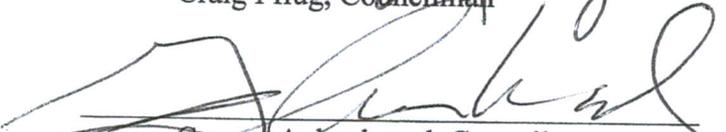
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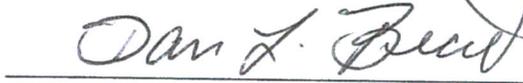
  
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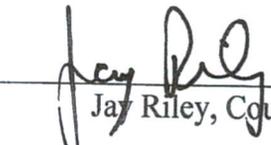
  
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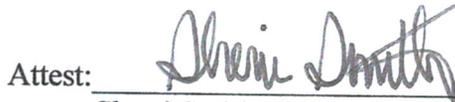
  
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Sherri Smith, Gibson County Auditor