
Gibson County Council
Regular Session
March 8, 2010

The Gibson County Council met in regular session on March 8, 2010, at 6:30 PM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

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

Members absent:

D. Craig Pflug

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

Census: Just a reminder that the US Census forms are now being mailed and the need to fill them out and mailed back.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting of February 2, 2010, were approved with a motion by Ankenbrand seconded by George and passed 7-0.

Department Reports: EMS: Dan Alvey distributed the February monthly report and stated that he had been notified by Medicare that payment distributions would be late.

Extension: Cathy Boerste stated that the educator position opening was yet to be filled. As of today, no qualified applications had been received. The duties were being fulfilled by other people for now but wasn't sure how long that would continue.

Revised EDIT Plan: Commissioner Gerald Bledsoe presented the newly revised plan for Council approval. The change in plan will require an additional appropriation to the present budget. After discussion of the changes, it was agreed to advertise the additional appropriation and consider the changes at the next meeting.

Distressed Road Loan: Commissioner Bledsoe also brought the Distressed Road loan, which has been applied for and approved by the State, for the Council's approval. There was discussion on the amount, approximately \$668,000, and method of pay back, income from the County Wheel Tax, as to the reason for the loan and being able to pay the loan back in the proper time frame. This is a no interest loan from the State only to be used for road improvements. A motion to approve the loan with a ten year time frame and obligating only wheel tax money for the payment was made by McConnell seconded by Ankenbrand and passed 6-1 with Allen casting the nay vote.

Transfers: Health Dept: Kanda Walden sent a request for a transfer of \$250.00 in fund 0805 for a part time employee that was a contracted employee but now, due to State regulations, has to be a county employee. This requires the addition of a line for FICA/Medicare to this budget and the necessary money for the payments. This was approved with a motion by Wolfe seconded by Allen and passed 7-0.

Old Business: EMS: Overton stated that at the last meeting Dan Alvey had asked the Council to consider a change or adjustment in the 'new hire' policy because of the 90% of base pay for a paramedic puts the paramedic below Advance EMT pay therefore making it almost impossible to hire a paramedic. A few scenarios were spoken of such as a department head asking the Council for a special circumstance due to additional qualifications necessary for the position, years of experience and such. Alvey also stated that having a base EMT would allow him flexibility to hire at a lesser pay scale but have the personnel available for duty. The Salary Ordinance does not allow for this at the present time. After discussion it was decided to investigate this further and address this at the next meeting.

Salary Ordinance: An amended Salary Ordinance was presented with a change in Superior Court to reflect the correct salary for the Chief Probation Officer and in Re-assessment concerning the new full time employee. These changes were approved with a motion by Wolfe seconded by George and passed 7-0.

Finance Committee: Overton announced the members of the Council's Finance Committee: Cecil Allen, Tony Wolfe and himself.

New Business: Overton stated that Juanita Beadle, Assessor, had contacted him about an appeal from Toyota on real property assessment. An outside appraisal has been presented and she is asking the Council if the County wanted to have another appraisal done for the County. A piliminary expense figure she could get on short notice would be approximately \$40,000. She feels the Council needs to be included in the decision of the necessity of another appraisal and the commitment of County funds. Overton also stated that a company in Haubstadt will be coming to a Council meeting about a possible abatement for future expansion. Todd Mosby will be with them representing Gibson County Economic Development.

Additional Appropriation: The Commissioners requested an additional appropriation for their budget due to an unusually large tax refund due to a company because of double reporting on equipment and being tax for it. The amount is \$45,000 but due to other refunds and most of the budgeted funds being used already they are asking for a \$60,000 appropriation. It was agreed to advertise this amount. Wolfe gave a report on happenings at the State Legislature.

Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Wolfe seconded by Ankenbrand and passed 7-0.

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Mary B. Key, Auditor