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Gibson County Council
Regular Session
May 13, 2014

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The Gibson County Council met in regular session on May 13, 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 Marilyn Mason, 1st Deputy.

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

EMS Supervisor Dan Alvey presented the monthly report. He stated that there is a possibility that Gibson County will receive some Medicaid reimbursements from past billings, possibly around $128,000.00

Salary Corrections – Dan Alvey – The County owes Arica Cole (EMS Bookkeeper) $13,405.61 for overtime worked as an EMT/Advanced EMT since 2012. Arica would work 40 hours as a bookkeeper and then the weekend as a part time EMT. Bob Townsend and Dan Alvey made the decision not to pay her Overtime. Councilman McConnell asked if the decision to pay this overtime was in the Commissioners Minutes and Commissioner Douglas stated that the situation would be handled at the next Commissioners meeting. An additional may be needed later in the EMS budget to make up for this extra expense.

Commissioner Douglas asked for employees and the public to watch where they park behind the North Annex. The Church behind the annex has been sold along with half of the parking lot.

Commissioner Douglas told the Council that Jonnie Watkins will be retiring as bookkeeper on June 1, 2014, from the Highway Department. He asked for permission to advertise for and hire a replacement and also that Jonnie be able to come back and train the new employee. Councilman Overton recommended on behalf of the Council that they advertise and hire from a large open pool of candidates. Council agreed to the replacement.

Approval of Minutes – April 8th, 2014. At the end of the meeting, the Minutes were approved as read, with a notation that Councilman Wolfe did not table the Parks and Recreation Board Ordinance at the April meeting.

Department Reports

Health Administrator Kelly Kelley informed the Council that Vicki Page will be retiring on August 22, 2014 as Vital Records Registrar. Kelly asked for permission to advertise for and hire a replacement. Council agreed.

Sheriff George Ballard presented the monthly report.

Surveyor Michael Stevenson informed the Council that his department will be applying for the Earn Indiana Grant again this year. It reimburses one half of the salary of one part time student employee.

Extension Office employee Andi Ice asked the Council for permission to advertise for and hire a part time employee. Council agreed.

Highway Supervisor Jerry Heldt gave a monthly report.

President Overton discussed the situation of the County funds that the Council controls. Charts were distributed to Council Members and available to the public.

Old Business

- Prosecutor's Deferral Fund – Council agreed to advertise an additional for $61,212.00 for the 08 Prosecutor's Department of County General to help the depleting Prosecutor's Deferral Fund. A vote will be taken at the June meeting.

- Murder Trial Expenses/Funding – Prosecutor Rob Krieg stated that the costs of the pending murder trial may not include some of the more expensive expenses of the last murder trial, such as security risks and moving the trial. Additional monies may be needed later to cover some of these expenses. This item was tabled.

- CUM Bridge Funds - Councilman Plfug made a motion to approve a Highway transfer for $17,270.00 from Equipment 1176-04-04-01 to Group Insurance 1176-04-01-23, and a Cum Bridge transfer for $75,000.00 from Materials 1135-01-02-31 to Other Contractual 1135-01-03-91, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

- Parks & Recreation Board's Ordinance - The Parks and Recreations Board Ordinance would be tabled until the next meeting.

- Salary Ordinance – Councilman Pflug made a motion to approve the amended Salary Ordinance changing the wording of 18 part-time EMT's to 24 part time EMT's, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business

- Proof of Payment Grant Funding – Director Terry Hedges addressed the Council. Councilman Overton asked that the Council see the Contract signed by the Commissioners for whatever grant they are asked to approve. He would like this added to the minutes. The decision of the grants was delayed while Councilman Wolfe spoke with the State Board of Accounts. See statement made later in the meeting.

- Bridge Transfers – Jerry Heldt addressed the Council - Councilman Pflug made a motion to approve transfers of $50,000.00 from Equipment Rental 1135-01-03-71 and $50,000.00 from Other Contractual 1135-01-03-91 to Bridge 235 1135-02-02-17, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

- Councilman Pflug made a motion that if money is needed before June Settlement, County General and/or Cum Bridge borrow from Highway Fund, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

- The Council agreed to advertise for an additional appropriation for $12,500 in the EMA Department of County General. They also agreed to let the grant fund for the HMEP-Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant run in the red for up to $12,500.00. Councilman Wolfe asked Terry Hedges to bring an approximate total for a year, of the amount of grants he will be asking for, to the next meeting.

- Request Immediate Replacement for Corrections Officer - The Council consensus was to allow Sheriff George Ballard to replace a Corrections Officer.

- Amendment to Sheriff's Pension - A decision on the Amendment to the Sheriff's Pension plan was tabled until the next meeting so that some wording could be added to the plan.

- Highway Supervisor Jerry Heldt told the Council that there is a possibility of five retiring from either Highway or Cum Bridge. He stated that some extra money will be needed to pay out these employees. He wanted the Council to be aware of this potential expense.

- Councilman Tony Wolfe gave an update on the Michael Stevenson appeal.

- Councilman McConnell suggested that he would like to have a closed executive session between the Council and the Commissioners, to talk about state mandates and other personnel issues.

- Councilman Wolfe stated that June 21st is a state mandated County Council meeting, if anyone is interested.

Meeting was adjourned.

Jeremy Overton, President

Craig Pflug, Vice-President

LeAnn Smith, Councilwoman

Bill McConnell, Councilman

Tony Wolfe, Councilman

George Ankenbrand, Councilman

Derek McGraw, Councilman

Attest: _____
Sherri Smith, Gibson County Auditor