

Gibson County Council Regular Session Meeting December 19, 2023

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on December 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: President Jeremy Overton, Vice President, Derek McGraw, Council Members: Jeff Clark, Jay Riley, Robert Schleter, Michael Stilwell, and Hannah Whitehead
Also present were Auditor Mike Watkins, 1st Deputy to Auditor, Kristy York, and 2nd Deputy to Auditor, Wendy Williams

The Council opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Retention Bonus Payment for Public Defender's Department – Public Defender Lisa Moody requested permission from the Council to pay her Contract Attorneys a retention bonus from Fund 8893 Title IV-E Grant Funds. Public Defender Moody feels this is a good way to use this money as the money is generated based on the number of CHINS cases the County works; thus, the attorneys that work on these CHINS cases will receive a bonus. The Public Defender Board has approved this payment. The amount would be \$1600 per attorney for a total of \$6400. She also requested moving forward, that Public Defender Board permission is all that is required to make this payment.

Council Member McGraw motioned to allow this bonus this year and every year thereafter as long as the Public Defender Board approves and it never comes out of county funds, seconded by Council Member Clark. The vote was 7-0.

Fund 2501 Jury Fees – Judge Meade requested to use this fund to pay to have their work done in the Courtroom. This fund has a balance of \$236,940. They will be rewiring, replacing some glass in the courtroom, refinishing/repairing some old benches, installing two wheelchair areas in the front of the courtroom, and repairing some old tables.

Council Member McGraw motioned to approve expenditures not to exceed \$10,000 from this fund, seconded by Council Member Stilwell. The vote was 7-0.

New Probation Hire and Salary – Judge Meade requested a new hire for a Probation Officer. He will also need to replace a court reporter and hire a new court reporter; all of which are within the budget. The council had no issues on this.

The current court reporter will be moving to a probation officer, and the years of experience will add money to the salary. This salary change will be made in January; this salary is set by the State.

Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2023, minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer / Clerk Report – reports were acknowledged by the Council.

Sheriff Vanoven told the Council they are hiring as they have openings in communications, corrections, and deputy positions. Two new deputies went to the Academy yesterday and scored very well in their assessments.

Health Department – Administrator Shade gave Council their monthly reports; there were no questions. She advised about the high rate of respiratory illness. They have posted a job opening on the State's website and

will hire in January. They have some applicants for the nurse’s position, but they will hire this position in January.

OLD BUSINESS

Jail Project –George Ballard, Owners Representative told Council they are putting a lot of steel on the project site. He explained the pod placement. Garmong will pour a concrete pad on the north end of the building; the pod will come in on a flatbed, a crane will lift them off the flatbed and lay them onto the poured pad and roll them into the steel structure. There will be enough room in the steel openings to maneuver them through to their permanent place. He says the office portion of the building is waiting on windows to be delivered and then they will begin drywalling inside this office.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Cochren – Prosecutor Cochren told Council they are still renting office space; they are trying to remodel the North Annex for their future use with the services of Three I Engineer. He would like to use some of his unexpended, appropriated budget in Fund 2502 to pay this bill. He will have to make some transfers in this fund and then encumber this money. He will move any unused balance to his rental line. Council Member McGraw motioned to allow out of series transfers to rent and professional services and then encumber if needed, seconded by Council Member Riley. The vote was 7-0.

2024 Salary Schedule – The schedule was presented to the Council for approval and includes \$2 per hour across the board except for 2 people in Probation. Everyone was placed on a bi-weekly basis to avoid the 27th pay differential. EMS had a bit more increase in some areas. The schedule includes longevity pay in 2024; it will be paid in a lump sum in December from EDIT. Anyone hired after January 1, 2024 will not receive the pay in the first year, as it is an earned item. This longevity pay will be discussed every year. Council Member McGraw motioned to approve the salary schedule, seconded by Council Member Stilwell. The vote was 7-0.

2024 Meeting Dates Approval – Auditor Watkins presented the 2024 Council Meeting dates. They are scheduled the same as 2023 meetings; they will be the second Tuesday each month, except in December. The council would like to start budget meetings on Tuesday following the Council meeting, rather than on Wednesday. Council Member McGraw motioned to approve the meeting schedule for 2024, seconded by Council Member Riley. The vote was 7-0.

Personal Service Transfer Requests:

Fund 1000 General – 161 Courthouse requests	from	12303 Overtime	\$ 3,000
	into	11300 Part-time	
Fund 9122 Com Corrections Grant request	from	12500 PERF	\$ 1,500
	into	10401 FICA/Medicare	
Fund 1000 General – 09 Prosecutor requests	from	12307 Group Insurance	\$ 2,000
	into	10401 FICA/Medicare	
Fund 1189 Recorder’s Perpetuation requests	from	11300 Part-time	\$ 250
	Into	10401 FICA/Medicare	
Fund 1000 General – 301 EMS requests	From	11300 Part time	\$ 87,500
	Into	11700 Administrative Asst	\$ 2,500
	Into	11510 F/T AD/Basic EMTs	\$ 35,000
	Into	12303 Overtime	\$ 50,000

Council Member Riley motioned to approve the personal services transfer, seconded by Council Member Clark. The vote was 6-0 (Council Member McGraw stepped out of the meeting briefly).

Out of Series Transfer Requests:

Fund 1000-05 General Sheriff request	T#33	from	21400 Printing	\$ 1,000
		from	23304 Latent Fingerprint Spls	\$ 500
		into	30501 Repairs	\$ 1,500
	T#34	from	Printing	\$ 3,800
		Into	Gasoline, oil	
	T#35	from	11312 Captain	\$ 2,200
		Into	30501 Repairs	
	T#36	from	13500 Courthouse Security Dpty	\$ 10,500
		into	32401 Gas	
	T#44	from	43300 Radar	\$ 1,557
		into	30501 Repairs	
	T#48	from	31606 Intox School	\$ 2,500
		Into	24600 Air Control HVAC	
	T#62	from	13900 Sergeant	\$ 6,700
		Into	44200 Computers & Equipment	
	T#63	from	10201 Correction Officer	\$ 3,000
		Into	30602 Plumbing	
	T#64	from	10201 Correction Officer	\$ 3,000
		Into	24600 Air Control HVAC	
	T#65	from	10201 Corrections Officer	\$ 4,000
		Into	35301 Computer Maintenance	
	T#66	from	11002 Communications Offcr	\$ 6,000
		Into	32401 Gas	
	T#67	from	11002 Communications Officer	\$ 2,000
		Into	30501 Repairs	
	T#68	from	11002 Communications Officer	\$ 1,000
		Into	30501 Repairs	
Fund 1000-68 General Commissioners request		from	34000 Letterhead, Bus Card	\$ 177.28
		And	33305 Conf Expenses	\$ 342.72
		Into	26000 Office Supplies	\$ 520
Fund 1000-380 General Jail request	T#40	from	25300 Trash Bags	\$ 17.58
		into	44106 Kitchen Equipment	
Fund 1112 EDIT		from	42900 Jail Bond Payments	\$128,000
		into	33311 Road Maintenance D1	
			Lake Road Phase II, III, & IV	
		from	42900 Jail Bond Payments	\$ 11,800
		into	34900 Rent	
			Pay rent for Prosecutors office 11/20/23-01/19/2024.	

Council Member Riley made a motion to approve these out of series transfer requests, seconded by Council Member McGraw. The vote was 7-0.

Additional Appropriation Requests requiring Council Approval Only

Fund 8893 Title IV-E Grant (Council Approval) Appropriate fund for expenditures \$6400 Cash on hand:
\$ 9,203

Council Member Riley made a motion to approve these out of series transfer requests, seconded by Council Member Stilwell. The vote was 7-0.

Additional Appropriation Resolution

1000 General Fund, Dept 232 Circuit Court	10000 Personal Services	\$10,000
	30000 Other Services/Charges	\$ 2,000
Fund 1159 Health	30000 Other Services/Charges	\$ 9,500
Fund 1202 Section Corner Perpetuation Fund	30000 Other Services/Charges	\$ 5,000
Fund 1238 Opioid Unrestricted Fund	30000 Other Services/Charges	\$26,075
Fund 4100 EMA/Prepare & Women’s Foundation	22000 Supplies	\$ 3,000
Fund 4110 Gibson County Veteran’s Donations Fund	30000 Other Services/Charges	\$ 690

Council Member Riley made a motion to approve the additional appropriation resolution, seconded by Council Member McGraw. The vote was 7-0.

Princeton Public Library

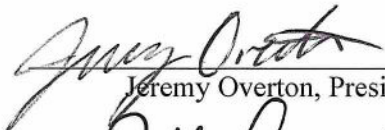
LIRF Fund	10000 Personal Services	\$20,000
Rainy Day Fund	10000 Personal Services	\$30,000
Gift Fund	10000 Personal Services	\$90,000

Council Member Whitehead made a motion to approve the resolution for additional appropriations, seconded by Council Member Schleter. The vote was 7-0.

Approval to make transfers for year end payroll and bring to the Council in January – Council Member McGraw motioned to allow these transfers, seconded by Council Member Whitehead. The vote was 7-0.

Council Member McGraw motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes from the December 19, 2023, meeting



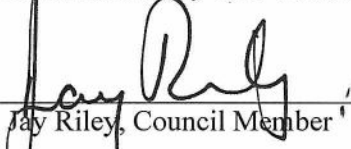
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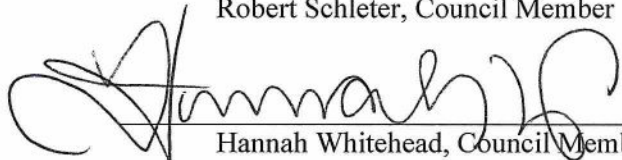
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 Hannah Whitehead, Council Member

Attest: 
 Michael A. Watkins, Gibson County Auditor

