

Gibson County Council Regular Session Agenda December 20, 2022

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on December 20, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: President Jeremy Overton, Vice President, Craig Pflug, Councilmen Dan Beard, Jeff Clark, Derek McGraw, Jay Riley, and Michael Stilwell.

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.

President Overton thanked Councilman Pflug for his 20 years of service to the Council and Dan Beard for his eight years of service to the Council and a total of 40 years of service in various roles. Councilman Beard thanked the public for giving him the opportunity to serve and offered some words of wisdom to the next Councilmen. He told them to continue to do the best for their taxpayers, family, friends and neighbors. Councilman Pflug also thanked everyone for his opportunity to serve and asked the successors to leave the County as good, if not better, than the way they found it.

Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2022, minutes were approved as written.

Clerk's Report & Treasurer's Report –these reports were acknowledged by the Council.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

EMS Department – Director Pond requested the Council's permission to replace an EMT that recently resigned. There have been 17 paramedics in the past, and putting the new employee on staff will bring this number to 17 again. The council approved the addition of the new employee.

OLD BUSINESS

YMCA Sewer Project – Attorney McDonald is back in front of the Council this month to try and get the funding for the YMCA utility project finalized. He explained the RDC had approved this \$600,000 project after Commissioners moved the project to them. There is a sewer line running under the school and water lines running right outside the building. They wish to move these lines. This will be done under one umbrella. This is an introduction phase of the forgivable loan. The loan will be presented at the January 2023 meeting.

Animal Services Update – Sharon Werne told Council she is on the advisory board of the animal services, and she wanted to provide an update. Animal Services have been approved for a new building through ARPA funding in the amount of \$800,000 and awarded one new vehicle. They are awaiting license plates to arrive, meanwhile, the highway garage has loaned them a vehicle. They will soon order a camper shell to accommodate the hauling of animals. They have started working on the building and Commissioner Fleetwood will be overseeing this project for the Commissioners. Brad Stott will be the local, unpaid coordinator for the building construction; he and Commissioner Fleetwood will communicate. They are in the process of visiting other shelters for ideas, prior to contracting an architect.

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They will be doing fund raisers to help pay for the new building. The location of the new building will be south of the highway garage, on 5 acres directly east of soccer fields.

Jail Project –George Ballard, Owners Representative gave Council a brief on the project and told them a lot of concrete had been removed from the building site. 218 dump trucks have been hauled to the highway department for them to use as erosion control. There was an old ice plant in the construction location years ago. Councilman Overton asked George to check on the interactive website Garmong planned to provide.

Additional Appropriation and Reduction Resolution – The following additional appropriations have been advertised and await Council approval via resolution.

General Fund 1000 requests an additional \$149,000 in Personal Services

Councilman McGraw motioned to approve the additional appropriation resolution, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 7-0.

A reduction is also requested in this fund (\$23,000) in Personal Services

Councilman McGraw motioned to approve the reduction in appropriation resolution, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 7-0.

General Fund 1000 requests an additional \$2,333 in Other Services and Charges
\$17,940 in Capital Outlays

Councilman Pflug motioned to approve the additional appropriation resolution, seconded by Councilman McGraw. The vote was 7-0.

Fund 1174 Medical Care for Inmates requests an additional \$1,500 in Supplies
\$2,000 in Other Services & Charges

Councilman McGraw motioned to approve the additional appropriation resolution, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 7-0.

Fund 8951 American Rescue Grant Fund requests an additional \$3,268,933 in Other Services & Charges
Councilman McGraw motioned to approve the additional appropriation resolution, seconded by Councilman Stilwell. The vote was 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Prosecutor Office Move Funding – Prosecutor Cochren requests permission to use money in his Fund 1000, location #660 4-D Program and Fund 2502 Deferral Fund. He requests permission to transfer money to cover moving expenses. This is in relation to the office’s temporary relocation for environmental remediation. They plan to move on Thursday of this week. He intends to make every effort possible to have these cost billed in 2022. He requests to transfer \$30,607.84 from 1000-12200-0660 to a moving expenses line. In fund 2502, he wishes to move all remaining money in lines 22000, 22500, 30203, 30507, 31802, 31903, 36300, and 40102 into the 31609 moving expenses line. Council thanked Prosecutor Cochran for working within the realm of his current budget to use that money. Councilman McGraw motioned to approve creation of a new line for Prosecutor Cochran, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 7-0. Councilman McGraw motioned to approve an out of series transfer in both funds, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 7-0.

GC Health Department Staffing and Wage Changes – Director Hornby has permission from the Health Board to step out of the Director’s position and back into the nursing position beginning on January 1, 2023. She would like to cut her wages and forward them to Juli Shade, the new Director of the Health Department on January 1, 2023. The Health Department has not used a part timeline for some

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years and request this get moved to the Director's pay. She assured the Council that this will only shift money and not request additional. Kevin does still work with the grants, and he works under the Emergency Preparedness Grant. Diane feels they might need to replace a retiring employee, but they will look more into this when they have a sure retirement date. Diane feels they have some grant money to use as well. The Council asked them to come back with some solid figures at the January meeting. Councilman McGraw motioned to table this item, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 7-0. Diane also told Council there will be new health funds coming from the state. If the Commissioners vote to approve the agreement, the county will get approximately \$856,000 per year. She feels part of this money will need to be used toward infrastructure.

Public Defender Part-Time Help – Wendy Williams – The Public Defender is requesting part-time help for her office on a temporary basis. They will receive \$12.50 per hour. She would like to pay this from the Supplemental Fund 1200. Councilman McGraw made the motion, seconded by Councilman Pflug. The vote was 7-0.

Personal Services Transfer Requests-

1000 GENERAL; 0068 Commissioners	from 12007 Co-Ordinator	\$2,252.27
	into 11403 Secretary	
	Payroll	
1000 GENERAL; 0104 Elections requests	from 11415 Primary Boards	\$1,170
	into 11906 Spcl Deputy ABS Voting	
	to cover paid out for election	
1000 GENERAL; 0001 Clerk requests	from 11300 Part-time	\$800.00
	into 12303 Overtime	

Work done on a Saturday moving records from N Main Annex to The Hub

Councilman Riley motioned to approve the transfers, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 7-0.

Out of Series Transfer Requests-

1000 Gen Fund, Jail 0380 requests	from 31603 Uniform Cleaning	\$355.23
	into 24800 Copy Machine	
	To pay invoices	
1224 Reassessment request	from 40300 Aerial Photography	\$849
	into 31406 Vehicle Maint/Repair	
	Cover deficit balance	
1000 Gen Fund, Recorder 0004 request	from 21200 Other Supls/Srvc	\$255.15
	Into 31500 Travel	
	Newly Elected Official's Training	
1000 Gen Fund 0161 Courthouse	from 35201 Renovations	\$400
	44601 Elevator	\$400
	Into 34300 Buildings/Liability	\$800
	Low Funds	
1000 Gen Fund #0006 Surveyor request	from 23501 Institutional Supplies	\$1,336.87
	into 35101 Utilities	
	Low Funds	
1000 Gen Fund #0006 Surveyor request	from 24300 Reserve Deputy Uniforms	\$500
	And 23200 Reserve Deputy Suppls	\$500
	Into 32401 Gas, Tires, & Oil	\$1000
	To pay invoice	
1000 General Fund, Sheriff 005 #31 request	from 26000 Office Supplies	\$1,404
	And 27100 Instrmnt/Equipmt	\$1,404
	And 35303 Software Maint	\$2300

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Into 22500 Computer Supplies \$5108
2 new computers

Councilman Riley motioned to approve the transfer, seconded by Councilman McGraw. The vote was 7-0.


Approval of 2023 Council Meeting Dates – Councilman Riley motioned to approve the January 10, 2023, meeting date at 9:00, seconded by Councilman Stilwell. They will set subsequent meetings at that time.

Salary Adjustment Request to Community Corrections by Rachel Johnson- Rachel explained that all Corrections Officers in the Jail received a pay increase, but all Community Corrections Field Officers were excluded. Traditionally, because the field officers go out into the community and do field checks at people's homes, they were kept at a rate of more than a jailer, but less than a deputy. She requests that everyone's wage be changed by \$1.38 + \$.50 (\$1.88 total) per hour for 2023, across the board at Community Corrections. They have money in the budget and their board has approved the change. She requested this change take place on January 1, 2023. Councilman McGraw agrees with the request but motioned to table until January and backpay after it is approved, second by Councilman Riley. The vote was 7-0.

Wendy asked permission to make small transfers to cover any out of series and personal transfers and bring to them to the January meeting. Council granted permission to make any needed year-end transfers.

Councilman Pflug motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes from the December 20, 2022, meeting



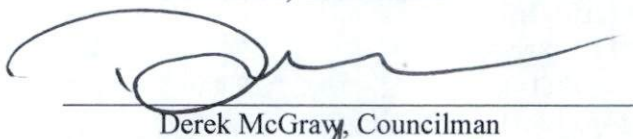
Jeremy Overton, President

Craig Pflug, Vice- President

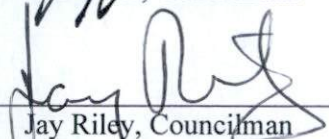
Dan Beard, Councilman



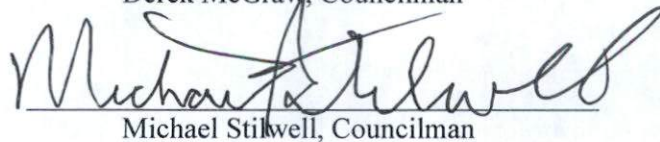
Jeff Clark, Councilman



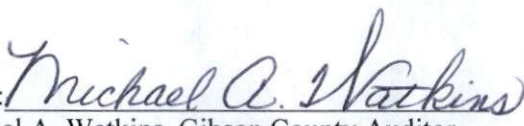
Derek McGraw, Councilman



Jay Riley, Councilman



Michael Stilwell, Councilman

Attest: 

Michael A. Watkins, Gibson County Auditor

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