

Gibson County Council Regular Session Minutes February 13, 2024

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on February 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Council Members Present: Jeff Clark, Derek McGraw, Jeremy Overton, Jay Riley, Robert Schleiter, Michael Stilwell (absent), and Hannah Whitehead

Others present were Auditor Mike Watkins, and 2nd Deputy to Auditor, Wendy Williams

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

Judge Meade was present to discuss using Jury Fee Fund 2501 and Circuit Court Social Service User Fee Fund 2506 to supplement the payroll on an employee. No benefits will be paid from these funds; county general will pay benefits. The worst-case scenario will require \$16,100 from Fund 2506 and 2501. Both funds require council approval only of the additional appropriations. Fund 2501 has a cash balance of \$241,566; fund 2506 has cash of \$5,208. Fund 2506 will be expended first and then the supplement will expend from fund 2501.

Judge Meade's Chief Court Reporter is moving to Probation after a large trial. The move allows the employee a sizable raise, which is set by the state. Judge Meade feels it is only fair to supplement the employee's salary in the current position to the salary they would be receiving if they were in the new probation position. This position will stay in Circuit Court through the large trial and until the two new court reporters are trained. Council Member Riley motioned to allow expenditures in funds 2506/2501 to supplement Circuit Court Chief Court Reporter up to \$16,100, seconded by Council Member Schleiter. The vote was 6-0.

Approval of Minutes – January 09, 2024, minutes were approved as written.

Acknowledgement of Clerk/Treasurer Reports – The council acknowledged these reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Jail Project –George Ballard, Owners Representative gave Council a brief on the project and told them the project has a lot going on. All office building windows are installed; heat will soon be added so they can drywall the office. The cell area and dormitory walls are all poured. The floor pouring will begin next week; fifty percent of the jail pod roof is installed. The overhead sally port door is installed and operational. Around March 5th cell installation will begin. George feels the weather might have put them behind schedule by two weeks. George thinks approximately 14 federal reports have been filed, but they have not heard feedback on any of the 14 reports, which he feels is good news. Council Member McGraw asked if they were still on track to tear the old jail down; George feels they are on track with this item.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Vanoven told Council he also makes monthly, federal reports on the jail lawsuit, which is the same report he files with the Council. The jail's incarcerated January daily average was 86. Sheriff Vanoven gave the department's employment statistics. They have seven openings out of

Additional Appropriations Resolutions – The following additional appropriations have been advertised:

Fund 1000-9600 General/Pre-trial Services requests	10000 Personal Services	\$ 2,432
Fund 1000-0201 General/Superior Court	10000 Personal Services	\$ 14,676
Fund 1000-0235 General/Probation	10000 Personal Services	\$ 13,113

De-appropriate


Fund 1000-0271 General/Public Defender	30000 Other Services/Charges	\$(-20,000)
	NET Additional Appropriation	\$ 10,221

Oakland City Library request from LIRF 40000 Capital Outlays \$105,000
The vote was 6-0 to approve both additional appropriation resolutions.

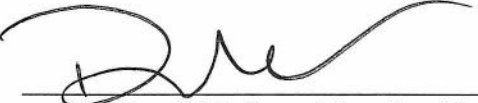
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member McGraw, but quickly rescinded when Owensville Montgomery Township Fire Protection District asked if their additional appropriation was approved. The Council moved back to that section to revisit this item.

Council Member McGraw motioned to adjourn the meeting.

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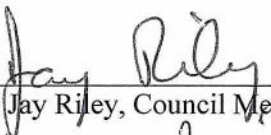
Jeremy Overton, President



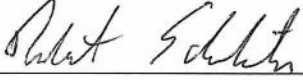
Derek McGraw, Vice- President



Jeff Clark, Council Member



Jay Riley, Council Member



Robert Schleiter, Council Member



Michael Stilwell, Council Member

Hannah Whitehead, Council Member

Attest: 

Michael A. Watkins, Gibson County Auditor

