

Gibson County Council Regular Session Minutes January 09, 2024

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on January 09, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Council Members Present: Jeff Clark, Derek McGraw, Jeremy Overton, Jay Riley, Robert Schleter, Michael Stilwell, and Hannah Whitehead

Others 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.

Election of 2024 Officers – The officers and appointments will remain the same for 2024. Council Member Overton will remain the President and Council Member McGraw will remain the Vice President.

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

Approval of Minutes – December 19, 2023, minutes were approved as written.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Vanoven gave Council reports and told them the Jail's incarcerated December daily average was 89. Sheriff Vanoven gave the department's employment statistics. They have four open dispatcher positions, two open deputy positions, five open jailer positions, and two openings in Community Corrections. The Sheriff department did not work any fatality accidents in 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

Jail Project –George Ballard, Owners Representative gave Council a brief on the project and told them the project is moving along, but weather has them halted today, which is the first time since October 2022 and only the fourth time for the entire project. The roofing materials for the jail pod has been delivered. The arraignment, laundry, and telephone equipment are all being ordered. They are hoping to have the pods under roof by the end January. Council Member McGraw asked again if they were still on track to tear the old jail down. Owners Representative Ballard feels they are still on this track; otherwise, they are landlocked on this property. Council Member McGraw says they looked 50 years out on this project and felt it pertinent that this building be razed; he will ask this question at every meeting to ensure this does not change.

NEW BUSINESS

Judge Krieg – Court Reporter Retiree – Judge Krieg will need to hire a new employee to replace a retiring Court Reporter employee. He will need an additional appropriation of \$14,676 for this item. They will have an overlap to train a new court reporter. There will not be a reduction in wages for the new employee because the new employee is already an employee of the county.

Judge Krieg – Pretrial Services Director – Judge Krieg was present to request an additional appropriation amount of \$2,432 as the budget was not computed based on the Indiana Probation Officer’s salary.

Council Member McGraw motioned to approve both amounts for advertisement of the additional appropriation. The total of additional requests in general for personal services will be \$17,108 with a reduction of the same from the public defender’s budget. Council Member McGraw made the motion to advertise this additional appropriation, seconded by Council Member Riley. The vote was 7-0.

Public Defender Moody Request a Transfer – Lisa Moody will need to make a transfer from the Supplemental Fund to cover the hire of a new employee as her employee is moving to Judge Krieg’s Court Reporter. She requests permission to move \$6,900 from line 31210 Trial Attorney Fees into 11300 Parttime in the amount of \$5,000; \$500 will move into 10401 FICA and \$1400 will move into 12500 Perf. Council Member McGraw made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Council Member Stilwell. The vote was 7-0.

Judge Meade – Probation Officer – Judge Meade is following up from last month and moving a current county employee into a probation officer. He will need an additional appropriation of \$13,113 as the new employee’s salary is set by the state and their years of service compute into the salary, which is causing this increase. The public defender’s budget will be decreased by \$2,892 and \$10,221 will be the additional appropriation request. Council Member Riley motioned to advertise the additional appropriation, seconded by Council Member McGraw. The vote was 7-0.

GIS Director Replacement – The GIS Director resigned on January 4, 2024. A replacement is needed; Assessor Beadle, sitting in for Surveyor Martin requests permission to hire this replacement. Council Members are okay with replacing this position in Surveyor Martin’s budget.

Oakland City Library Requests an Additional Appropriation – Director Julie Elmore was present to request this additional appropriation from the Library’s Improvement Reserve Fund in capital outlays in the amount of \$105,000. Council Member McGraw motioned to advertise this additional appropriation, seconded by Council Member Whitehead. The vote was 7-0.

Salary Schedule Amendment #1 – Wendy Williams presented the salary amendment to the Council. The amendment is simply a cleanup; there are four Communications Officers in the Sheriff’s general fund salary section and three in the E911 salary section. Plus, the new bailiff was added to the Magistrate’s section of the salary ordinance. Council Member Riley made the motion to approve this amendment, seconded by Council Member Schleiter. The vote was 7-0.

Personal Services Transfer Requests-

Health	from	Overtime	\$438.40
	into	Administrator	
	from	Overtime	-\$3,000.00
	from	Public Health Nurse	-\$10,000.00
	into	Group Insurance	\$13,000.00
Pros Deferral User Fee	from	Perf	\$0.02
	into	Dep Prosecutor Retntn	
EDIT (Hopkins Park)	from	FICA/Med	\$352.94

		into	Park & Recreation	
Hub Grant (Prosecutor)		from	Administrator	\$1,823.38
		into	Group Insurance	
Hub Grant (Prosecutor)		from	Administrator	\$326.82
		into	Perf	
Motor Vehicle Highway		from	Supervisor	\$0.12
		into	Overtime	
General	County Auditor	from	1st Deputy	-\$20.40
		from	P/R & Health Ins. Spec	-\$20.80
		from	Prop/ Excise Tax Spec	-\$20.80
		from	Prop/Tax Sale Spec	-\$20.80
		from	Prop/Exemption Spec	-\$20.80
		from	Claims/Budget Special	-\$9.92
		into	Severance	\$113.52
General	County Surveyor	from	Part-Time	\$0.12
		into	Registered Surveyor	
General	Prosecuting Attorney	from	Investigator	\$0.12
		into	Deputy Prosecutor	
General	Court House	from	Overtime	\$287.50
		into	Part-Time	
General	Circuit Court	from	Overtime	\$277.76
		into	Volunteer Co-Ordinator	
General	4-D Program	from	Attorney	\$10.20
		into	Receptionist IV-D	
General	Extension Office	from	Repair	-\$355.00
		from	Postage	-\$240.45
		from	Auto Travel (3 Agents)	-\$270.02
		from	Telephone	-\$19.57
		from	Computer Maintenance	-\$124.00
		from	Prof Improvement	-\$466.62
		into	Office Supplies	\$1,475.66

Council Member McGraw acknowledged receipts of all personal series transfers as listed above; the Council approved transfers as written, seconded by Council Member Riley. The vote was 7-0.

Out of Series Transfer Requests-

Local Road/Street	1169	23300	from	Bituminous	\$(2,073.63)
		36202	into	Truck/Tractor Rep	
Prosecutor Deferral User Fee	2502	35101	from	Utilities	\$(755.84)
	2502	22000	into	Supplies	\$17.30
	2502	22500	into	Computer Supplies	\$192.98
	2502	31802	into	Prosecutor Seminars	\$485.00
	2502	23000	into	Vehicle Gas/ Oil/ Lube	\$60.56

		2502	23000	from	Vehicle Gas/ Oil/ Lube	\$(2,782.32)
		2502	22500	from	Computer Supplies	\$(3,102.71)
		2502	22000	from	Supplies	(930.94)
		2502	40102	from	Office Machines	\$ (2,596.48)
		2502	41201	from	Vehicles	\$ (6,300.00)
		2502	34900	into	Rent	\$15,712.45
		2502	12500	From	PERF	\$1048.00
			31802	Into	Prosecutor Seminars	
		2502	12500	From	PERF	\$36.00
			22000	Into	Supplies	
General	Assessor	1000	37103	from	Maintenance Contracts	\$2,204.65
		1000	26000	into	Office Supplies	
General	Extension Ofc	1000	11200	from	1st Deputy	\$1,721.71
		1000	26000	into	Office Supplies	
General	EMA	1000	29000	from	Haz-Mat Equip	\$(85.05)
		1000	26500	into	Training Supplies	\$18.84
		1000	23400	into	Flood Plain Equip Maint.	\$66.21
General	EMA	1000	32401	from	Gasoline, Oil	\$4,279.94
		1000	39500	into	Disaster Contingency	

Council Member McGraw acknowledged receipt of all out of series transfers as listed above; transfers were approved as written, seconded by Council Member Riley. The vote was 7-0.

ENCUMBRANCES – CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2023 INTO 2024 -

Effective Date: 01/01/2024 (122 Items, 1,326,936.59)


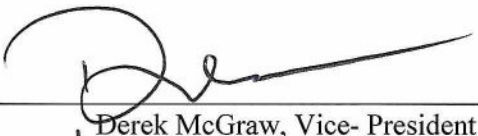

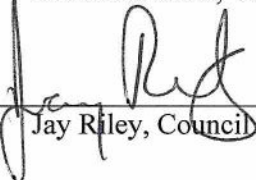
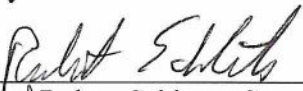
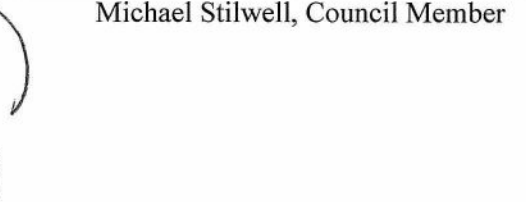
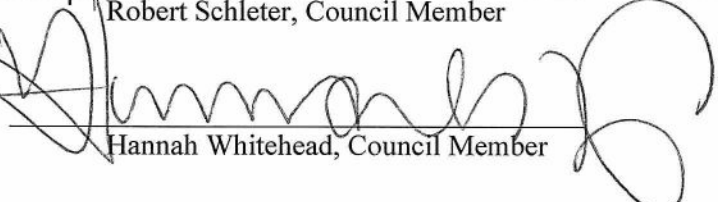
+	Fund Desc: Auditor's Property Endorsement	(1 Items, 5,000.00)
+	Fund Desc: CC Project Income	(2 Items, 14,585.15)
+	Fund Desc: Cumulative Bridge	(2 Items, 473,426.05)
+	Fund Desc: Cumulative Building	(1 Items, 2,864.77)
+	Fund Desc: Enhanced Access Fund	(1 Items, 1,623.10)
-	Fund Desc: General	(69 Items, 312,500.51)
+	Loc Desc: Circuit Court	(1 Items, 950.00)
+	Loc Desc: Clerk of Circuit Court	(2 Items, 502.87)
+	Loc Desc: Extension Ofc	(1 Items, 5,648.93)
+	Loc Desc: County Assessor	(4 Items, 4,974.16)
+	Loc Desc: County Commissioners	(12 Items, 208,078.86)
+	Loc Desc: County Recorder	(1 Items, 1,493.38)
+	Loc Desc: County Sheriff	(7 Items, 9,741.90)
+	Loc Desc: County Surveyor	(1 Items, 286.20)
+	Loc Desc: Court House	(5 Items, 7,408.73)
+	Loc Desc: Election Expense	(3 Items, 259.66)

+ Loc Desc: Emergency Medical Service	(2 Items, 2,584.70)	
+ Loc Desc: Emergency Mgmt. Agency	(3 Items, 7,337.61)	
+ Loc Desc: Jail	(25 Items, 63,086.95)	
+ Loc Desc: Magistrate	(1 Items, 115.53)	
+ Loc Desc: Veterans Service Officer	(1 Items, 31.03)	
General Fund Total Carry Forward	312,500.51	
+ Fund Desc: LIT- EDIT		(6 Items, 393,671.86)
+ Fund Desc: Local Road and Street		(9 Items, 39,943.64)
+ Fund Desc: Medical Care for Inmates		(1 Items, 92.71)
+ Fund Desc: Motor Vehicle Highway		(11 Items, 50,022.15)
+ Fund Desc: Prosecutor Deferral User Fee		(13 Items, 24,095.08)
+ Fund Desc: Reassessment		(2 Items, 448.68)
+ Fund Desc: Statewide 9-1-1		(3 Items, 2,262.89)
+ Fund Desc: Title IV-E 93.658		(1 Items, 6,400.00)
Total of all carry forwards		1,326,936.59

2024 Investment Strategy - Council Member Overton explained to other Council Members that in 2024, the Federal Reserve is expected to make at least two interest cuts. Treasurer O’Neal has invested the County’s money with Trust Indiana and German American Wealth and received a good return on the investments. Councilmember Overton feels we will start seeing the high interest rates fall off and he feels we need to make long-term investments and max out the specification set forth in the County’s investment policy to keep getting a good return on our investments.

Council Member McGraw motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes from the January 9, 2024, meeting

 _____ 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