

# Gibson County Council Regular Session Agenda July 11, 2023

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on July 11, 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 Schleiter, Michael Stilwell, and Hannah Whitehead  
Also present were 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy to Auditor, Kristy York, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy to Auditor, Wendy Williams

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

**Approval of Minutes** - June 13, 2023, minutes were approved as written.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Health Department** – Administrator Shade gave Council their monthly reports; there were no questions. They will offer a back-to-school immunization clinic at the fairgrounds.

**Sheriff Vanoven** gave the Council the monthly reports; there were no questions. The average jail population is 91.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Jail Project** –George Ballard, Owners Representative told Council that RQAW and Garmong have been working on the solar panels. They have been getting quotes and it appears the quotes may come in over the Tenaska stipend amount of \$200,000. The Commissioners have advised George to apply for an ARPA grant to fulfil the remainder of the cost. George told the Council there are a lot of meetings going on regarding the project.

### Additional Appropriation Resolution

Fund Name: GENERAL Fund

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20000 Supplies	\$ 1,000
30000 Other Services & Charges	\$14,097
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55,495</b>

### Appropriation Reduction Resolution

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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55,495</b>

Council Member Clark made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Stilwell. The vote was 5-0.

**Buckskin Properties / Smith Creek, Inc. Abatement Request** – Tami Hack, GCEDC Director and Dennis Tepe, Representative from Smith Creek are both present to answer any questions the Council might have on this abatement. The abatement was originally presented at the June 13, 2023. They are receiving bids on this project which are coming in approximately 25% over budget. They are requesting an abatement on personal property and real property. The tax savings for Smith Creek will be approximately \$13,000 for a 4-year abatement and \$14,600 on a 5-year abatement. Highway Machine recently received an abatement with similar situations. The Council is leaning toward a 4-year abatement

with 100% in the first year, 75% in the second year 50% in the third year, and 25% in the fourth year for both real and personal property.

Council Member Stilwell made a motion to approve the 4-year abatement with the above listed percentages per year, seconded by Council Member Schleter. The vote was 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Personal Property Tax Abatements** – Assessor Beadle presented four abatements for VUTEQ Diversity, Highway Machine, TBIN, and TMMI, she told Council that all companies are compliant. These abatements are presented each year to ensure compliance.

Council Member Clark made a motion to approve all four abatements, seconded by Council Member Whitehead. The vote was 5-0.

**Personal Service Transfer Requests:**

1200 Supplemental Public Defender Fund requests	from	12102 Trial Atrny Fee	\$1,150.50
	Into	11300 Part Time	\$1,068.75
	and	10401 FICA/Med	\$ 81.75

To cover the temporary, part time employment expense approved on 12/20/22.

Council Member Stilwell made a motion to approve the transfer request, seconded by Council Member Clark. The vote was 5-0.

**Out of Series Transfer Requests:**


Fund 1000-08 Assessor Fund, request	from	11200 1 <sup>st</sup> Deputy	\$5,393
	and	12308 Level II/III Cert	\$ 115
	Into	26000 Office Supplies	\$5,508


To pay for new desks.

Council Member Clark made a motion to approve this transfer request, seconded by Council Member Stilwell. The vote was 5-0.

Councilman Stilwell motioned to adjourn.

Minutes from the July 11, 2023, meeting

  
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Jeremy Overton, President

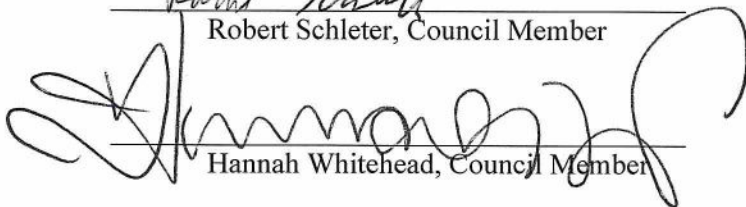
  
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Derek McGraw, Vice- President

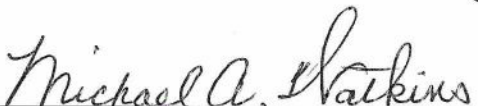
  
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Hannah Whitehead, Council Member

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Michael A. Watkins, Gibson County Auditor