

# **Gibson County Council Regular Session Agenda July 12, 2022**

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on July 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

**Members Present:** President Jeremy Overton, Vice President, Craig Pflug, Councilmen Dan Beard, Jeff Clark, Derek McGraw (absent), Jay Riley (absent), and Michael Stilwell. Also present were Auditor Mike Watkins, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy to Auditor, Kristy York, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy to Auditor, Wendy Williams

Council President Overton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Approval of Minutes** - June 14, 2022, minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** –was acknowledged by the Council.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Sheriff Bottoms** gave Council his monthly reports for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year. He also gave Council an invoice in the amount of \$1680 from DOC for the safe keeping, and housing of an inmate the County is not equipped to house. Sheriff Bottoms requested a new line be created in the jail budget to pay this invoice. Councilman Pflug motioned to create this line and transfer enough to cover this invoice; Sheriff Bottoms will decide if more money will be required. Councilman Beard seconded the motion; the vote was 5-0.

**Health Department** – Director Hornby gave Council the monthly report; she wanted to address the rise in COVID cases; there have been 148 positives since July 1<sup>st</sup>. The test site is experiencing a high rate of positivity as well; they are open Monday-Friday. The Health Department received a grant to continue the testing site until the end of 2022; they will reevaluate the situation at that time. They are offering immunizations on Mondays and Thursdays. Director Hornby would like permission to hire someone to replace the First Deputy position as this person moved into the Commissioner's Assistant position. Councilman Overton asked Wendy if she could set up the Second Deputy's pay in a way as to not cut the pay. Wendy will pay this position Second Deputy rate plus a supplement, thus creating a new salary ordinance amendment for the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Jim McDonald** –. The Redevelopment Corporation is introducing an economic bond for a new EMS Building in Patoka Township in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. He would like to have a hearing on this at the August 9, 2022, Council meeting. Councilman Pflug wonders if there is enough money to back this project as there have been a lot of projects funded by the RDC. Baker Tilly has told the RDC there will be enough to fund this project. Councilman Pflug asked Attorney McDonald to proceed with caution. Councilman Overton wanted to ensure there are no projects being funded that the County Council will be obligated to fund if the RDC money runs dry. Attorney McDonald and George Ballard both feel project additions should conclude very soon.

**Jail Update & Additional Information** –George Ballard, Owners Representative told Council the property purchase is now complete. They will be working on the bond very soon. Commissioners approved a Duke and CenterPoint energy incentive plan. Prebid Package #2 will go out for bid soon. Garmong will hold the bid opening on July 26, 2022. On August 16, 2022, Garmong will make a recommendation at the Commissioners meeting on this bid package #2. George went on to explain to the

Council about two buildings sitting on the jail project site; one of which is a 60' x 50' steel building (completely constructed of steel, no wood attached at all). After some research, George has found that a storage building is not in the jail project and the area currently used for storage will be eliminated. They will need a place to store trailers, mowers, ATV's, speed limits signs, etc. and he wonders if they can move the steel building to the old Standard Printing property which is sized at 150' x 20' to add a place for this storage. He has talked to a Vincennes company about moving the building at a cost of roughly \$18,000 to \$20,000; he has also talked to Parker Excavating about pouring a concrete pad and adding a water hookup for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for everything. An estimate to build a new structure is about \$250,000. If this building is moved soon, he feels this steel building could house the records currently being stored in the old Schaefer Building that will soon be torn down to complete the Probation Building. They could also use the building to work out of during the probation office construction and reduce the probation building project by \$20,000. They will need the building gone by September otherwise they should plan to sell the steel building or smash it during the jail construction. George also told Council about another small structure on the property that was once a car sales office; he is uncertain anyone will want this structure and feels they should consider bulldozing it. Councilman Pflug asked if the Standard Printing land was ever part of the jail project; George says it was considered for jail parking only. Councilman Clark wonders about damage to the panels if the steel building is moved; he feels if the move can be accomplished, it would open some jail parking. Councilman Overton wonders if Engineer Holden can look at this with his software to ensure this land will hold the building. Council agrees this is a good price but wonders how they will pay for this. Councilman Overton looked at the Cumulative Building fund and feels there might be enough in this fund to pay for this building. Councilman Pflug wondered if CEDIT Fund 1112 04 04 14 could pay 1/2 and the remaining from Cumulative Building. Councilman Clark asked if there would be rock placed around the building. George explained that Bid Package #2 had paving options, which will be paid with the jail project. Councilman Clark feels this is a good project. Councilman Stillwell motioned to pay ½ from EDIT 1112 04 04 14 and the remainder from Cumulative Building, seconded by Councilman Clark. The vote was 5-0. Councilman Overton asked if the building would pass through Princeton city zoning regulations; Attorney Spindler is meeting with the city today on this item.

George reported that Commissioners approved RQAW to work with INDOT.

IDOC must review the new jail plans; DOC has approved the layout.

The next federal report is due 7/25/2022. So far, they have not heard from them, which is a good sign that they are okay with the proceedings on the project.

The Project Owners Representative's contract for the new phase was presented to Council. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> contract George has presented. The Commissioners have approved this contract pending Council funding. This contract runs September 2022 – April 2024 and will carry this project thru the training phase, so everyone knows how to run the jail, and everything functions property. This will ensure a person on site daily overlooking quality control. George explained that in the first contract, was under budget by \$42,000; the second contract was under budget by approximately \$6,000. He told the Council he is trying to keep things under budget with funding source 1233. Councilman Pflug motioned to approve this contract, seconded by Councilman Clark. The vote was 5-0.

**Additional Appropriation Resolution** – Council previously approved the advertisement of requested additional appropriations; proper advertisement has been completed and now the Council approved a resolution allowing the additional in the amount of \$10,800 in Other Services and Charges for EMS in line 47 03-50 of the General Fund. Sheriff Bottoms requested \$30,000 in the General Fund Personal Services line 05-01-28 Overtime after a reduction in the Jail Department 32, line 32 01 15 for Correction Officers by \$30,000 . Fund 2501 Jury Fees, line 01 04 42 Furniture and Fixtures was approved for an

additional in the amount of \$125,000. Councilman Pflug motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Jason Spindler – Building Change Orders (Probation & Courthouse)** – Attorney Spindler informed the Council of a change order to the Probation Building from Danco. There was a change in the floor plan plus other requested changes that rearranged everything. Amy Ellis, Lisa Moody, and Jason Spindler have the lead on this project. Councilman Clark asked if there are any other change orders expected. Jacob of Danco does not anticipate any other change orders, but it will depend on the lead's ideology. Councilman Pflug asked who approved the change; the Commissioners approved the change order in the amount of 67,000. This project is going to need an additional appropriation of \$90,000 to accommodate the change in the building plus the upcharge of materials. One part of the change order is that a new zone was added to the HVAC.

The Council voted to advertise in the amount of \$90,000 and ask Commissioners to explain the additional cost. Councilman Stillwell made this motion, seconded by Councilman Pflug. The vote was 5-0.

Commissioner Key feels the original square footage was increased by 1200 square foot. The new building does not have storage and new storage will need to be found. Councilman Clark feels there is a lot of wasted space in this building, as there are no trusses in the upstairs for storage.

The Courthouse Security project is also going to need an additional for the additional generator cost (the cost raised from the original cost projection) in the amount of \$8,885 in Cumulative Building 01 04 47.

Councilman Pflug asked if Empire did not secure the generator in a timely fashion and thus the reason for the increase in equipment. Commissioner Key was uncertain the reason. Councilman Pflug approved the advertisement but wants to hear from the Commissioners that allowed the increase rather than holding the contractor's feet to fire. Councilman Clark seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-0.

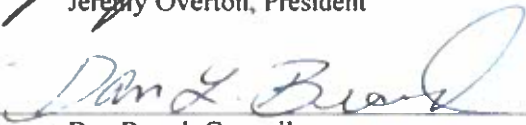
**Mark Fehrenbacher** urged the Council to flatline the 2023 budget since inflation is worst on record. He does not feel the employees should receive pay raises and risk losing their job because the County cannot accommodate the pay raises.

**Additional Appropriation Requests** –\$1,350,000 additional appropriation in 1233 Other Services & Charges, Professional Services line was requested. Councilman Pflug motioned to advertise this additional appropriation, seconded by Councilman Clark. The vote was 5-0.

Councilman Pflug motioned to adjourn the meeting.

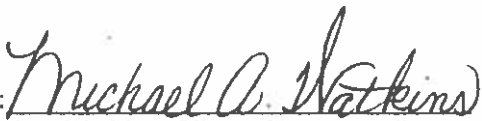
Minutes from the July 12, 2022, meeting

  
Jeremy Overton, President

  
Dan Beard, Councilman

  
Derek McGraw, Councilman

  
Michael Stilwell, Councilman

Attest:   
Michael A. Watkins, Gibson County Auditor

  
Craig Pflug, Vice- President

  
Jeff Clark, Councilman

  
Jay Riley, Councilman