

# Gibson County Council Regular Session Meeting November 14, 2023

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on November 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes** – October 10, 2023, minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer / Clerk Report** – reports were acknowledged by the Council.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Health Department** – Administrator Shade gave Council their monthly reports; there were no questions. She requested permission to advertise and hire a new nurse, as they have a nurse leaving this week; but will continue to be on payroll until December 11, 2023. She would like to hire a replacement before December 4<sup>th</sup> so the new nurse can go through the state training on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. They have money in their budget, but they might need a transfer. The Council is okay with advertising and hiring a replacement. They also request to advertise and hire for a new position that will work out of the Health Department, inherit the Tobacco Cessation position, and the title will be Educator/Counselor/Social Worker. The state will provide the money for this long-term position's salary and benefits. If the state revokes the money, the position will go away; language will be added to the job description and/or the union contract, stating as much. Council Member Riley motioned to advertise and get someone in place, with the stipulation that the salary cannot exceed the salary of the nurse, seconded by Council Member Schleter. The vote was 6-0.

**Sheriff Vanoven** gave the Council the monthly reports; there were no questions. October's average jail population was 86. They have four openings in communications, six open corrections positions, all deputy positions are filled and two will go to the academy in January. In December, two deputy positions will become open because they are losing one and another is retiring. Captain Borchelt will retire on November 20th; she has been with the department for 27 years. The Sheriff's Department will host an open house in her honor on November 20th from 2-4.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Jail Project** – George Ballard, Owners Representative told Council they are talking with Duke about the large transformer to power the jail; Duke has this transformer on hand and will install when the time arises. The steel building is in Evansville; the body scanner is in storage in the county. The kitchen and laundry are being designed; they have started purchasing these supplies so they will tie into the project. There are a couple of walls going up for the dormitories. Solar panels will be installed on the administrative side of the building. They are trying to maintain the budget. He invited everyone to tune into the live webcam to watch the construction project. They hope to be finished by October 2024. The pods will be brought in by semi, staged outside of town so they do not have to close roads.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Comp time Payout in the Extension Office** – Abby Heidenreich requested permission to payout an Extension Office employee’s comp time. A transfer will be required to make the payout and is included in the personal services transfers. Council Member Riley motioned to approve this comp time payout, seconded by Council Member Stilwell. The vote was 6-0.

**Eclipse – April 8, 2024 Holiday Addition** – Auditor Watkins explained that Commissioners are in favor of adding this day to the paid holiday schedule. Interim Director McKinney told Council that city offices, schools and other counties are closing; she recommends non-essential employees be off to keep the traffic down. The council wondered if a holiday could be swapped; this would have to go before the Union. There was no vote on this item.

**Personal Service Transfer Requests:**

|   |      |                              |            |
|---|------|------------------------------|------------|
| Fund 1000-0011 General Extension office request | from | 11300 P/T                    | \$1,495.20 |
|   | into | 11500 2 <sup>nd</sup> Deputy |            |
| Fund 1206 Local Health Dept Trust Acct          | from | 13001 Communicable Dis Ofcr  | \$ 400     |
|   | into | 12500 Perf                   |            |

Council Member Riley motioned to approve the personal services transfer, seconded by Council Member Whitehead. The vote was 6-0.

**Out of Series Transfer Requests:**

|   |      |                               |             |
|---|------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Fund 1000-0001 General EMS request              | from | 11409 F/T Paramedics          | \$15,000    |
|   | into | 22100 Fuel                    |             |
| Fund 1000-0001 General Clerk request            | from | 26000 Supplies                | \$ 450      |
|   | into | 39202 Meetings                |             |
| Fund 1000-0104 General Election Expense request | from | 11415 Poll Worker Primary     | \$ 58.76    |
|   | into | 34102 Legal Notices           |             |
|   | from | 23303 Main Computers          | \$ 660      |
|   | into | 31102 Setup Polling Locations |             |
| Fund 1000-0011 General Extension office request | from | 11300 P/T                     | \$ 1,100    |
|   | from | 36005 Bldg. Rent/Anl Mtg      | \$ 300      |
|   | into | 31403 Telephone               | \$ 1,400    |
| Fund 1112 EDIT Fund for Park & Recreation       | from | 11300 Part-time               | \$ 2,418.75 |
|   | into | 36503 Park & Recreation       |             |
| Fund 1159 Health Dept                           | from | 33005 Legal Services          | \$ 950      |
|   | into | 21301 Clinic                  |             |
|   | from | 33005 Legal Services          | \$ 750      |
|   | into | 21501 Office                  |             |
| Fund 1168 Local Health Maintenance              | from | 13000 Communicable Dis Ofcr   | \$ 1,330    |
|   | into | 33303 Gas, Reps, & Maint      |             |
| Fund 2502 Prosecutor’s Deferral Fund            | from | 40102 Office Machines         | \$ 2,300    |
|   | into | 22000 Supplies                |             |
|   | from | 40102 Office Machines         | \$ 400      |
|   | into | 36300 Dues & Subscriptions    |             |

Council Member Riley made a motion to approve these transfer requests, seconded by Council Member Schleter. The vote was 6-0.

**Additional Appropriation Requests to Advertise**

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| 1000 General Fund, Dept 232 Circuit Court   | 30000 Other Services/Charges           | \$ 2,000 |
|   | 40000 Capital Outlays                  | \$10,000 |
| 1159 Health Fund  | 30000 Other Services/Charges           | \$ 9,500 |
| Low on appropriations   | Cash on hand: \$349,879 as of 10/12/23 |          |
| Fund 1175 Misdemeanant (Council Approval Only)  | 40000 Capital Outlays                  | \$19,689 |
| To appropriate fund for expenditures  | Cash on hand: \$19,688.87              |          |
| Fund 1202 Section Corner Perpetuation Fund  | 30000 Other Services/Charges           | \$ 5,000 |
| To appropriate fund for expenditures  | Cash on hand: 106,265                  |          |
| Fund 1238 Opioid Unrestricted Fund  | 30000 Other Services/Charges           | \$26,075 |
| Grant to Addiction Solutions for window repairs to Men’s House so they can apply for future grant funding | Cash On hand: \$33,648                 |          |
| Fund 4100 EMA/Prepare & Women’s Foundation  | 22000 Supplies                         | \$ 3,000 |
| To appropriate fund for expenditures  | Cash on hand: \$8,220                  |          |
| Fund 4110 Gibson County Veteran’s Donations Fund  | 30000 Other Services/Charges           | \$ 690   |
| To appropriate fund for expenditures  | Cash on hand: \$9,496                  |          |
| Fund 4901 Auditor’s Endorsement (Council Approval)  | 22000 Supplies                         | \$ 7,000 |
| To appropriated fund for expenditures   | Cash on hand: \$35,310                 |          |

**Princeton Public Library**

Personal Services in each fund:

LIRF Fund \$20,000; Rainy Day Fund \$30,000; Gift Fund \$90,000

Council Member Riley made a motion to approve advertisement of additional appropriations, seconded by Council Member Whitehead. The vote was 6-0.

**Additional Appropriation Resolution**

Fund Name: Opioid Unrestricted Fund

30000 Other Services/Charges \$ 8,000

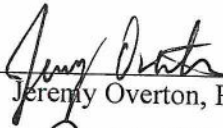
Fund Name: Com Crctns Project Income Fund (**Council Approval Only**) 40000 Capital Outlays \$64,850

Council Member Riley made a motion to approve the resolution for additional appropriations, seconded by Council Member Stilwell. The vote was 6-0.

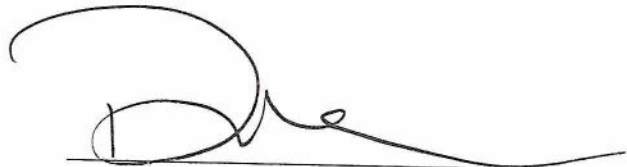
**Council Member Clark asked about staffing at the EMS** – No one had an answer. Attorney Spindler reported that the nepotism issue had been resolved. Council Member Clark feels that since the Council has provided all the EMS requests, they should supply a status update on their staffing and keeping the bases running efficiently.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes from the November 14, 2023, meeting



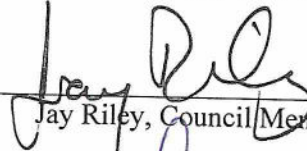
Jeremy Overton, President



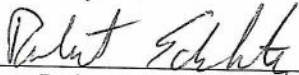
Derek McGraw, Vice- President



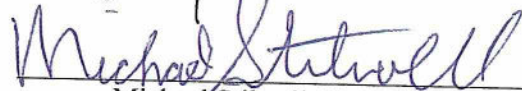
Jeff Clark, Council Member



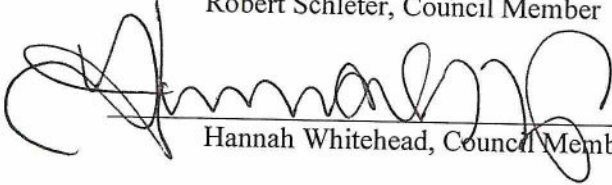
Jay Riley, Council Member



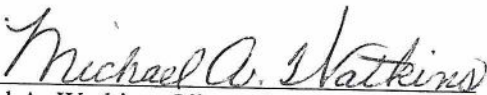
Robert Schleter, Council Member



Michael Stilwell, Council Member



Hannah Whitehead, Council Member

Attest:   
Michael A. Watkins, Gibson County Auditor

