
Gibson County Council
Regular Session
August 11th, 2020

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on August 11th, 2020, at 9:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: Included President Jay Riley, Vice-President Craig Pflug, Councilmen William McConnell (left after the Pledge), Jeremy Overton, Derek McGraw via Zoom, Dan Beard, Michael Stilwell and Gibson County Auditor 1st Deputy Kristy York.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and led by President Riley.

Approval of Minutes

July 14th, 2020 Regular Session and July 21st Special Session were approved as read.

Presentation of Treasurer’s Report

Month ending 07/31/2020 was acknowledged.

Presentation of Clerk’s Report

Month ending 05/31/2020 was acknowledged.

Department Reports

Sheriff Tim Bottoms gave the Council reports. He also reported receipt of the State Prison Level 6 Felons reimbursement in the amount of \$363,024.56; there are currently 17 Level 6 Inmates. This money is received one-time per year. Councilman Overton asked if there was anyway to calculate if the County was ahead or behind on this distribution; Sheriff Bottoms says there is no way to know.

Old Business

- Salary Amendment #5 – this is a correction on the Public Defender’s Salary. It also adds the Pre-Trial Grant additional person. Councilman Overton motioned to approve the salary amendment, seconded by Councilman Stillwell. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.
- Additional Appropriation from 1000 County General in the amount of \$117,200 has been advertised - \$77,200 for Commissioner’s Legal Services (lawsuits) and \$40,000 for Circuit Court Pauper Council Fees. Councilman Beard motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Pflug. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.

- Additional Appropriation from 1112 EDIT in the amount of \$139,366 has been advertised for Commissioner's Legal Services; this is to pay the APC Legal Services. Councilman Stillwell motioned to approve, but the motion did not move. The Council feels that services have been rendered, and the invoices need paid, but the Council is disappointed in the fact that this went on without notification to the extent of the cost. Councilman Overton wants assurance this type of thing will not happen again. He feels this is not the first time the Commissioners have put the Council in a position of paying for an unfunded item, or risk legal action. Councilman Pflug wanted it known that this type of spending is not allowed except in true emergencies. Proper funding should be approved before services are rendered. President Riley concurred with these comments. He feels with the jail bond about to be issued, the funds are going to get tighter and tighter, however the bill is present, and needs paid. He asked for a motion for approval of this additional appropriation to pay legal fees. Councilman Stillwell motioned to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Councilman Beard. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.

A revised EDIT Plan was submitted to the Council. There were no cuts in the 2020 Plan, only an addition to Legal Services of \$139,366; 2020 EDIT Plan total is \$2,746,657. The 2021 Plan allows \$500,000 for a jail bond and \$0 for Equipment. This raised the amount of the 2021 Plan by \$300,000 to a total of \$2,898,291. The line for equipment will come back into the EDIT Plan in 2023 for \$100,000; which leaves 3 years in this budget without equipment. Councilman Pflug made a motion to approve the revised 2020/21 EDIT Plan, seconded by Councilman Stillwell. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.

- Additional Appropriation from 1202 Surveyor Corner Perpetuation in the amount of \$10,000 has been advertised - \$10,000 for Section Corner Monuments. Councilman Stillwell motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Overton. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.
- Additional Appropriation from 1176 Highway in the amount of \$21,359 has been advertised for severance pay for a retiring employee. Councilman Beard motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Pflug. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.
- Additional Appropriation from 1159 Health Department in the amount of \$20,000 has been advertised. This will be part time employee money to finish the year. Councilman Pflug motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Overton. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.
- Additional Appropriation from 2301 Princeton Library Construction Fund in the amount of \$63,158 has been advertised for the purchase of additional furniture and equipment.

Councilman Beard motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Stillwell. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.

- Additional Appropriation from 8210 Solid Waste General Fund (Sub Fund 1452) in the amount of \$9,984 has been advertised for the balance of funds required for landfill closure. Councilman Stillwell motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Pflug. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.
- Additional Appropriation from 0254 LIT Correctional/Rehabilitation Facility in the amount of \$311,000 has been advertised for contract/agreement with ASP American Structure Point and \$11,000 is for an April invoice from Baker Tilly. Councilman Pflug motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Beard. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.

New Business

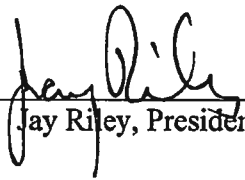
- Superior Court would like to fill the vacated position of “probation secretary/drug court”. The council had no issues with this item.
- The Council advised County Units should not exceed 4.2% growth quotient.
- Fort Branch-Johnson Township Public Library, Owensville Carnegie Public Library and Oakland City-Columbia Township Public Library request the Gibson County Council be assigned as their fiscal body. The State wants every Library to assign their Fiscal Body. Councilman Beard motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Pflug. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.
- Assessor Minkler submitted personal property abatements to the Council; all abatements comply. Councilman Pflug motioned to approve abatements, seconded by Councilman Beard. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.
- Highway Superintendent Lewis requests an “out of series” transfer in the amount of \$6,000 from 1176-04-04-41 Machine & Equipment INTO 1176-04-03-91 Other Current Charges to cover Mounts Electric Expenses. Council Overton motioned to approve transfer, seconded by Councilman Pflug. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.
- Sheriff Bottoms requests a radio tower in the amount of \$21,625.75. He told the Council he has funds in the 911 Fund of 1222 03-03-33 and 34. They are having trouble with dispatch traffic being covered; this is a safety issue. ERS representatives explained the problem/resolution to the Council. Each agency has put their equipment on the County’s tower. They propose a combining system that would eliminate the traffic interruption.

Sheriff Bottoms asked the Council if they wanted this project paid from the 911 Funds or if they have another fund to pay from. Councilman Riley attested to this problem and asked the Sheriff if any local units might be willing to help pay for this upgrade, since it affects/helps them as well. Councilman Beard agrees with other agencies contributing to this project. ERS also told the Council that consoles will need to be replaced next year. They will look at putting this into the new jail budget. Councilman Riley feels this should wait until the jail decision has been made. The Council verified this tower could move if the jail moves. The Council feels this is a safety matter and Riverboat could be looked to fund this item. Councilman Pflug motioned that \$21,625.75 be paid from Riverboat, seconded by Councilman Stillwell. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.

- Judge Meade requests reimbursement for the purchase of a handgun and appurtenances. Councilman McGraw feels this will add another layer of protection to the Courtroom. Councilman McGraw motioned to approve this reimbursement, seconded by Councilman Pflug. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 6-0.
- Surveyor Martin informed the Council they are working on a Stormwater Ordinance, which will have a separate fee schedule. He is requesting a fund to accumulate these storm water drainage fees. Council Pflug told everyone the AG Community is in favor of this ordinance. County Attorney McDonald followed up on this stormwater ordinance. He stated this item has been in the works for a year or more. Soil and Water has endorsed the plan that will only affect property containing more than 1 acre of land.
- Attorney McDonald asked approval from the Council to move forward with the Jail Architect's Pre-Design, as the County is on a timeline and the Commissioners have signed the Architects Agreement. The Council agreed to Attorney McDonald's request.
- Chamber of Commerce, Patty Vanoven asked who should be contacted regarding a school bus stop sign. The Council referred her to County Engineer Matt Holden.
- Councilman Pflug informed everyone that the Broadband Grant has been pulled, as provider had to step back from the project because there are existing providers in the area. He encouraged anyone disappointed in their internet service contact their Legislators. The Coalition is looking for other avenues.

President Riley adjourned the meeting.


Minutes from the August 11th, 2020 Regular Meeting.

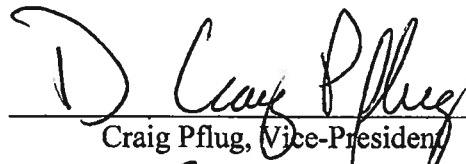

Jay Riley, President

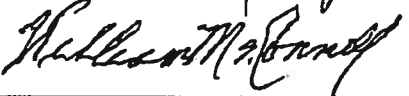

Jeremy Overton, Councilman

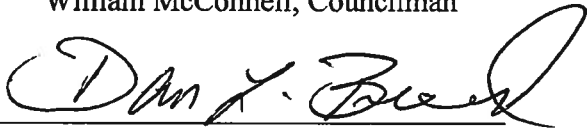
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Attest: 
Sherri Smith, Gibson County Auditor


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