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Gibson County Council  
2022 Budget Session  
August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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The Gibson County Council met in special budget session on August 10, 2021. The meeting began immediately following the regular meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

**Members Present:** President Jeremy Overton, Vice-President Craig Pflug, Councilmen Dan Beard, William McConnel (absent), Derek McGraw, Jay Riley, and Michael Stilwell

Also Present: Mike Watkins, Auditor of Gibson County, Kristy York, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy to Auditor, Wendy Williams and Lynda Cumberland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy to Auditor

Only lines with cuts or items discussed are notated in these minutes.

President Overton does like the idea of providing a bonus for hazard pay as there is no fair way to classify this. Councilman Pflug suggested a benefits statement be compiled for employees comparing 2020 benefits to 2021 benefits. This will make employees aware of the “hidden benefit” cost increases.

Dept 02 Auditor had added a part-time line for \$16,000, however the future of this item is clearer at this time and only \$1,000 is needed in this line. The Council also struck \$30,000 in the software line 02-04-25. If this item comes to fruition, it can be paid from Riverboat.

Dept 05 Sheriff requested line 05-01-35 Courthouse Security Deputy (2) be used to keep these Deputies separate from the other Deputies. The line 05-04-12 New Vehicle was kept, the Council might revisit this line if cuts are needed.

Dept 08 Prosecutor had raised Deputy Prosecutors to \$75,000 so they were in line with the Contracted Attorneys in the Public Defender’s budget. The Council does not agree with this raise because Deputy Prosecutors receive a benefits package; Contracted Attorneys do not receive benefits. The Council feels they should be raised in accordance with the rest of the employees.

Dept 28 Weights/Measures will receive a cut in the vehicle repair/oil change line from \$5000 down to \$2500 because he has only used a bit over \$1000 this year and a new vehicle is planned from EDIT fund in 2022.

Dept 31 Courthouse has requested a new employee in 2022. the Council made a cut to this request; but they doubled the line for overtime/part time. Instead of \$8000 request, they granted \$16,000.

The EDIT Fund 1112 had \$200,000 in the equipment line. The Council zeroed out this request because they have not received the requested equipment information. They will approve the equipment on an item per item basis in 2022.

Dept 36 and 41 had requested the same amount of salary as the Bailiff. The Court will take this line back to the same as all other employee raises.

Dept 42 Probation has \$10,000 for Overtime; the Council cut this line because Probation Officers have never received overtime pay.

Dept 43 Public Defender, Fund 2000 and Fund 8895 is carrying the Judges, Prosecutor's, and Public Defender's Supplemental lines. The Council is cutting all supplemental payments. Also, Fund 2000 has a line for a vehicle, the Council cut this line as it is not believed that this item can be purchased from this fund.

Dept 46 EMA had requested the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy be moved to a 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy; the Council will keep this position at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy pay rate.

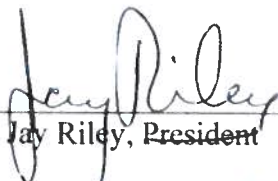
Fund 1152 LEPC is not budgeted; Council requested a budget on this fund.

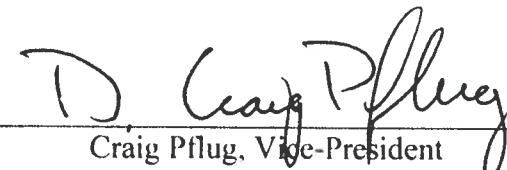
Dept 47 EMS has many cuts as listed below.

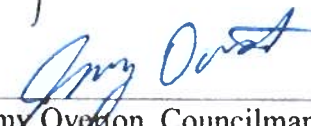
<u>Line Number</u>	<u>Line Name</u>	<u>2022 Request</u>	<u>2022 Council Suggestion</u>
47 02 21	Diesel Fuel/Gasoline	\$75,000	\$70,000
47 02 22	Tires	\$7,000	\$6,000
47 02 24	Regular Ambulance Supplies	\$82,000	\$75,000
47 02 29	Medications	\$7,500	\$7,000
47 02 31	Vehicle Cleaning Supplies	\$1,700	\$1,500
47 02 61	Uniform Full Time	\$14,708	\$12,000
47 03 14	Telephone	\$13,000	\$12,000
47 03 15	Printing Forms	\$500	\$250
47 03 20	Utilities, Building, Equipment	\$28,000	\$25,000
47 03 51	Heart Monitors Maintenance	\$25,748	\$20,000
47 03 56	Rental Princeton Base	\$25,000	\$20,000
47 03 58	Computer Maintenance	\$3,000	\$2,000
47 03 60	Station Repairs	\$7,000	\$5,000
47 03 63	Training	\$5,000	\$4,000
47 04 22	Durable Equipment	\$20,000	\$15,000
47 04 04	New Ambulance \$195,000 - The Council will fund this using CARES ACT \$ one time only.		

The Council requested the above changes be made to see where we are and then salaries will be discussed more in the next meeting, dated 8/19/2021.

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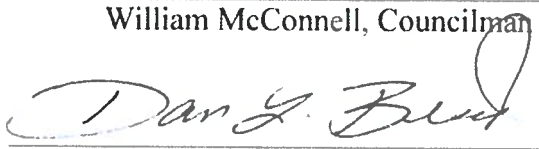
  
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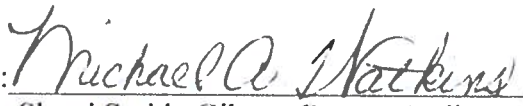
  
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Attest:   
~~Sherri Smith~~, Gibson County Auditor  
Michael A. Watkins