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**Gibson County Council**  
**Regular Session**  
**August 10, 2021**  
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The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on August 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

**Members Present:** President Jeremy Overton, Vice-President Craig Pflug, Councilmen Dan Beard, William McConnell (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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy to Auditor

President Overton called the meeting to order.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the July 14, 2021, meeting was approved as written by the Council.

The minutes of the July 14, 2021, special budget meeting was approved as written by the Council.

**Presentation of Clerk's Report**

Clerk's Report Month Ending May 2021 was acknowledged by the Council.

**Department Reports**

**EMS** Director David Pond requested an additional appropriation for an increase in the Princeton Hospital Ambulance Base Lease. The increase will begin on July 27, 2021. President Overton asked if he could transfer from another line; Director Pond does not feel he can do a transfer. Councilman McGraw asked him to do a transfer first then come back for an additional, if necessary. The Council feels EMS should pay the rent and find the money in another line to transfer.

Michelle Mason, EMS office staff came before the Council to request 2 (1 for her and the other for the p/t office help) notebooks for conferences and remote work. She uses her personal computer for remote work, and it is not compatible. EMS requests this additional from CARES Funds. The Council asked EMS to find this money in their budget and make a transfer if needed.

**Health Department** presented reports to the Council. The State has notified Director Hornby that the County will turn red tomorrow. Gibson County has the highest COVID-19 rate in the State. The Department has a testing site open at the Health Department. They are accepting walk-ins or appointments can be scheduled. They are conducting rapid tests which return results in 15 minutes as well as the normal tests. They have approximately \$50,000 left in this grant fund. There is another \$100,000 coming so testing can continue until 6/2022. Contracts for workers have been sent to Attorney Spindler for review/approval. The State requests the testing site open 5 days a week and every other Saturday. Doctor's offices are now charging for the

COVID-19 test, thus the reason why the Health Department opened back up for testing. The Department asked the Council to consider a different testing site, as the trailer they are using now does not have reliable HVAC; they need a site that has both front and back doors. The delta variant of COVID-19 is very prevalent in our County. Approximately 40% of County residents are unvaccinated. July 2021 had a worse infection rate than 2020. The vaccine has helped people from getting as sick. Hesitation of getting the vaccines stems from many different things, but the Department is trying to educate the public as much as they can. They strongly suggest the public educate and vaccinate.

EMA is working in conjunction with BCS and Parrish Consulting on cyber security; they are applying for a \$40,000 grant.

Sheriff Bottoms reported a jail population today of 105. He also provided the statistic reports to council.

### OLD BUSINESS

Correctional Facility Discussion – President Overton explained that the prior expense of \$45 million is now down to approximately \$25 million. It appears the new building will go where the current jail is today. Mr. Byron Sanders has resigned from the project; he gave the Federal Lawsuit Judges an update before leaving. They hope to have the footprint developed by next month.

Additional Appropriation Resolution Adoption - Advertisement has been made for the following additional appropriations: \$2,700 has been advertised for the General Fund for the Prosecutor's Dept. 50 and Dept. 30 in Personal Services. Councilman McGraw motioned to approve this additional appropriation, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 6-0. The resolution was signed by the Council.

An additional appropriation advertisement has been made for the binding entity, Owensville Montgomery Township Fire Protection District, in the amount of \$200,000 for Debt Services. Councilman Riley motioned to approve this additional appropriation, seconded by Councilman McGraw. The vote was 6-0. The resolution was signed by the Council.

An additional appropriation advertisement has been made for another binding entity, Owensville Carnegie Library, in the amount of \$186,000 for Capital Outlays. Councilman Riley motioned to approve this additional appropriation, seconded by Councilman McGraw. The vote was 6-0. The resolution was signed by the Council.

Transfer of Personal Services request was made for the General Fund 1000-41 in Superior Court budget. They request to move \$1000 from 41-01-23 Overtime, into 41-01-20 Court Room Part-Time. This request is to cover vacations. Councilman McGraw motioned to approve this transfer of personal services, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 6-0.

Transfer of personal services request was made for the General Fund Jail 1000-32. They request to move \$14,000 from 32-01-15 Corrections Officers (16), into 32-01-19 Overtime to cover overtime for the jail. Councilman McGraw motioned to approve this transfer in personal services, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Request to Advertise for Additional Appropriations** – The Sheriff requested to advertise for a reduction in General Fund Jail, line 1000-32-01-15 Correction Officers (16) in the amount of \$33,600. This reduction will offset an additional appropriation request to advertise in General Fund Sheriff line 1000-05-01-28 Call-out Overtime in the amount of \$33,600. This request to advertise was approved by the Council with a motion from Councilman Pflug, seconded by Councilman McGraw. The vote was 6-0.

The Auditor's Office 1000-02 and benefits in the Commissioners budget, Department 30 request an additional appropriation advertisement to cross-train for an upcoming retiree. The amount requested is \$15,500. Councilman Pflug motioned to approve this additional appropriation advertisement request, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0.

Fund 1233 LIT Correctional/Rehabilitation Facilities Pre-Design Services line requests an advertisement for additional appropriations in the amount of \$2,000. The Council asked Kay to make a transfer out of schematic design line instead of an additional appropriation.

Kay Vore advised the Council that American Structurepoint refunded \$6,000 for an overpaid invoice.

**Health Department Request Additional Staff** – Director Hornby explained the Department would like to pay a position entitled Certified Specimen Collector \$21.53 per hour to effectively staff the testing site. At this time, it is easier to get a certified staff member; nursing staff is hard to come by. The current rate of pay is \$15 per hour. They also need additional help to work the testing site to file the paperwork. These positions will be contracted, instead of an employee. The State wants the testing site open 5 or 6 days per week. There is a grant paying for these positions. The Council was okay with this plan but wants the Health Department to make certain these "contracted employees" know they will be solely responsible for their taxes. Director Hornby was instructed to contract for one Clerical position and one Certified Specimen Collector for 40 hours one week, and 48 hours the next week. The Council told her to contract these people and run it the way it should be run.

Health Department Director Hornby requests someone to replace a retiree. The main position would be a General Sanitarian; this person will need cross training. This person will have soil and food certifications, plus backs up to the vital records position. She requests this replacement very soon; she wants to start advertisement. Wendy will figure the amount required and report the amount to the Council; in the meantime, employment advertisement will begin.

There is a new immunization grant for \$69,000 to provide outreach for people to get vaccines plus extra staff to vaccinate. This person would stay under 24 hours per week. The grant requests a clerical person, a CMA, or a nurse in this position. She requests to advertise for this clerical person. The person hired should be aware this is a position only available while the grant is available. There will be a 24-hour per week limit on this job as well. Director Hornby will provide a job description to Human Resources.

Director Hornby feels she is going to lose her nurse unless she receives an increase in pay. Councilman Pflug asked Director Hornby to share the total benefits package with this position so they can see all their days off, insurance cost, perf, etc. The Council did not feel they could counter on one person's wage.

Courthouse Security will be paying an invoice soon for monitors and phone lines.

Toyota Thank You – The Council sent out a huge thank-you to Toyota. The Lot 4 Project has provided the landfill with large amount of much needed dirt. They also thanked them for keeping people working during the pandemic.

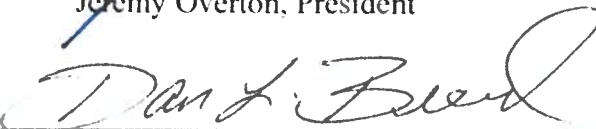
Duke Energy Thank You - A shout-out was given to Duke Energy as well; they worked thru the pandemic too, which keeps the County's LIT revenue flowing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman McGraw.

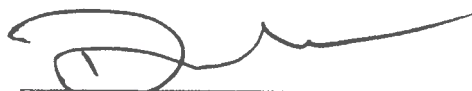
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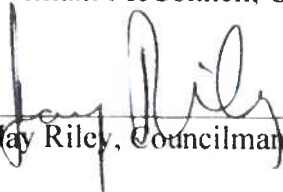
  
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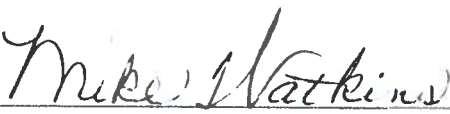
  
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Mike Watkins, Gibson County Auditor