
Gibson County Council
Budget Session
August 20th, 2020

The Gibson County Council met in Budget Session on August 20th, 2019, at 9:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: Included President Jay Riley present until 10:30 a.m., Vice-President Craig Pflug, Councilmen William McConnell present until 11 a.m., Jeremy Overton, Dan Beard, Michael Stilwell and Auditor Sherri Smith.

Remote Attendee – Derek McGraw

Also, in attendance were Lynda Cumberland, Kristy York and Wendy Williams

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

Bill McConnell feels there is some misrepresentation of the jail. He wants the public to know the jail is not overcrowded. The last report of jail capacity was less than 90; full capacity is 120. He does not know of anyone sleeping on the floor. The jail does need some updating and repairs. The Council assured the Courts these updates would be done. The public should know, at this time, there is absolutely no overcrowding in the jail. He feels the Judges are doing an excellent job.

Baker Tilly projected the 2021 income at \$16,415,000. After adjustments from the 8/11/2020 meeting, the General Fund 2021 Budget is \$17,186,106. The Council is going to try and get it back down to the \$16,415,000. The Council feel one cut can come from moving APC/Zoning Department out of General Fund into EDIT, as it is economic development. Because EDIT has been advertised, the Council will need to find a way to cut \$105,000 from another line, so this can be added.

The Council was advised that all salaries were reduced back to the 2020 rates as requested, except for the state mandated rates.

The Council called Director Allen into the meeting to discuss his intent to purchase heart monitors and ventilators with a grant from CARES Act. He will know within the next couple of weeks if he is awarded the grant. There is a possibility to be awarded over \$300,000. He is hoping to replace all 9 heart monitors. The intent is to submit the order, file the grant, receive the grant money and pay from the grant money. If the grant is denied, the order will be cancelled. This will alleviate the Dept. 47 EMS requested budget. They will take out \$100,000 out of his 2021 request, which will leave the heart monitor maintenance line with \$25,000. He asked to keep \$15,000 in the durable equipment line. This line is used for other equipment. Director Allen does not feel comfortable cutting any more, as he does not want to run short.

The Auditor's office prepared a document for the Council to review that showed a red highlighted number if there was still 50% or more of the 2020 budget remaining. They wondered if the Council would be interested in sending an email to request reductions where the department knew they would not be spending. If a resolution to reduce the 2020 budget could be done, that money could help fund the 2021 budget. The document was reviewed, but no action was taken.

The Council would like to cut all part-time and all overtime except areas of public safety. This appears to quickly be a savings of approximately \$97,000. If the Election Board is reduced due to no elections in 2021, it appears this could be a savings of \$50,000. If they move the APC out of General Fund into EDIT, this would save \$105,000. One other suggestion was moving an employee that has never been paid from General Fund, until proposing it for 2021, back out of general fund and into Fund 2002 (cash of \$180,851), for a savings of approximately \$87,921. A text or an email was sent to the Judge requesting this change be made; Judge Krieg approved this change. All cuts calculate to a savings of \$339,921, thus reducing the current \$17,186,106 budget down to \$16,846,185.

Next the Council discussed reducing or removing travel expense from each department. It appeared this could be a small savings as well. All elected officials have a budget in Fund 1217 – County Elected Officials Training, which could be used rather than using General Fund money. If attending a state called meeting, some expenses can be spent out of unappropriated department 49.

The Auditor went into her budget and made cuts; she trimmed more off her budget. She looked at a few other departments to see if any other departments could be cut and found places for cuts, therefore the Council set out to look at all budget to find cuts. The council will take a long hard look at replacing retirees in 2021. Travel budgets were cut in all departments, most were taken to \$100.

Cuts were made in Dept. 21 because there are no elections in 2021, the Council cut most of this budget. They cut the 01 series to \$0, except Election Board. They looked at series 02 but did not make any cuts. Series 03 was cut to \$0, except 21-03-21 travel was cut to \$100; 21-03-22 shipping was left at \$100; 21-03-42 legal notices was cut to \$100; election computer supply was left at \$2500.

Dept. 02, Auditor's Office made the following cuts: 02-02-60 was cut to \$5000; 02-03-13 was cut to \$0; 02-03-60 was cut to \$1500; and 02-03-61 was cut to \$500. 02-03-12 was changed to Consulting/County Council Attorney and set at \$10,000.

Dept 03, Treasurer made the travel cuts to 03-03-13 of \$100 and 03-03-65 was cut to \$0 because she has \$1500 in fund 1217.

Dept 04, Recorder made travel cuts to 04-03-13 to \$100.

Dept 05 or 32 did not have any cuts, as this department sends officers for training and needs their full budgets.

Dept 06 had a cut to 06-03-13 down to \$1000 and 06-03-63 travel expenses & per diem was cut to \$100, as he can use fund 1217 as well.

Dept 26 cut line 26-03-13 mileage to \$100.

Dept 09 cut line 09-03-13 to \$100.

Dept 23 cut line 23-03-13 to \$4500.

Dept 27 cut line 27-03-15 to \$500.

Dept 28 cut line 28-03-13 to \$100.

Dept 30 cut line 30-03-13 to \$1500 and 30-03-15 cut to \$0. They wish to move County Attorney out of series 01 into series 03, as this is a contract with a 1099 provided. 30-01-13 was cut to \$0 (moved to 30-03-10); 30-03-10 was set at \$60,000, and 03-03-09 is \$45,000.

Dept 36 cut line 36-01-31,32 to \$0.

Dept 41 cut line 41-01-23 to \$0; 41-03-50 cut back to \$1500.

Dept 38 cut line 38-01-04 to \$37,276 and 38-01-10 to \$42,243; took back to 2020 wage rate. 38-03-33 was also cut back to \$1500.

Dept 40 cut line 40-03-33 back to \$1500.

Dept 43 cut line 43-03-43 to \$1500.

Fund 2505 cut line 03-03-03 to \$1500.

Dept 46 cut line 46-03-13 to \$100 and line 46-03-19 cut to \$100.

Dept 47 cut line 47-01-09 was cut to \$0; 47-03-13 to \$100; 47-03-63 was cut to \$4000.

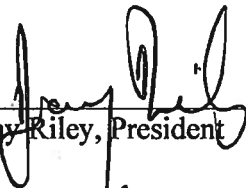
Highway Dept Fund 1176 cut line 01-03-22 to \$1500 to keep it consistent.

The Council requested new printouts on the 2021 budgets so the first reading can be done. The Council would like the new number for General Fund 2021 Budget emailed.


Payroll will calculate the amount of money needed for the 27th payroll this year and a transfer will be done so there will be enough money to cover this 27th payroll.

Councilman Pflug adjourned the budget meeting.

Minutes from the August 20th, 2020 budget meeting



Jay Riley, President



Jeremy Overton, Councilman

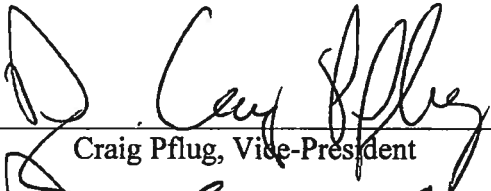
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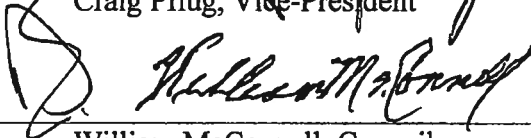
Michael Stilwell, Councilman

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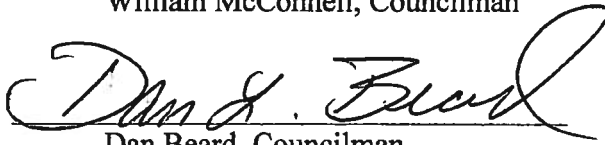
Sherri Smith, Gibson County Auditor



Craig Pflug, Vice-President



William McConnell, Councilman



Dan Beard, Councilman