
Gibson County Council
Regular Session
February 11th, 2020

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on February 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, Jeremy Overton (absent), Derek McGraw, Dan Beard, Michael Stilwell and Gibson County Auditor Sherri Smith.

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

Special Consideration: Judge Meade made a request to replace retiring CASA Director, Joy Jines; her last day will be around 3/13/2020. The Judge will have to request an additional appropriation in order to fill the position and provide three weeks of training; Director Jines will be paid through October. The Council moved to approve advertisement of this \$52,083 additional for line 1000-360120. Councilman McGraw made the motion, seconded by Councilman Stillwell. With no further discussion, the motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Minutes:

January 14th, 2020 were approved as read.

Presentation of Treasurer’s Report

Report from January 31st, 2020 was acknowledged by the Council

Presentation of Clerk’s Report

Report from November 30th, 2019 was acknowledged by the Council

Department Reports

EMS Director Allen reviewed the January report with the Council. He told the Council that he will be traveling to Indianapolis to testify regarding HB1372. This bill will dictate how much the insurance companies pay for the ambulance runs.

Highway Superintendent Lewis reported they are doing routine maintenance to ditches, pipe replacements, and both covered bridges. They are receiving quotes the equipment replacement list. They have been demonstrating a new hydro-excavator to effectively uncover underground utilities. The highway department has a retired employee that needs to be replaced.

Superintendent Lewis requested permission to advertise for this replacement. Council agreed Ok to replace him. This replacement will most likely come in as a laborer and not an operator.

County Engineer Holden talked to the Council about grants. The first is the railroad crossing grant he applied for and received. This grant will provide 100% reimbursement; they will paint 25 stop arms and receive up to \$14,455.

The 2019 Community Crossings Grant is closed; and 2020 grant has been submitted. If awarded again, they could receive \$1,000,000 and must provide at least \$375,000 match out of EDIT funds. The award date is late March to early April.

Another grant has been applied for to help repair Bridge #74, that runs parallel to the Wheeling Covered Bridge. This is a federal grant. He has not received official word on this grant award; however, he did find paperwork showing this grant was received. This grant would amount to \$1,288,000 in federal funding; the county would have to provide a 20% match from the Cumulative Bridge Fund. This work will not begin until 2025 because federal funds have a 5-year waiting period.

The County will receive \$35,000 for repair work on Old SR 65; this is a result of an unofficial detour on this road when SR 65, north of Owensville had a complete closure a couple of years ago. This repair work will be done this summer.

Councilman Pflug asked Engineer Holden to please put in a word about the East Gibson railroad crossing (Indiana Southern Rail); the crossing is terrible and fear a car could get stuck on the track. Councilman Pflug and the Highway Department have both made phone calls in hopes of getting this rail repaired. Superintendent Lewis feels the more citizens that call, the better the reaction.

Health Department Director Hornby submitted her report to the Council. Their office has received a lot of calls on the flu, she encourages everyone to get the flu shot. With other departments talking of the retirement she asked the Council how to prepare. Wendy told her to get with her at budget time so they could compute an amount and put a line into the budget if someone were to retire.

Councilman McConnell asked Engineer Holden about the landfill monitoring. Engineer Holder told him the landfill must be monitored for 3 years or until the monitoring levels come back as zero. They monitor methane levels and there are some water wells that are monitored for contamination. Therefore, funding for this monitoring will be required for at least the next three years. There were 85,000 cubic yards of dirt moved to this landfill in order to help alleviate this situation.

Councilman McConnell also asked for highway and road updates from Engineer Holden. He told everyone SR 64 west of Princeton is under contract and will have a complete closure in July

and August 2020. There will be an unofficial detour on this road, which will provide funding for the rehabilitation of the road after the detour is over. The problem with this is the rehabilitation work must be approved by INDOT prior to doing the work; this is a lengthy process.

Sheriff Department reviewed their January report with the Council.

Old Business

- Approve Additional Appropriation of \$123,000 for Courts and sign Resolution – Councilman McGraw made a motion to approve this additional appropriation, seconded by Councilman Pflug. With no further discussion, the motion carried 6-0.
- Fund number 2504 and 2507 will be moved into the General Fund as bond administration fees are to deposit into the General Fund. This came about from a State Board of Accounts question in which the Auditor's office asked if courtroom overtime could be paid from this fund. The transfer from 2504 into General Fund is \$163,536.59; the transfer from 2507 into General Fund is \$38,642.81. The Council acknowledged this movement of money. Overtime will then be paid from General Fund, after an additional appropriation is requested.

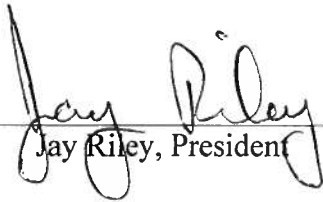
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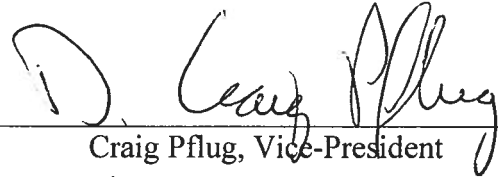
- The Council reviewed and approved an Extension Office Encumbrance from 2019 into 2020. Councilman McGraw made a motion to approve this encumbrance, seconded by Councilman Beard. With no further discussion, the motion carried 6-0.
- The Council reviewed and approved the Prosecutor Deferral User Fee Encumbrance from 2019 into 2020. Councilman McGraw made a motion to approve this encumbrance, seconded by Councilman Beard. With no further discussion, the motion carried 6-0.
- The Council reviewed and approved the Payroll Encumbrances from 2019 into 2020. Councilman McGraw made a motion to approve this encumbrance, seconded by Councilman McConnell. With no further discussion, the motion carried 6-0.
- The Council reviewed and approved 2019 Payroll Transfers to cover the payroll encumbrances. Councilman McGraw made a motion to approve this encumbrance, seconded by Councilman Pflug. With no further discussion, the motion carried 6-0.
- The Health Department Fund 1168 requested an additional appropriation from the Council only, as this fund does not require DLGF approval. They would like an additional in line 03-03-32 \$2000; 03-03-33 \$4970.18; and 04-04-12 \$3560.00.

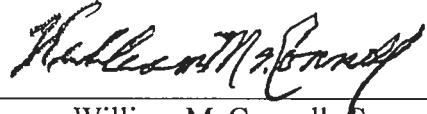
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Councilman McGraw made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

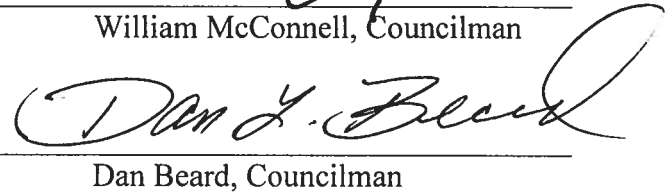
Minutes from the February 11th, 2020 meeting


Jay Riley, President



Craig Pflug, Vice-President


William McConnell, Councilman


Derek McGraw, Councilman


Dan Beard, Councilman


Michael Stilwell, Councilman

Attest: 
Sherri Smith, Gibson County Auditor