

## **Gibson County Council Regular Session Agenda January 12, 2021**

The Gibson County Council met in Regular Session on January 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

**Members Present:** Included Council Members: Jay Riley, Craig Pflug, William McConnell, Jeremy Overton, Derek McGraw, Dan Beard, and Michael Stilwell. Gibson County Auditor, Michael Watkins is also present.

The Council opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Election of 2021 Officers** - Councilman Riley motioned to appoint Jeremy Overton as Council President, seconded by Councilman McGraw. The vote was 7-0.

Councilman McGraw motioned to appoint Craig Pflug as Vice President, seconded by Councilman Stillwell. The vote was 7-0.

Councilman McConnell motioned to close nominations, seconded by Councilman McGraw.

### **Special Consideration**

Judge Krieg & Judge Meade were present to discuss a few issues. Judge Krieg began with overtime for the Court Reporters in the 2021 budget. He requested this line be re-instated for both Courts in the amount of \$10,000 per Court. Councilman Riley motioned to approve an Additional Appropriation Advertisement for both Courts (1000-36 and 41) in a total amount of \$20,000. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.

Next, Judge Krieg discussed the Pre-Trial Services Director's Salary. He explained the Supreme Court considers this position the same as a Probation Officer, as they have very similar responsibilities. Going forward, the job will require a bachelor's degree. When this position was created, he agreed to start her in a lower salary until gaining the experience. He is requesting the Council increase the Director's rate of pay beginning January 1, 2021 to the same rate of pay as a Probation Officer/with three (3) years of service. Councilman Riley worries the County is going to be in a position to pay a salary they have no control over. Councilman McGraw feels this position is responsible for more than a Probation Officer and should fall into the probation salary criteria, therefore Councilman McGraw motioned to approve this raise for the Pre-Trial Services Director, seconded by Councilman Stillwell. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.

The Probation Building was discussed next; they will have to choose between a remodel or a green field option. Landmark had to create plans for the green field option. When these plans are complete, a copy will be sent to everyone.

Courthouse Security is still in the planning stages and they hope to have something to present next week.

### **2021 Appointments**

Chamber of Commerce Board Ex-Officio - Councilman Beard  
Community Corrections Board - Councilman McGraw  
E911 Advisory Board - Councilman Beard  
Gibson County Solid Waste - Councilman Pflug  
Safety Committee - Councilman Beard  
Sheriff's Pension Board - Councilman Overton and Riley  
Evansville Urban Transportation System - Councilman McConnell  
Council Finance Committee - Councilmen Overton, Riley, and Pflug  
Gibson County Economic Development - Councilman McGraw  
Regional Economic Development – Councilman Stillwell  
Gibson County Advisory Planning Commission – Councilman Stillwell  
Gibson County Redevelopment - Phil Young and Bruce McIntosh

### **Approval of Minutes**

December 15, 2020 were approved as written.

### **Treasurer's Report**

December 31, 2020 was acknowledged by Council.

### **Clerk's Report**

November 30, 2020 was acknowledged by Council.

### **Department Reports**

**Engineer Holden** reported the FEMA grants were almost all finished. The Railroad Crossing Grant is complete and closed. Community Crossings Grant 2020 is complete and closed. He is submitting an application for the 2021 grant today and should know in a couple of months if County will be awarded the grant. The Hopkins Park Grant is in process. The Federal Aid Bridge #74 Project is in the works; however, the County will not see this money until 2024/2025. Engineer Holden introduced the new Highway Department Superintendent, Brant Johnson. He spent 14 years at the highway department and is looking forward to working with the Council.

**Sheriff Bottoms** submitted his 2020 collections and jail population reports to the Council. The jail population today is 103.

**EMA Director Hedges** submitted an invoice from Landmark Engineering for services rendered September – December 2020 on building design for the COVID-19 Storage Building. The estimated cost of the building is \$450,000; the building could go right onto County owned land and the past and present Commissioners are on board with this idea. EMA wanted to use CARES Act money to build this building. Councilman Riley wonders if an addition to the Probation Building could be made for this purpose. EMA Director does not feel this is a good idea. President Overton does not feel the County should spend any more funds on this idea, as it is only an idea, at this time. **Councilman Pflug** motioned to pay the \$2,320 invoice to Landmark, however requested no future expense be incurred until it is decided how to utilize the CARES Act money, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.

This \$2320 will be added to the Additional Appropriation request for advertisement a bit later in the meeting.

Newly appointed EMS Director Pond was present; he has been with the County for 38 years. He presented the 12/2020 report; they have a 45.24% collection rate. This department would like to contract with a new collection agency. President Overton would like to share a contact for this service. Director Pond would like the Council to reinstate his Part time Billing Clerk, as this position is needed. This money will be transferred from the P/T AEMT line into the P/T Billing Clerk line; it will be handled in the transfer section later in the meeting. If money is needed later in the year, he will approach the Council for an additional appropriation at that time.

Health Department reports were presented by Judy Adams. She reviewed the COVID counts in Gibson County. The Vaccine Clinic starts tomorrow at the Fairgrounds. The Health Department is helping the elderly booking appointments if they have no internet. All bodies will be on board for this clinic. They have 200 doses to administer this week. They have applied for a \$20,000 grant for vaccine clinic staffing.

The Health Department is requesting an additional appropriation of \$32,000 to help fund the staffing and overtime. The Council decided to use the CARES ACT Funding for this additional. Councilman Stillwell motioned to advertise this \$32,000 Additional Appropriation with the CARES Act money in general fund, seconded by Councilman Pflug. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.

#### Old Business

**Payment of KDDK invoice in the amount of \$78,266.15** - this should be paid from the EDIT Fund, line for APC/Zoning. A claim should be submitted.

#### New Business

**Appointment of representative for Fort Branch-Johnson Township Library** – Chris Wallace was the new appointment in which the Council signed off on.

<u>Personal Service Transfer Request</u>			
Community Corrections Fund 9121 to complete 2020	from 01-01-13 P/T & O/T	into 01-01-15 FICA	TOTAL \$192.24
<u>Councilman McGraw</u> motioned to approve transfer, seconded by Councilman Pflug. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.			
Public Defenders Fund 1000 to complete 2020	from 43-01-20 Misc. Conflict Attorney	into 43-01-18 Health Insurance	TOTAL \$465.15
<u>Councilman McGraw</u> motioned to approve transfer, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.			
EMS Fund 1000 to complete 2020	from 47-01-14 F/T Paramedics	into 47-01-18 O/T AEMT's	\$16,000.00
EMS Fund 1000 to complete 2020	from 47-01-14 F/T Paramedics	into 47-01-17 O/T Paramedics	\$10,000.00
EMS Fund 1000 to complete 2020	from 47-01-14 F/T Paramedics	into 47-01-15 F/T AD/Basic EMT's	\$7,400.00
EMS Fund 1000 To add into the 2021 Budget	from 47-01-16 P/T AD EMT	into 47-01-19 CLERK P/T	\$13,728.00
			<b>TOTAL \$47,128.00</b>
<u>Councilman McGraw</u> motioned to approve transfer, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.			
Highway Department Fund 1176 to complete 2020	from 02-01-14 Heavy Equipment	into 02-01-15 Sign Man Runner	\$1,470.20

Highway Department Fund 1176 to complete 2020	from 04-01-17 O/T	into 04-14-14 Tire Service & Grease	\$1,405.60
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**TOTAL \$2,875.80**

Councilman Beard motioned to approve transfer, seconded by Councilman Stillwell. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.

Superior Court Fund 1000 preparation to combine all ACR's in 2021	from 41-01-17 Ast Court Reporter	into 41-01-12 Ast Court Reporter	\$1,748.33
Superior Court Fund 1000 preparation to combine all ACR's in 2021	from 41-01-18 Ast Court Reporter	into 41-01-12 Ast Court Reporter	\$577.64

**TOTAL \$2,325.97**

Councilman Beard motioned to approve transfer, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.

Jail Fund 1000 preparation to combine all CO's in 2021	from 32-01-24 Correction Officer	into 32-01-15 Correction Officer (16)	\$20,025.74
Sheriff Fund 1000 preparation to combine all Cptn's in 2021	from 05-01-14 Captain	into 05-01-13 Captain	\$697.40
Sheriff Fund 1000 preparation to combine all Srgnt's in 2021	from 05-01-18 Sergeant	into 05-01-15 Sergeant	\$697.40
Sheriff Fund 1000 preparation to combine all Srgnt's in 2021	from 05-01-39 Sergeant	into 05-01-15 Sergeant	\$697.40
Sheriff Fund 1000 preparation to combine all Srgnt's in 2021	from 05-01-40 Sergeant	into 05-01-15 Sergeant	\$697.40
Sheriff Fund 1000 preparation to combine all Srgnt's in 2021	from 05-01-41 Sergeant	into 05-01-15 Sergeant	\$697.40
Sheriff Fund 1000 preparation to combine all Srgnt's in 2021	from 05-01-20 Sergeant	into 05-01-26 Sergeant	\$566.12
Sheriff Fund 1000 preparation to combine all PO's in 2021	from 05-01-30 Patrol Officers	into 05-01-26 Patrol Officers	\$687.80

**TOTAL \$24,766.66**

Councilman Riley motioned to approve transfer, seconded by Councilman Pflug. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.

**OUT OF SERIES TRANSFERS**

FMS Fund 1000	from 47-03-51 Heart Monitor Maintenance	into 47-02-24 Medical Supplies	\$1,708.23
	From 47-04-22 Durable Equipment	into 47-02-21 Diesel Fuel	\$2,258.75

**TOTAL \$3,966.98**

Councilman McGraw motioned to approve transfer, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS TO ADVERTISE**

General Fund 1000	\$32,000 for 1000-51-01 Health Dept (CARES Act)	\$32,000	
	\$10,000 for 1000-41-01	\$10,000	
	\$10,000 for 1000-36-01	\$10,000	
	\$6,500 for 1000-38-01	\$6,500	
	\$2,320 for 1000-46-03	\$2,320	\$60,820.00

Councilman McGraw motioned to approve transfer, seconded by Councilman Overton. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.

Cumulative Building	Fund 1136-01-04	\$605,000
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Councilman McGraw motioned to approve transfer, seconded by Councilman Overton. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.

Clerk's Perpetuation	Fund 1119-01-01	\$13,000
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Councilman Stillwell motioned to approve transfer, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.

Auditor's Ineligible	Fund 1216-01-01	\$5,000
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Councilman McGraw motioned to approve transfer, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.

I.IT Correctional/Rehab Facility	Fund 1233-01-03	\$13,000
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Councilman McGraw motioned to approve transfer, seconded by Councilman Beard. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.

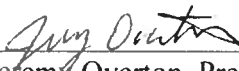
**Gibson Solar Project, Representative Rick Reed** asked the Council to table this item until the February Council Meeting, allowing time to work with newly elected officials. Mr. Reed told Council this is not the Elliot Solar Farm discussion. They were going to discuss a totally separate project with the Council. A new ERA will need to be established. This project will be referred to as the Gibson Solar Project. They are going to be covering the expenses from Ice Miller, Baker Tilly, and McDonald Law's professional services for both projects; the County will pay for the services and receive reimbursement from Tenaska for these incurring costs.

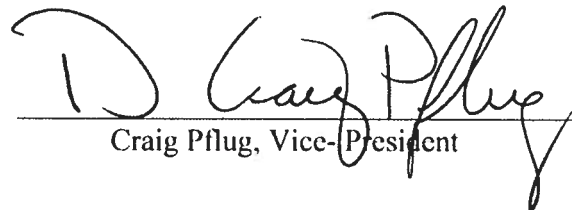
They encouraged the Council to use these professional services to get their questions answered. The County will set up a separate fund in the 9000 series to properly account for this money. Councilman McGraw motioned to table the Gibson Solar Project today, seconded by Councilman Riley. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.

**Byron Sanders / Jail Project** Councilman Overton explained the Council had been working with Mr. Sanders since October 2019. Mr. Sanders had previously worked with Posey, Vanderburgh, and Dubois County in their jail projects and non-compliance jail issues. Mr. Sanders works for \$75 per hour verified through a timecard compiling his work. Prior to doing the pre-design services, he will review all information the County has gathered to date. He will assure the data gleaned is well calibrated to arrive at the correct information to try and select the proper design firm. Mr. Sanders feels he will not exceed \$13,000 on pre-design services. Councilman McGraw motioned to advertise for this \$13,000 additional appropriation in Fund 1233. This motion is recorded in the Additional Appropriation section. This will allow the Commissioners to move forward with a contract if they desire to do so. Councilman Riley asked Mr. Sanders if the county was still on track with the schedule. Mr. Sanders assured the Council he would not allow the project to go over budget or schedule. Mr. Sanders has a response letter regarding the lawsuit to show due diligence on the County's behalf.

Councilman McGraw motioned to adjourn this meeting, seconded by President Overton. The vote was 6-0, Councilman McConnell did not vote.


Minutes from the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting

  
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Jeremy Overton, President

  
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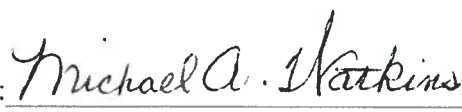
  
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Michael A. Watkins, Gibson County Auditor