

**Gibson County Council  
Regular Session Meeting  
October 14, 2025 at Southwest Annex**

Council members present:

- President Jeremy Overton
- Vice President Derek McGraw (absent)
- Council Member Jay Riley
- Council Member Craig Schafer
- Council Member Robert Schleiter
- Council Member Michael Stilwell (absent)
- Council Member Hannah Whitehead

Also, present were:

- Auditor Mike Watkins
- 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Auditor Kristy York
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Auditors Logan Vickers

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

- The Council approved minutes from the September 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting as written.

**Clerk / Treasurer's reports were acknowledged**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Health Department presented by Administrator Shade**

- The Health Department announced the commencement of the annual flu vaccination campaign.
- "Healthier You" and "Matter of Balance" programs are available for the public to participate
- Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 26 at 1p.m.
- A Community Baby Shower will be held On November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sober meeting will be October 26th at the Health Department
- Public is encouraged to follow the department on Facebook for updates.

**EMS (Emergency Medical Services) presented by AJ Aldridge and Arica Cole**

**Guest Students from Princeton High School were present to observe Gibson County Council operations**

- President Overton welcomed the group and briefly explained the Council's role in County Government.

**Old Business**

**Election Equipment for Future Purchase Presented by Sherri Smith**

- The current election equipment has a shelf life of 10-12 years and is projected to need replacement by 2032-2034.
- Estimated replacement cost is approximately \$484,000.
- Some Counties have proactively created dedicated funds to save for this future expense.

- Clerk Sherri Smith recommends establishing a separate fund for this purpose.
- President Overton inquired whether other counties have a template for such a fund.
- Clerk Smith will gather and present relevant information during the 2027 budget sessions.

**Jail Update – Presented by Owner’s Representative George Ballard**

- A check from Center Point was received for the installation of energy-efficient equipment.
- A letter has been submitted to the solar company requesting reimbursement of the remaining \$100,000 for the solar panel installation on the Sheriff’s Office.
- The new solar panels have been tested and are functioning properly.
- An environmental review is currently underway at the old jail.

**Highway Department / Wheel & Excise Tax Rate Update**

- 33 county/local agencies adopted a new wheel tax.
- The Community Crossings Grant was submitted on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Commissioner Lewis emphasized the importance of keeping the wheel/excise tax a priority for the County Council.

**Auxiliary Jail Parking Lot**

- Commissioners proposed that the \$200,000 project be funded through the LIT Public Safety Tax Fund.
- Attorney Spindler confirmed this would be a legitimate expenditure.
- Councilman Riley motioned to approve advertisement of the additional appropriation, seconded by Councilman Schleter.
- The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

**EMS New Building/Internet Issues**

- EMS plans to present the issue to the Redevelopment Commission (RDC).
- They will request funding from the TIF EMS Project.

**New Business**

**Resignation and Appointment - Princeton Public Library Board**

- Following the resignation of a current board member, Auditor Michael A. Watkins was recommended to fill the vacancy.
- Council Member Riley motioned to approve the appointment of Michael A. Watkins to the board, seconded by Council Member Schleter and passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Transfer Requests**

1000	General Fund					
	0001	Clerk	from	26000	Office Supplies	
			into	39202	District & State Meeting	\$277.60
	0005	Sheriff	from	12300	Severance	(\$5,000.00)
			from	11300	Part-time	(\$7,000.00)
			into	13400	UHP Part-time	\$12,000.00
	0006	Surveyor	from	11122	GIS Director	
			into	33003	Professional Services	\$10,000.00
			from	11122	GIS Director	
			into	11300	Part-Time	\$5,000.00
	0007	Coroner	from	11310	Deputies	
			into	11216	Deputy Coroner	\$2,000.00

0011	Extension Ofc	from		11300	Part-Time	
		into		12303	Overtime	\$395.50
0161	Court House	from	12303	Overtime		
		into	11300	Part-Time		\$4,000.00
		from	23501	Institutional Supplies		
		into	34300	Building & Liability Insurance		\$3,000.00
		from	23501	Institutional Supplies		
		into	34300	Building & Liability Insurance		\$1,000.00
0301	EMS	from	11409	Full Time Paramedics (17)		
		into	11510	Full Time Ad/Basic EMTS (7)		\$100,000.00
		from	11409	Full Time Paramedics (17)		
		into	11510	Full Time Ad/Basic EMTS (7)		\$32,000.00
		from	11409	Full Time Paramedics (17)		
		into	11300	Part-Time		\$48,000.00
0302	EMA	from	39500	Disaster Contingencies		
		into	12303	Overtime		\$7,000.00
		from	35103	Heart Monitor Maintenance		
		into	23001	Oxygen		\$2,500.00
9117	Prosecutor's HUB Grnt	from	26000	Office Supplies		(\$847.00)
		from	10401	FICA/Medicare		(\$166.00)
		into	12500	PERF		\$1,013.00

Council Member Riley made the motion to approve the transfers, seconded by Council Member Whitehead. The vote was 5-0.

**Additional Appropriation Requests to Advertise**

1000	General		0161	Court House	11300	Part-Time	3,000.00
1000	General		0301	EMS	12303	Overtime	96,000.00
1000	General		0301	EMS	11510	F/Time Ad/Basic EMTS (7)	85,000.00
1000	General		0301	EMS	11300	Part-Time	50,000.00
			TOTAL				234,000.00
1130	Prisoner Reimbursement For Inc			22000	Supplies		4,000.00
1169	Local Road And Street			36301	Road Equipment		50,000.00
	Unforeseen expense on brush cutter in accident						
1169	Local Road And Street			36202	Truck And Tractor Repairs		30,000.00
	DEF issues						
			TOTAL				80,000.00
1197	Storm Water Mgmt. Operating			33003	Professional Services		200,000.00
1200	Supplemental Public Def Service			12307	Group Insurance		63,500.00
1222	Statewide 9-1-1			12303	Overtime		8,000.00
1222	Statewide 9-1-1			11300	Part-Time		20,000.00
			TOTAL				28,000.00
1237	Opioid Restricted			33405	Grants/Partnerships		206,000.00
	Com's approved Opioid Board's award to GCHD						
1238	Opioid Unrestricted			33405	Grants/Partnerships		9,022.00
	Com's approved Opioid Board's award to True Hope						
1238	Opioid Unrestricted			33405	Grants/Partnerships		13,468.00

	Com's approved Opioid Board's award to Gibson County Council on Aging			
1238	Opioid Unrestricted	33405	Grants/Partnerships	30,000.00
	Com's approved Opioid Board's award to Remnant Warrior Ministries			
1238	Opioid Unrestricted	44101	Equipment	7,500.00
	Com's approved Opioid Board's award to Probation Department			
1238	Opioid Unrestricted	33005	Legal Services	500.00
	Com's approved Opioid Board's request to pay for legal services with Spindler Law			
	TOTAL			60,490.00
2502	Prosecutor Def User Fee	30507	Laserfiche	40,000.00
2502	Prosecutor Def User Fee	11408	Superior Court Secretary	2,760.00
2502	Prosecutor Def User Fee	11505	Circuit Court Secretary	2,760.00
2502	Prosecutor Def User Fee	10401	FICA / Medicare	425.00
2502	Prosecutor Def User Fee	12500	Perf	785.00
	TOTAL			46,730.00
4009	County Corrections Fund	30602	Plumbing-Electric-Maint	13,000.00
4009	County Corrections Fund	35103	Heart Monitor Maintenance	3,600.00
4009	County Corrections Fund	36003	Medical Contracts	15,000.00
	TOTAL			31,600.00
4011	Sheriff's Fleet Maintenance	22100	Diesel Fuel/ Gasoline	45,000.00
4011	Sheriff's Fleet Maintenance	31406	Vehicle Maint & Repairs	25,000.00
	TOTAL			70,000.00
4050	Redevelopment Authority	32915	Exam Of Records	417.00

The Council asked some questions about the Sheriff's Fleet Maintenance Fund.

Councilman Riley made the motion to approve the additional appropriation advertisement, seconded by Councilman Schleter. The vote was 5-0.

### Resolution for Additional Appropriations for Gibson County

#### Fund Name/Number: LIT Public Safety Fund 1170

30000 Other Services/Charges \$ 1,900

40000 Capital Outlays \$575,000

#### Fund Name/Number: LIT Correctional/Rehabilitation Facility Fund 1233

10000 Personal Services \$ 4,000

30000 Other Services/Charges \$ 12,307

40000 Capital Outlays \$523,693

#### Fund Name/Number: EMA Preparedness/Women's Foundation Fund 4001

20000 Supplies \$ 2,000

30000 Other Services/Charges \$ 1,000

Councilman Riley made the motion to approve the additional appropriation resolution, seconded by Councilmember Whitehead. The vote was 5-0.

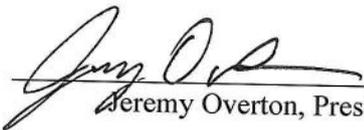
### Public Comment

- Gibson County Chamber of Commerce Director Patty Vanoven
  - November 8<sup>th</sup> is Countywide cleanup day.
  - Award voting will soon end. The awards will be presented on November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber's annual awards night.

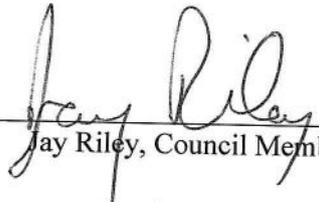
**Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn by Councilman Riley, seconded by Councilman Schleiter.

Minutes from October 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

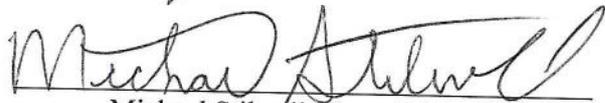
  
Jeremy Overton, President

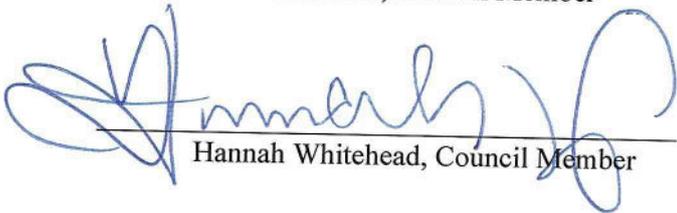
  
Derek McGraw, Vice-President

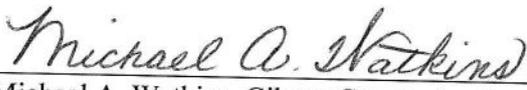
  
Jay Riley, Council Member

  
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Michael Stilwell, Council Member

  
Hannah Whitehead, Council Member

Attest:   
Michael A. Watkins, Gibson County Auditor

