
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
April 4, 2023

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on April 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Prayer was led by President Montgomery followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: President Kenneth Montgomery, Vice-President, Nick Burns and Commissioner Warren Fleetwood

MINUTES: The minutes from the March 22, 2023, meeting were approved as presented. Commissioner Burns motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS: Total Claims Presented on 4/04/2023 were \$2,029,595.33. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve claims, seconded by Commissioner Burns. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Department Reports

Health Department - Administrator Shade gave the department reports to Commissions. They are watching a bill moving through the State Legislation that will affect sanitary sewer inspections. The Commissioners will consider contacting the Legislator’s on this proposed change.

Sheriff’s Department - Chief Deputy Ballard presented the March report to Commissioners. The department will start receiving a few new vehicles with ARPA Funds. The Commissioners made a Proclamation declaring that April 9-15, 2023, National Public Safety Telecommunicator’s Week in Gibson County. Commissioner Burns motioned to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS

TIF 60% Capture / 40% Pass Through Annual Renewal – Commissioners Fleetwood feels this should remain the same. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve the annual renewal, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

County Road 360 S – Attorney Spindler feels they should further consider the legal options available and future road improvements regarding this situation.

COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS

Ft. Branch Sewer Plant Fencing – Commissioner Fleetwood will ask Judy to draft a letter to Surveyor, Scott Martin, regarding the fence removal and ditch cleaning at the Ft. Branch sewage treatment plant. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve sending the letter, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

DPI Annual Support Request – Hannah Whitehead, President of DPI, requested a contribution from Commissioners for their special events in the amount of \$3,500.

Commissioner Burns motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

DPI Request Donation of \$500 for Historical District – President Whitehead of DPI also requested Commissioners donate \$500 for the historical district. They are in the process of creating two historical districts in Princeton.

Commissioner Burns motioned to approve donation, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Park Board Request Part Time Position Addition – Park President Michael Stevenson requested the Commissioners consider allowing the Park to hire two part-time maintenance employees. They will use the money in the EDIT budget line to pay for these positions, which they estimate to be approximately \$7,000.

Commissioner Burns motioned to approve hiring these two part-time employees, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Proclamation for Earth Week and Earth Day – Commissioner Fleetwood read the Proclamation. Earth Week will be observed April 17 – 22, 2023 while Earth Day will be April 22, 2023. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Burns. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Solid Waste District Clean-up Week/Day – Director, Lee Binhack told Commissioners GCSWD will be hosting an Earth Week Clean-up in conjunction with Earth Week Proclamation. GCSWD will provide trash bags and gloves to any group or individual who pledges to clean up a designated area of the county. The tagged bags can be taken to any open compactor site for disposal, during regular operating hours. Then on April 22, those citizens participating in this clean-up can go to the Fairgrounds for free pizza and drinks between noon and 4 p.m. where they can also return the pink tagged bags. They hope to make this an annual event.

On April 22, GCSWD will host a household hazardous waste day at Toyota Family Medical Center from 8 a.m. until noon.

Major Medical Leave (2) was approved by the Commissioners with a motion from Commissioner Burns seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. The vote was 3-0.


Francisco School Farewell – Commissioner Fleetwood told everyone that on May 4, 2023, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. there will be a farewell to this school.


ARPA Money – Commissioner Burns has talked to ARPA Grant Administrator, Debbie Bennett Stearsman, regarding the leftover money in the North Annex Basement Enviro Remediation line and the use of this leftover money to power wash at the Courthouse. Commissioner Fleetwood made the motion to approve use of the leftover money, seconded by Commissioner Burns. The vote was 3-0.

With no further discussions, Commissioner Burns motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote to adjourn is 3-0.

Minutes from the April 4, 2023, Meeting.


Kenneth Montgomery, President


Nick Burns, Vice President


Warren Fleetwood, Commissioner


ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor