
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
August 1, 2023

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on August 1, 2023, at 4:45 p.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: President Kenneth Montgomery, Vice-President, Nick Burns and Commissioner Warren Fleetwood - A moment of silence was observed in honor of Mr. Bill Tuley.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the July 18, 2023, meeting were approved as presented. Commissioner Burns motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS: Total claims presented on 08/01/23 were \$1,013,550.87. Commissioner Burns motioned to approve claims, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer Report was acknowledged by the Commissioners.

Department Reports

Sheriff Vanoven was absent due to “National Night Out” at the Fairgrounds; Chief Deputy George Ballard is reporting in his place. The Sheriff’s Department recently conducted a speed limit study on CR 350 S beginning at US Hwy 41 going west, this road is also known as Enon Church Road, they recommend this road have a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve this posted speed limit of 30 mph, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 3-0.

The Sheriff’s Department has conducted a stop sign survey at the T-intersection of CR 1000 S and 250 W, just south of St. James Church, in Johnson Township. They recommend a 3-Way stop sign at this intersection. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve the recommendation of this 3-way stop sign seconded by Commissioner Burns. The vote was 3-0.

They plan to conduct stop sign surveys at intersections of CR 525 S and 500 W and intersection 950 S and 250 W. July reports were given to the Commissioners; work release had an average population of 23 and the jail had an inmate average of 104. They also presented 2024 budget information.

COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS

Update on Jail Project – Owner’s Representative George Ballard told Commissioners they will be ordering kitchen equipment soon and radio consoles for the 911 Center have been ordered; they are set to deliver in one year. They have been having some meetings regarding locks. They turned in the 11th Federal Report, no news is good news. George reminded everyone of the live camera to follow the jail construction. By the end of 2023, they hope to have the jail under roof. The fall of 2024 is the target completion date.

COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS

Appoint EMA Interim to Stephanie McKinney – EMA Director Terry Hedges has retired, and Commissioners would like to appoint Stephanie McKinney as the interim director of EMA. There will be no raises as of this date.

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

Stephanie told Commissioners she will keep the grants moving forward and keep an open line of communication with Commissioners.

I-69 Sanitary Sewer – There were two companies that inquired about this project, but only United Consulting Engineering submitted a bid. Mark McNeece of United Consulting Engineering presented the professional service agreement to Commissioners. This is Phase II of this project and will connect Phase I to the Francisco Treatment Plant. The contract covers design, planning, hydraulic design, bidding, construction, permitting, and erosion control, etc. Some surveying and other preliminary work has been done by United Consulting; they are familiar with this project. An audience member asked what was coming into this area. Tami Hack told the audience about some interest expressed to construct gas stations and hotels. Mark Fehrenbacher reminded everyone about how a former mayor of Evansville developed the infrastructure outside the city limits of Evansville some years ago and now the area has a large amount of development from this foresight. Oakland City Mayor Deffendall spoke about planning for the future. I-69 is going to expand into Kentucky, and he feels the I-69 corridor will bring business to Oakland City.

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

Approval of Quote to Repair Men's Addiction Solution Building – Commissioner Burns asked David Doughty to present the quote on this. Mr. Doughty is requesting the use of opioid addiction money to pay for this quote. The quote to tuck-point bricks and repair windows on this building came in at \$6,110 by a company out of Newburgh. Koberstein will provide the lift truck for the project. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve tuck pointing at \$6,110, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Women's Addiction Solution Vehicle Repair – The estimate on the van repairs is \$1,441.72.

Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve the van repairs at \$1,441.72, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

The Well of Gibson County (Non-Profit) – Emilie Brown presented some paperwork on this non-profit, faith-based organization serving only Gibson County. They recently had four Gibson County mothers complete their program; they also have six enrolled to begin the fall class on 8/15/23. Mothers can get help obtaining their GED, finishing their education, learning financial responsibility, etc. They teach moms how to get out of the cycle of poverty. The class meets two days per week. They have partnerships through YMCA, Tulip Tree, Purdue Extension, Terra Powel Ministries, some churches, etc. Work One also helps the mothers build resumes. Most of their income comes from church support. (Commissioner Montgomery exited this meeting.) She has applied and is hopeful for a grant with the Community Foundation. An employee at the Health Department recommended she speak to Juli Shade at the Health Department. Commissioner Fleetwood feels Gibson County will come together to support this program. Commissioner Burns motioned to table this so they can check the County's resources, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.


Major Medical Leave (1) was approved by the Commissioners with a motion from Commissioner Fleetwood seconded by Commissioner Burns. The vote was 2-0.

With no further discussions, Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Burns. The vote to adjourn is 2-0.

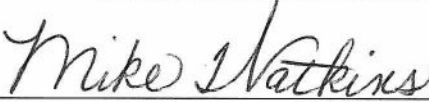
Minutes from the August 1, 2023 Meeting.



Kenneth Montgomery, President



Nick Burns, Vice President

Warren Fleetwood, Commissioner


ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor