
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
December 15th, 2020

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on December 15th, 2020, at 5:30 PM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: Included President Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-President Mary Key, Commissioner Stephen E. Bottoms, Administrative Assistant Kay Vore, County Attorney James McDonald III, and County Auditor Sherri Smith.

Remote Participant

This meeting was broadcast using Zoom. Social Distancing and Masks were observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Welcome were recited and led by President Bledsoe.

Minutes: The minutes from the December 1st 2020 Special Joint Session; and December 1st, 2020 Regular Meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Key and seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

County General - \$108,753.81
Courts - \$6,784.50
Highway - \$282,849.14
Sheriff - \$8,912.85
ACH - \$71,527.84
CAW-1 - \$2,448.57
CAW-2 - \$15,420.39

CVET ACH Distribution 12/02/2020 - \$198,030.00
FIT ACH Distribution 12/03/2020 - 93,662.80
Surplus Refund & Ditch Claim 12/04/2020 - \$5,306.98
LIT ACH Distribution 12/10/2020 - \$530,904.74

Payroll for 12/04/2020 - \$340,005.20
Payroll Deductions - \$147,487.42
Pauper Claims for 10/28/2020 - \$1,355.80
Insurance Claims for 11/02/2020 - \$392,805.28
Additional Insurance 12/10/2020 - \$374.30
Teamsters Scholarship Payment \$12,005.50
Pauper ACH Claims & Checks on 12/10/2020 - \$23,324.08
Insurance Premiums to be allowed on 12/10/2020 - \$315,546.82

Commissioner Key made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Presentation of Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report Month Ending October 31st, 2020 was acknowledged by Commissioners.
- Treasurer's Report Month Ending November 30th, 2020 was acknowledged by Commissioners.

Presentation of Clerk's Report

- Clerk's Report Month Ending October 31st, 2020 was acknowledged by Commissioners.

Department Reports

No Reports Given

Old Business:

- TMMI Lot #4 Bid Opening – Parking Lot Improvements and Realignment of Maple Tree Drive

Grable Inc. \$12,302,090.66
Weddle Brothers \$11,221,758.80
Blankenberger Brothers \$11,167,000.00

Commissioner Bottoms motioned to forward the bids to the Engineering Firm for review and come back on Friday, December 18, 2020 to award bid and give notice to proceed, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

There will be a meeting to award this bid on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

New Business:

- Commissioners One-Year Appointments for 2021
County Engineer: Matt Holden
Emergency Medical Director: James E. Allen
County Attorney: James McDonald III
County Highway Supervisor: Chuck Lewis
Director of Maintenance, Safety, & ADA Compliance: Andy Schafer

Veteran Service Officer: George Pickersgill
Emergency Management Agency Director: Terry Hedges
Weights & Measures Director: Gary Dawson
GIS Director: John Howe
Flood Plain Administrator: Stephanie McKinney
Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission: Bill Knowles
(Alternate) Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission: Stephanie McKinney
Alcohol Beverage Commissioner: Jim Bryant
Local Emergency Planning Commission: Mary Key
Workforce Investment Board: Mary Key
Gibson County Economic Development Corporation: Mary Key
County Physician: Quentin Emerson, M.D.
Regional Economic Development Corporation: Mary Key
Regional Economic Development Corporation: Matt Wallace
County Grievance Board: All three Commissioners
Gibson County Hospital Board: Mary Key
Sheriff's Pension Board: Mary Key
Gibson County Chamber of Commerce: Mary Key
EMA District 10 Planning Council: Mike Hopson
(Serves until resignation or replacement)
Redevelopment Commission: Chuck Strunk, James Amick, George Ballard
Non-voting member from local School Board: to be announced at a later date
Subdivision Committee: John Howe
Redevelopment Authority was not appointed
Visitor & Tourism Board:
 Candice Yancey
 Brian Baker
 Nancy Gehlhausen
 Stanley Madison
 Mary Key
Downtown Princeton, Inc.: Mary Key

- Elliott Solar Farm – Economic Development Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – A representative from the Elliott Solar Farm Project was on hand to advise everyone of his attendance at the Council's morning meeting. He stated the Council approved everything. He is requesting the Commissioner sign off on the Economic Development Agreement as well and ask if there were any questions. Commissioner Bottoms stated he was in favor of the project. Commissioner Key stated she was present at the Council's meeting and had no further questions. Commissioner Bledsoe watched the live stream of the morning Council meeting. The "MOU" had a signature from the County Assessor, Kim Beadle; the Commissioners signed this agreement as well. Commissioner Key motioned to approve the Economic Development Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0. The Elliott Solar Farm Representative took possession of both documents.

- Sheriff Tim Bottoms presented 2021 Contracts – There are 3 contracts they enter each year with Gibson County Ambulance Service, Gibson General Hospital, and the County Physician. Sheriff Bottoms ask they Commission President sign the contracts, attested by Auditor Smith.

The 2021 Gibson County Ambulance Service Contract was approved by Commissioner Bottoms, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

The 2021 Gibson General Hospital Contract was approved by a motion from Commissioner Key, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

The 2021 County Physician Contract was approved by a motion from Commissioner Key, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

- Courthouse Security – Attorney McDonald informed Commissioners of today’s Council Meeting, where the Council allocated \$605,000 as a budget for this project. Commissioner Bottoms authorized Landmark Architecture/Engineering to develop bid specifications for Courthouse Security, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

BCS will provide the professional service of wiring of the security system. They have been working with the Judges to develop the plan implementation of the cameras, wires, etc. They will provide some of the bid specifications for the bid package. Commissioner Bottoms asked if the amount was a not to exceed amount and that all wiring would be placed inside conduit; BCS agreed with both items. The total is \$266,588.24. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to sign the professional services, BCS Agreement for Courthouse Security, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

- New Probation Building or Remodel Existing Building – County Attorney McDonald told Commissioner’s that Landmark Architecture/Engineering has a final design for the renovation of this building. They are also designing a new building site. They would like to have permission to bid both packages as soon as the designs are complete. Aside from the Probation Department running out of room, there is a new Magistrate taking office in July, they will need an office to accommodate this new department, thus the ball should get rolling on this project. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to allow Landmark to advertise for bids for the new probation building or remodel of existing building, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.
- Major Medical Leave was approved after review. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to approve the leave, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

- The next meeting will be Friday, December 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to award bid and give notice to proceed on the TMMI Lot #4 Bid Opening – Parking Lot Improvements and Realignment of Maple Tree Drive.

A year-end meeting will be held on 12/29/2020 at 8:00 a.m.


The 1st meeting of 2021 will be January 5, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. A Ditch Board Meeting will follow this meeting, ½ hour proceeding the conclusion.

With no further business, Commissioner Key motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

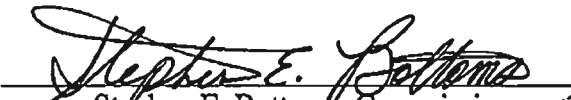
Minutes from the December 15th, 2020 Meeting.



Gerald Bledsoe, President



Mary Key, Vice-President



Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor