
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 27, 2023

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 27, 2023, at 8:00 a.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 (absent) and Commissioner Warren Fleetwood

MINUTES: The minutes from the December 19, 2023, meeting were approved as presented. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

CLAIMS: Total claims presented on 12/27/2023 were \$278,207.67. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve claims, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS

Update on Jail Project – Owner’s Representative George Ballard told Commissioners they are working on the steel building that will hold the jail pods and the office building as well.

COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2024 Meeting Dates –The proposed 2024 meeting dates are the same as 2023; the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, except in January where the meeting dates will be January 9th and 23rd. All meetings are set to begin at 4:45 p.m. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve the 2024 meeting dates, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 2-0.

2024 Appointments –All Commissioner’s appointments will remain the same except the EMA Director; this appointment will be changed to the current Interim Director, Stephanie McKinney. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve the appointments, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 2-0.

Election of Officers - President Montgomery nominated Commissioner Fleetwood as the 2024 President, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 2-0. Next Commission Fleetwood nominated Commissioner Montgomery as Vice President. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to accept the nomination, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. The vote was 2-0.

2024 Gibson County Soil/Water Conservation District Grant Approval – Mr. Dennis Simpson came before the Commissioners to request approval to seek a three-year grant for the district to fund an Invasive Species Technician. He explained there are so many weeds in the county the district feels they need this person to log the species and work with other departments to help treat the invasive species. The position will pay \$32,000 per year. The SWCD will pay \$1,000 per year; they request the County contribute \$7,000 per year for 3 years to help fund the position; the grant will pay the remainder of the salary, which will not include benefits. They feel this could turn into a full-time position providing they can find grants to fund the position. The Technician will work in Gibson and Pike Counties, but will have an office in Gibson at the SWCD. Commissioner Fleetwood asks if there used to be a weed board, that

went obsolete and wonders if this position could bring this board back into existence. Mr. Simpson feels it could bring the board back and explained this Technician will provide alternatives to spraying with roundup, as roundup kills the roots, which causes erosion because there is no longer anything to hold the soil in place.

Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve seeking this grant, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. The vote was 2-0.

Highway Department and Snow Removal – The Highway Department is prepared for inclement winter weather.

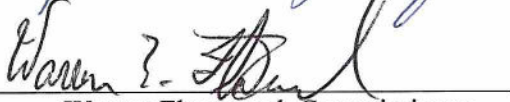
With no further discussions, Commissioner Montgomery motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. The vote to adjourn is 2-0.

Minutes from the December 27, 2023, Meeting.

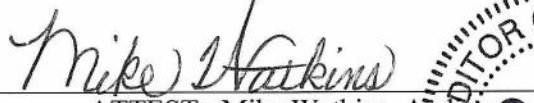


Kenneth Montgomery, President

Nick Burns, Vice President



Warren Fleetwood, Commissioner



ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor

