
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
January 10, 2023

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on January 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

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

Members Present: Commissioner Nick Burns (absent), Commissioner Warren Fleetwood, and Commissioner Kenneth Montgomery

2023 Organization of Commissioners – Commissioner Fleetwood wonders if this can be delayed until next meeting when Commissioner Burns is in attendance. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to table, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 2-0.

MINUTES: The minutes from the December 29, 2022, special meeting were approved as presented. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 2-0.

CLAIMS:

Total Claims Presented on 1/10/2023 are \$840,946.13.

Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve claims presented for payment, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 2-0.

Department Reports

Sheriff Vanoven gave reports to Commissioners and reported an average of 89 incarcerated. Sheriff Vanoven told Commissioners a story about Deputy Garrett Tuley, an employee of the Sheriff's Department. On Christmas Day, Garrett Tuley stopped, what he thought was an impaired driver while off duty. His wife, a nurse, was with him. He determined the driver was having an allergic reaction which was the reason for the impaired driving. His wife had an EpiPen with her in which they were able to administer to the driver. Deputy Tuley had called for an ambulance, which transported the driver on to the hospital, he then parked the driver's car in a church parking lot to spare the expense of towing.

COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS

Jail Update – Owner's Representative George Ballard told Commissioners that yesterday they had 80 loads of dirt dumped on the project site. This indicates all bricks and concrete are gone and clean dirt is being filled into the project site. George requested Commissioners vote on the new timeline of the project, which indicates the majority of project will be completed by 12/23 with a final projected completion date of May 2024. George will include this new timeline in his report that he sends to the Federal Court.

Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve timeline, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. The motion carried 2-0.

George went on to tell Commissions that a camera will be installed on the construction site. This will provide fulltime surveillance of the jail project, allowing everyone access to watch the construction. They are uncertain on the completion date of this camera installation.

Sheriff Vanoven has appointed George as Chief Deputy. George wants to avoid a conflict of interest with his Owner's Representative position. He is willing to do whatever he can do to see this project thru. He feels the contract might have to go to zero, but they are investigating this to see how both items can flow together. The Owner's Representative position was a 1099 and Chief Deputy will receive a W-2.

Research will be done to see how they can continue paying George for Owners Representative while he is employed as a Chief Deputy.

E-Rep Contract – E-Rep representative, Jenna Richardt was present to discuss this contract with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve contract, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. The motion carried 2-0.

COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS

Review Appointments for 2023 – Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to table the appointments until Commissioner Burns is in attendance, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 2-0.

Approve 2023 Meeting Date/Times - Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve the 2023 meeting calendar with exception of January 17; this meeting will move to January 24th at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The motion carried 2-0.

Commissioners Facility Transition Plan – Commissioner Fleetwood explained that the Prosecutor’s office has moved into a temporary location, and now they are talking about using some space in the new Probation office for the Prosecutor’s office. The Construction Managers, Judges, Probation Department, and Prosecutor’s Office all feel this is doable for \$150,000. Commissioner Fleetwood feels this is a good solution for the Prosecutor’s Office and a way to save taxpayers of Gibson County. Commissioner Fleetwood feels this idea needs to be looked at closely as the new building has the available space for the Prosecutor and will allow the north annex basement to be used for storage.

Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve this addition not to exceed \$150,000 subject to working thru the funding, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

Commissioners Agreement Renewal for Senior Prosecutor Hub Grant – Auditor Watkins explained that the agreement only requires the Commissioner President’s signature.

Agreement for Inmate Medical Services with Deaconess Gibson General – Sheriff Vanoven presented this agreement to Commissioners.

Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. The motion carried 2-0.

Contract with Dr. Quentin Emerson for Inmate Medical Care – Sheriff Vanover presented this contract.

Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve contract, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The motion carried 2-0.

Contract Between Sheriff’s Office & Gibson County Ambulance Service – Sheriff Vanoven presented this contract. The EMS will transport inmates to Deaconess Gibson General for an annual fee of \$500. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve contract, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The motion carried 2-0.

SJCA Contract – Attorney Spindler presented this contract in the amount of \$1,500 and recommended Commissioner approve.

Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve contract, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

Major Medical Leave (1) was approved by the Commissioners.

Health Department Request Permission to Advertise for Replacement of a Retiree – Administrator, Juli Shade requested permission to advertise for Sanitarian, as this person will be retiring. They hope to get this replacement hired soon.

Commissioner Montgomery motioned to allow advertisement of this position, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. The motion carried 2-0.

City of Princeton Ready to Meet with Commissioners - Bruce McIntosh of the RDC told Commissioners the RDC approved the road improvement project for the City of Princeton. He told Commissioners the City of Princeton is ready to meet with Commissioners regarding this project.

Drainage Board - will meet at 5:45 p.m. on January 24, 2023.

Subdivision Review Committee - will meet each Monday at 2:00 p.m. in the Surveyor’s office. Commissioner Fleetwood requests this Committee take minutes of their meetings and provide them to the Commissioners via email.

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

Minutes from the January 10, 2023, Meeting.



Kenneth Montgomery, Commissioner



Nick Burns, Commissioner



Warren Fleetwood, Commissioner



ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor

