## Gibson County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting July 18, 2023

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 18, 2023, at 4:45 p.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

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

<u>Members Present:</u> President Kenneth Montgomery, Vice-President, Nick Burns and Commissioner Warren Fleetwood

MINUTES: The minutes from the July 5, 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.

<u>CLAIMS:</u> Total claims presented on 7/18/2023 were \$2,936,078.17. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve claims, seconded by Commissioner Burns. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

<u>Clerk/Treasurer Reports</u> were acknowledged by the Commissioners.

#### **Department Reports**

Health Department Administrator Shade gave the June department reports to Commissions. Commissioner Fleetwood says he has been in discussion with constituents regarding the new health initiatives; he feels they need to meet soon regarding this new initiative to insure everything is covered.

# COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS

<u>AIC / SRI Scholarship</u> — Kasey Martin, son of Surveyor Scott Martin was presented a scholarship from Association of Indiana Counties and SRI. Zack Hughes from SRI and David Bottorff, Executive Director of AIC presented the scholarship. Kasey will be attending UE and he thanked everyone as he was very honored to receive the award.

<u>Three I Engineering</u> — Commissioner Fleetwood updated Commissioners; he told them Three I had advertised for bids on the West TIF Road Project. Attorney Spindler had received/approved their draft publication and he felt it was ready to advertise. Commissioner Fleetwood requested that minutes reflect that work had begun and should finish in the next couple of weeks.

## **COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS**

# Commissioning of Gibson County Artist Bob Sensmeier to Create the Covered Bridges

Rendering – Mr. Sensmeier was unable to be in attendance, but he has created some paintings, which they hope to hang in the basement of the courthouse to compliment the renovation project once it is complete.

Also, the concrete bases of the monuments will soon be restored, thanks to help from George Pickersgill.

<u>Approve Opioid Money to Youth First</u> – Commissioner Burns sits on this board and he turned the floor over to David Doughty to explain more. The Opioid Board was organized to help use opioid funds in addiction programs. Youth First has met with this board and they are able to provide all things

necessary to target the youth to help hinder addiction of opioids as well as target smoking, vaping, alcohol, and other drugs. They will provide their program throughout both public and private schools in Gibson County. He requested the Commissioners approve the restricted opioid fund money of \$98,715 be given to Youth First for this new program. Youth First is in all counties, but they will bring documentation to the board showing that the money is staying in Gibson County. They will also do a press release on this.

Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve partnership with Youth First of the restricted opioid fund money, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

<u>Major Medical Leave (1)</u> was approved by the Commissioners with a motion from Commissioner Fleetwood seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 3-0.

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

Nick Burns, Vice President

Minutes from the July 18, 2023, Meeting.

Kenneth Montgomery, President

Warren Fleetwood, Commissioner

ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor