
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 5, 2022

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 5, 2022, at 5:00 p.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, Mary B. Key and Commissioner Warren Fleetwood

Minutes

The minutes from the August 7, 2022, meeting were approved as presented. Commissioner Key motioned to approve both sets of minutes, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

The minutes page for the June 21, 2022 meeting was presented for signature. The meeting was cancelled due to Commissioner Montgomery being the only Commissioner to attend the meeting. Commissioner Montgomery signed the page.

Approval of Claims

PAYEE	AMOUNT
CAW-1	\$61,135.26
COURT COSTS DISTRIBUTIONS	\$6,819.99
OVERPAY REFUNDS, DITCH CLAIMS, SURPLUS PAID PROPERTY TAX CLAIM	\$6,433.87
INNKEEPERS, EXCESS REFUNDS, LIEN SETTLEMENT & DITCH CLAIMS	\$39,015.83
COUNTY GENERAL	\$91,718.53
HIGHWAY	\$65,410.04
SHERIFF	\$7,270.20
ACH	\$196,098.14
CAW-2	\$18,981.24
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$167,595.79
PAYROLL	\$373,134.17
TOTAL CLAIMS FOR JULY 5, 2022	\$1,033,613.06

Commissioner Key motioned to approve the Claims with a second by Commissioner Fleetwood. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer Report and/or Clerk Report

Acknowledged

Department Reports

Jail - Sargent VanOven presented the jail statistics for the month.

EMS - EMS Supervisor Pond presented the monthly report for May. Write-off from billing was \$1,333.08. Commissioner Key motioned to accept the write-off amounts with a second from Commissioner Fleetwood. Motion passed 3-0.

Health Department - Health Department Administrator Hornby announced that the COVID test site would continue to operate through the end of December 2022. Hornby also informed the Commissioners that she would be filling the billing specialist vacancy. A school liaison has been hired to do more education and vaccinations in the schools. A liaison will be educating students on vaping and smoking.

Commissioners Old Business

Signing of 6/21/2022 Claims approved via email on 6/22/2022 - All three Commissioners signed the claim form.

Change order on Probation Building Construction - County Attorney Spindler presented a change order for the Probation Building in the amount of \$67,648.56. The change was steel pricing and another HVAC unit. Motion to accept the change order was made by Commissioner Fleetwood with a second by Commissioner Key. Motion passed 3-0.

Signature Consent and Crossing Agreement Solar Project – Rick Reed from Gibson Solar requested the Consent and Crossing Agreement. This was previously approved at a Commissioner meeting and only needs to have the President of the Commissioners to sign. Paperwork was signed and notarized at this time.

Adoption of findings on Southern Hills - County Attorney Spindler explained that nothing had changed in the report previously presented to the Commissioners. This document needs vote to adopt. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to adopt with Commissioner Montgomery seconding. Motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Key voting Nay.

Approve Fuel Bids - Commissioner Key made a motion to approve the only fuel bid received at the last meeting from Wabash. Commissioner Fleetwood seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Jail Update – Building Manager George Ballard asked County Attorney Spindler to discuss the Bond procurement process. Attorney Spindler explained that there were two options to choose from, competitive or negotiated. The Jail Committee recommends the negotiated method. Attorney Spindler stated that Stiffel and Baird were interested in our business as Bond Underwriters. Attorney Spindler asked for an approval to use the negotiated method and to solicit proposals from Stiffel and Baird. Commissioner Key asked if two proposals were needed, and Attorney Spindler replied that it could be done separately or together. Attorney Spindler then asked for a motion to accept the negotiated method and to solicit proposals from Stiffel and Baird. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to accept with Commissioner Key seconding. Motion passed 3-0. Attorney Spindler is to notify Baker Tilly by email.

Mr. Ballard stated that the monument property was bought and paid for now. He also discussed about the Duke Energy savings program. Mr. Ballard recommended that we choose bundle number one. The savings should be \$17,389.00 back from Duke. Center Pointe Energy also does an energy savings program. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to accept bundle number one with Commissioner Montgomery seconding. Motion passed 3-0. Attorney Spindler asked for a vote, and it was passed

unanimously. Mr. Ballard then presented the Smart Saver application for signature. He also indicated that there were other new building incentives offered by Duke that may be forthcoming.

Mr. Ballard explained that the drawings for the new jail needed to be sent off to the Indiana Department of Highway. This is because the building will be located close to Old Highway 65 (Main Street). RQAW will send the drawings off to the State. Commissioner Fleetwood made the motion to allow RQAW to send the drawings, with a second by Commissioner Key. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Ballard asked for permission to enter into a contract for inside the jail such as fire system and smoke, air handling system and alarm system electronic application. He asked for the Commissioners to approve the contract and to allow him to sign the contract. Attorney Spindler asked for a motion to authorize Mr. Ballard to sign the contract. Commissioner Fleetwood made the motion with Commissioner Key seconding. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Ballard presented his contract Amendment #1 to extend for 92 weeks which should take him to the end of the jail project. He asked the Commissioners to vote on accepting his new contract. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned with Commissioner Key seconding. Motion passed 3-0.

Next item Mr. Ballard discussed was the steel building on the monument property. The building has steel frame and steel siding. He has checked with a company to move the building to the old Standard Printing lot to use for storage. Also if the building is moved to the new location it could be used as a contractor's office. This would save us approximately \$20,000 since the contractor would not have to bring in a trailer. The cost to prep the ground with concrete floor, water and sewer would be \$51,000 from Parker Excavation. The building movers quoted \$18,000 to \$20,000 to move to the new property. Total cost should run approximately \$75,000 to move the building along with prep work. Mr. Ballard stated that checked on the price of a building such as this on would run approximately \$200,000 to build new. The other option would be to have the building demolished. Additionally, Mr. Ballard discussed what to do with the small grey building. He stated it was not in the best shape. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve moving the steel building and then advertise to the small grey building. If it doesn't sell then it could be razed. Commissioner Montgomery seconded. Commissioner Key reaffirmed that the money would be taken out of the Building Fund or whatever fund the County Council deemed to take from. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Ballard stated that July 12, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. will be pre-bid meeting and July 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. will be bid opening. On August 16, 2022, at the Commissioner meeting Garmong will present their recommendations to the Commissioners.

New Business

Mark Farenbacher - Presented a Veteran's flag to be hung at bridge on Coal Mine Road. Mr. Farenbacher offered to hang it at the appropriate times. The Commissioners gave verbal approval for him to do that. Commissioner Key asked Mr. Farenbacher notify Gibson County Veteran's Representative George Pickersgill. Mr. Farenbacher also requested that a bench and trash can be placed at the site of the Veteran's memorial at the same location. Commissioner Fleetwood asked that Mr. Farenbacher and he get together and check the sight over.

Veteran's Food Bank - Commissioner Fleetwood asked to speak. He discussed reading an article in the South Gibson Star Times about James Henniger collecting food for Veterans. Commissioner Fleetwood

recommended a collection box be placed at the Courthouse Annex. Michelle Mason, P/T EMS Clerk, recommended putting a box in the Courthouse. Commissioner Fleetwood agreed to that.

Speed limit for county road from Highway 165 at 925 S to 1075 W – Sargent VanOven spoke on behalf of this issue. He will do have a study completed and report back to the Commissioners.

Employee ID / Access Card Policy and Procedures - Commissioner Montgomery stated that Stephanie McKinney with Gibson County EMS has prepared the policy and will oversee it. This policy is for when the security system is installed in the Courthouse and Annex. Attorney Spindler stated he had reviewed the policy and approved it. Attorney Spindler asked if the Commissioners wanted to table this matter. Commissioner Montgomery stated that would be a good idea. Michelle Mason with the EMS stated that she thought Ms. McKinney wanted it approved right away so all employees would have a copy of the policy when the system was installed. Commissioner Key stated she thought it could be held until next meeting but didn't feel it needed to. Commissioner Montgomery asked for a motion to accept the policy. Commissioner Key made the motion with a second by Commissioner Fleetwood. Motion passed 3-0.

Covered Bridge Certification Request - Commissioner Key made a motion to certify the 2 covered bridges. Commissioner Fleetwood seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0

Epic Liability Renewal – Mr. Brian Hancock, EPIC Insurance, explained that this was for General Insurance. Mr. Hancock stated that cyber security is a major expense variant along with inflation and property valuation increase. This does not include Workers Comp which Mr. Hancock will be back in the Fall concerning this. Attorney Spindler asked if this was auto renewal and if any action was needed by the Commissioners. Mr. Hancock indicated he did not.

Purpose of increasing the mileage reimbursement and the per diem rate –Auditor Mike Watkins asked that the per diem rate be changed to \$13 breakfast, \$15 lunch and \$26 dinner which would keep the same as what the courts use. Auditor Watkins asked also asked to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to \$.49 per mile which is the rate the Governor of Indiana has set. He also asked that since gas prices were so volatile at this time the Auditor would have the authority to change the rate as set forth by the Governor of Indiana without having to go before the Commissioners. Auditor Watkins asked for approval of both items to take effect now with a policy forth coming. Commissioner Key made the motion with Commissioner Fleetwood seconding. Motion passed 3-0.

1 Medical Leave and 1 FMLA - Commissioner Key made the motion to approve the leaves. Commissioner Fleetwood seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment - Commissioner Key motioned to adjourn with a second by Commissioner Fleetwood. Motion passed 3-0.

Minutes from the July 5, 2022, Meeting.


Kenneth Montgomery, President

Mary B. Key, Vice President


Warren Fleetwood, Commissioner


ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor