
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
July 6, 2021

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on July 6, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

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

Roll Call by Auditor Watkins:

President Warren Fleetwood – Present
Vice-President Kenneth Montgomery – Present
Commissioner Mary B. Key – Present

Auditor Watkins noted a quorum was present.

MINUTES: The minutes from the June 15, 2021, meeting were approved as presented. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS:

TAX AND INSURANCE BILLS	6/16/2021	\$2,643.92
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	6/18/2021	\$166,372.75
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CAW - 1	6/18/2021	\$44,249.26
CAW - 2	6/25/2021	\$41,449.62
COURTS COST/ED PLATE DISTR/LEVY EXCESS	6/16/2021	\$8,549.28
EXCESS REFUNDS AND DITCH CLAIMS	6/18/2021	\$28,173.22
SPRING SETTLEMENT	6/22/2021	\$25,773,968.69
EXCESS REFUNDS/INNKEEPER/LIEN STLMNT	6/25/2021	\$23,452.80
COUNTY GENERAL	7/01/2021	\$38,903.03
COURTS	7/01/2021	\$2,409.23
HIGHWAY	7/01/2021	\$43,043.95
SHERIFF	7/01/2021	\$16,872.00
ACH	7/01/2021	\$99,893.70
CAW - 3	7/02/2021	\$12,255.60
EXCESS REFUNDS AND DITCH CLAIMS	7/02/2021	\$3,311.30
Total Claims Presented on 7/6/2021:		\$26,661,085.80

Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve claims presented for payment, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Treasurers Reports for May and June 2021 were acknowledged by the Commissioners.

Clerk's Reports for May 2021 was acknowledged by the Commissioners.

Department Reports

David Pond- EMS Director, presented his report for June. There was a request for \$6,880.68 in write offs. Commissioner Key motioned to approve write-offs, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 3-0.

Andrew Hays, County Extension Director told Commissioners they are working in preparation for the upcoming fair, which begins next week. He introduced the new Ag Educator, Megan Hollis; Ms. Hollis began 6/1/21.

County Engineer Holden reported on the Community Crossings Matching Grant in which the County received max award in the amount of \$1,000,000. JH Rudolph was awarded low bid on this project; paving will begin at the end of August. A bridge will be up for bid soon; the bridge is located on 200 S near Oakland City. A lot of culvert projects are in the works; the highway department is chip sealing.

Hopkins Park report was given by Engineer Holden. Major progress has been made on this project; the lake is dug; riprap will be laid, and seeding will be completed. They will start pouring the pier and putting down rubber mulch this week.

Sheriff Bottoms is at kid's camp. He called and asked Commissioner Key if any decision had been made on the padded cell repairs. He requested that Commissioners pay for this repair, as he is limited on funds. President Fleetwood feels he should exhaust his budget first and then request help from Commissioners.

COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS

Byron Sanders, Owners Representative – Gibson County Correctional Center Update – Mr. Sanders informed the Commissioners of the progress to date on this facility. One of the items the team has been working on are ways they can use the existing sites. The architect has used the square footage needs and tried to fit them upon the present site, plus property the county already owns. They also plan to build the new facility without disrupting current jail operations. This site allows the ability to expand in the future. Mr. Sanders hopes to show some drawings at the next meeting. The completion date is still on track for 6/2023 but some things need to get completed soon, such as soil borings. Drawings are being completed so they can get prices by the end of July. The next item is the Construction Manager. The team had a very qualified group to interview. A consensus meeting was held to discuss the firms and a unanimous decision was made by the Team to recommend Garmong Construction as the County's Construction Manager of this project. Garmong was significantly less than other firms, they have a local office, they worked on the Posey County and Greene County Jails. Garmong will pass 100% of all savings onto the County. The County will see all invoices and make all decisions on this facility. They plan to make this facility compliment the downtown area. The sheriff and staff will have access on one level; parts of the building will be 2-story.

A recommendation to hire Garmong as the Construction Manager of this facility came from the Steering Committee, presented by Mr. Sanders. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve this recommendation, seconded by President Fleetwood. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-1. Commissioner Key cast the nay vote as she liked another company better than Garmong. Mr. Sanders explained that some of the other firms did not have the software program Garmong offered.

Remote Meetings Resolution extends the current resolution set to expire on July 31, 2021. This resolution will allow remote attendance at public meetings. Commissioner Key motioned to approve this resolution, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The motion carried 3-0.

Spending Plan for American Rescue Funds – The Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana told Attorney Spindler the County will have until 2024 to complete and or alter this plan. A committee should be formed and might consist of a Commissioner, a Council Member, and other members from the Community. Attorney Spindler suggested that Commissioners be thinking about this committee, and it will be discussed in a future meeting.

Engineer Holden Requests TIF Funding to Complete Crack Seal Project the perimeter road around Toyota has a lot of cracks; Engineer Holden requested \$200,000 for this project. This will help salvage

the road for a couple of years. He hopes to pave this road in 2025 before the TIF funding expires. To maintain the roads around Toyota would take a good majority of the highways budget every 10 years. Each township is getting approximately \$60,000 for preventative maintenance this year. These roads lie in Patoka and Union Township. So, this project would consume both of those township's preventative maintenance money, plus another township's portion and \$20,000 from another township. This is the reason Engineer Holden is requesting TIF money for this project. Commissioner Key motioned to approve passing this request on to the Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Bridge Inspection Consultant - United Consulting has been approved by the State for this project thru 2025.

County Road 450 S Speed Limit Recommendation – This CR 450 S between 950 W and 1000 W, just north of Johnson does not have a posted speed limit; Engineer Holden request the Sheriff's department evaluate this road.

Senior Citizen Center - Julia Rahman, Director of the Gibson County Senior Center thanked the Commissioners for their help in funding the HVAC system at the Center.

COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS

Capitol Predictor Software Request by Engineer Holden –This software will work with the County's asset management plan, which is required to participate in the Community Crossings Grant Program and grade the roads. This software is user friendly and will produce beneficial reports for everyone. The county will soon have to have understandable data formatted in a way in which the state will start sharing with the public; this software will accommodate this new mandate. This program will track average daily traffic for each road. It will prioritize road maintenance, as well as track the different types of paving on each road. Utilities can be added into the program, as well as the bridges and culverts. The software will broadcast road maintenance performance. Cost for the first year is \$17,732.66, payable from EDIT. January will see another payment of less than \$2,000. Annual maintenance fees will be approximately \$7,800. Commissioner Key motioned to approve the purchase of this software, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Water Tower Subdivision Kevin Carter and Joyce Wilzbacher were present to discuss the deterioration of the roads and no street signs installed in the subdivision. Homeowners told Commissioners the subdivision was last paved in 1997 by the developer. In November 2020, the Commissioners took this subdivision into the County's Road Plan, however President Fleetwood explained the roads are typically accepted into the County's plan after the road is brought up to County standards and unfortunately, this was not the case with this road. Commissioners will investigate other funding avenues and ask the Subdivision Representatives to return later. Commissioner Fleetwood is wondering if the Town could help with some signs since they are within the 2-mile radius. Commissioner Key explained that since they were last to come into the inventory plan, they will have to unfortunately wait their turn. These folks will get back with Commissioners. Contact information will be shared.

Wheeling Covered Bridge & Severn's Bridge Marilyn West was present to discuss these bridges. Her and her husband have volunteered on these bridges the last few years. There is graffiti on these bridges, she contacted Superintendent Johnson to give him the information. She was upset that Commissioner Montgomery had not responded to her email or phone calls. She has contacted Julie at the Highway Garage to get paint to cover the graffiti, but the paint supplies have not showed up. They have been buying a lot of the weed spray out of their pockets, but it is too expensive this year. The highway garage told her they would spray but have not done it to date. She wants to know who is going to take care of this bridge when she cannot do it. She had knee surgery and cannot keep up with the work. She wants to know how she can communicate their needs since no one is responding. There are a lot of family pictures

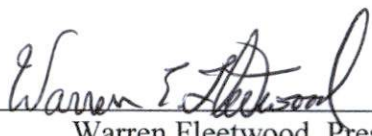
taken in this area and she wants to see it kept in shape. There has been money spent to install cameras on the Wheeling Covered Bridge, but they are still having problems. There are no cameras at Severn's Bridge. The cameras live stream into the Economic Development Corporation and the Visitors and Tourism Bureau, however the Tourism Bureau reported the cameras are very spotty and not much can be seen. The Red Covered Bridge in Griffin area cannot be seen at all at this time. Eric at the Tourism Bureau says they cannot run the cameras back for review. President Fleetwood will call BCS and have a stern talk with them about this item. There are no funds to cover a camera at the Severn's Bridge. If the graffiti is not covered up quickly, it seems to grow. Mrs. West feels bullet proof motion detector lights should be installed instead at each end and thru the middle of the covered bridges instead of these cameras. She feels this might deter them more as a motion detector light would come on when they enter and remain on them while inside. Mrs. West is willing to continue to work on this bridge, but she cannot mow. She wonders who can mow this bridge until she gets on her feet. The master gardeners have a lot of projects, but not enough people. The Sharp family mows the Red Covered Bridge. Commissioner Fleetwood will contact Julie and remind her these people take pride in these bridges and they need to go spray. Commissioner Montgomery will ask the Highway Department to spray the weeds. Mrs. West asked Commissioners the best way to communicate about these projects. Commissioners thanked her for the attention on this bridge and invited her back to next meeting as they will get to the bottom of these issues. The Chamber of Commerce suggested a community project since they promote these bridges.

Covered Bridge Certification – the annual certification was presented to Commissioners for signature to ensure the State issues the County's annual distribution of \$1,850 per bridge. Commissioner Key motioned to certify these covered bridges, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 3-0.

Juneteenth National Holiday Discussion – Commissioners discussed this newly added holiday. Commissioner Key motioned to adopt this holiday and add it into the County's holiday schedule; the Courthouse will be closed on this holiday, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 3-0.

With no further discussions, Commissioner Montgomery motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Key. The vote to adjourn is 3-0.

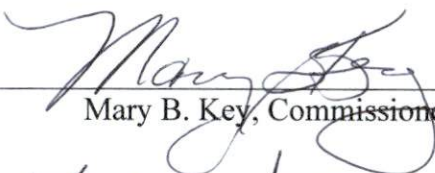
Minutes from the July 6, 2021, Meeting.



Warren Fleetwood, President



Kenneth Montgomery, Vice President



Mary B. Key, Commissioner



ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor