
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
June 1, 2021

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 1, 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 May 18, 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:

LIT SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRIBUTION	5/24/2021	2157 - 2182	\$364,787.00
WHEEL, SUR TAX & INNKEEPERS TAX DISTRIBUTIONS	5/25/2021	2195 - 2217	\$93,662.69
FIT DISTRIBUTIONS	5/26/2021	2183 - 2194	\$85,961.25
CAW – 1	5/19/2021		\$12,431.14
CAW – 2	5/26/2021	436512 – 436542	\$14,313.21
COUNTY GENERAL	5/26/2021	436587 – 436623	\$47,848.78
COURTS	5/26/2021	436582 – 436586	\$1,312.12
HIGHWAY	5/26/2021	436554 - 436581	\$69,033.64
SHERIFF	5/26/2021	436543 - 436553	\$6,582.42
ACH	5/26/2021	3094 - 3110	\$160,687.13
JURY CLAIMS	5/27/2021	436624 - 436723	\$5,889.35
CORRECTED JURY CHECK	5/21/2021	436511	\$26.70
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	5/19/2021		\$164,477.42
PAYROLL	5/14/2021	96531 - 96763	\$352,295.14

Total Claims Presented on 06/01/2021: \$1,379,307.99

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

Department Reports

Deputy Brian Ellis presented the Sheriff Department’s May report; the jail had a daily average of 88 in May. Work release is open again and that population is going up daily. A road report was conducted on CR 450 S between 900 W and 1075 W. There are 22 houses on this narrow stretch of uneven road. The Sheriff’s Department recommended a speed limit of 30 miles per hour. A copy of the report will be forwarded to highway department; they will post speed limits signs on this road. After some brief research by Attorney Spindler, he recommended Commissioner’s motion to approve the new posted speed of this road; this item does not require an ordinance. Commissioner Key motioned to accept the Sheriff Department’s recommendation of posting a 30 mile per hour speed limit on CR 450 S between 900 W and 1075 W, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 3-0.

Commissioner Key briefed everyone on the construction at Hopkins Park, as she had received the information from Engineer Holden. Footings for the dock and a pad for the bathroom have been poured.

COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS

Community Crossing Matching Grant Bid Opening – County Attorney Spindler opened bids for this project. JH Rudolph bid \$1,243,107.01; E&B Paving bid \$1,296,208.46.

Local Funding of Paving Bids Opened EDIT Funds will pay for this paving project. JH Rudolph bid \$613,202.22; E&B Paving bid \$614,257.82.

Attorney Spindler recommended both bids be taken under advisement and reviewed by Engineer Holden. Commissioner Key motioned to take bids under advisement, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote 3-0 vote.

Gibson Solar Project EDA – This item is still being discussed; no action was taken on this matter.

Hopkins Park Easements - President Fleetwood recommended this item be tabled. A motion to table this item was made by Commissioner Key and seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote 3-0.

TIF Projects passed to RDC - There are a few projects waiting for Commissioners to pass onto the Redevelopment Commission. President Fleetwood feels a list should be compiled of project requests and possibly prioritized. He suggested a late July, early August due date be passed on to the Community for them to submit their project requests. Kay Vore told Commissioners there is a list already arranged Commissioners might be able to use to qualify projects; she will provide a copy to Commissioners. Attorney Spindler feels this is a good approach. TIF will finalize in 2025. Commissioner Key feels the Library Projects would be deemed eligible for TIF, she also feels Commissioners should seek out possible Toyota projects, as she does not want any Toyota Projects bypassed due to other project obligation. Ms. Happe, from Ft. Branch Library was present to answer questions. Commissioner Key asked if the second property had been purchased. Ms. Happe reported the library will close on the property soon and would like to break ground within a year, however this property purchase has depleted their savings and they will not have the money to move forward with construction. Ms. Happe asked if the Ft. Branch gym would be in front of their project. President Fleetwood said it is already in front of the library, as is the YMCA. Commissioner Key wonders if the Ft. Branch Gym Project is an eligible TIF project while President Fleetwood feels the gym project is a good quality of life project and does not feel the library will move forward in front of gym. President Fleetwood feels both, the gym and library, are concrete projects.

COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS

Gibson County Senior Center Request TIF Funds for HVAC System and Parking Lot Renovations

Executive Director Julia Rahman, Mr. Bill Tuley and Ms. Sue Shawhan were all present representing the Gibson County Senior Center. Ms. Rahman explained all the activities and lunches happening again at the center; it is going strong. They feel the HVAC is a dire item, not only for their citizen attendants, but also the workers. Sokeland Heating and Air has quoted this HVAC; he has been the one to keep this system limping along the last few years. In heavy rain events, they had to set a bucket beside the lunch crowd to catch the rain leaking thru the HVAC. If there are 100-degree days, the Center will be forced to close. President Fleetwood asked if they have a maintenance budget. They do have a budget but had to replace roof a couple of years ago, so they are trying to build their funds. People in the community do donate to try and help the situation. This is a timely item; they are working with others to try and get donors. The City of Princeton does give an annual amount to the Center, as does Patoka Township Trustee; the County contributes \$60,000 each year. The HVAC system is approximately \$52,170. President Fleetwood wonders if the \$52,170 could be considered a TIF project; Commissioner Montgomery feels they should consider both items combined, as they also want to renovate the parking lot. Commissioner Montgomery has talked to Engineer Holden who feels it will cost approximately

\$60,000 for the parking lot renovations. The Center serves the entire county, and the parking lot poses a tripping hazard. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to pass the HVAC project on to the Redevelopment Commission for further scrutiny and study, seconded by Commissioner Key as there is an urgency with the HVAC. The vote was 3-0.

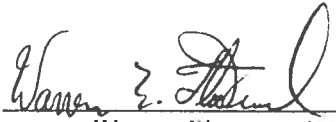
They Center will move forward getting quotes for asphaltting the parking lot from pavers that will be in the City/County in hopes of getting a reduced rate while mobilized in the area.

Major Medical Leave (1) was approved by the Commissioners with a motion from Commissioner Montgomery, seconded by Commissioner Key. The vote was 3-0.

South Main Overpass -- Jim Tate asked who would be responsible for the South Main overpass. There are areas of settling on both sides of the overpass; he feels this area needs attention. Since this is a bridge, they feel the County would be responsible. Attorney Spindler will talk with Engineer Holden about trying to get this repaired.

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

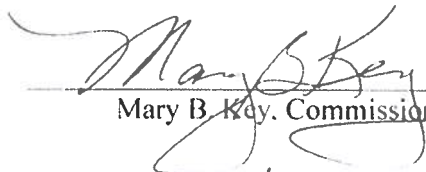
Minutes from the June 1, 2021 Meeting.



Warren Fleetwood, President



Kenneth Montgomery, Vice President



Mary B. Key, Commissioner



ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor