
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
June 16th, 2020

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on June 16th, 2020, at 5:30 PM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: Included President Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-President Mary Key, Commissioner Stephen E. Bottoms, Administrative Assistant Kay Vore, County Attorney James McDonald III, and County Auditor Sherri Smith.

This meeting was broadcast using Zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Welcome were recited and led by President Bledsoe.

Minutes: The minutes from June 3rd, 2020 regular meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bottoms and seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

County General - \$249,871.67

Courts - \$2,704.53

Highway - \$81,166.90

Sheriff - \$9,162.33

ACH - \$123,328.93

CAW-1 - \$9,581.55

CAW-2 - \$4,866.06

LIT for 6/5/2020 - \$530,904.66

SWETA and Fines & Forfeitures 6/2020 Settlement - \$715,649.00

Payroll for 6/5/2020 - \$333,586.49

Payroll Deductions for 6/5/2020 - \$52,972.00

Election - \$11,200.00

Election Claims for 6/11/2020 - \$19,683.35

Pauper Claims for 6/10/2020 - \$11,294.72

Unemployment for April (November 10th) - \$435.00

Replacement Election Check - \$120.00

VISA Claim requiring Commissioner Approval – Recorder Tonya Thompson purchased a refrigerator and the Auditor is unable to approve the claim. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve all claims including the Recorder’s claim and was seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Presentation of Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report Month Ending 05/31/2020 was acknowledged as received.

Presentation of Clerk's Report

- Clerk's Report Month Ending 04/30/2020 was acknowledged as received.

Department Reports:

No Reports Given

Old Business:

- Fuel Bids for 2nd half 2020 Fuel Bids were opened:

	87 Octane	89 Octane	Diesel Premium	Diesel Gold Off-road
Wabash Valley BID	\$1.55	\$1.7225	\$1.891	\$1.431

County Attorney McDonald requested a recess to allow time to review that all documents for this bid. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to recess to review the fuel bids, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- Ambulance Purchase Agreement – Republic First National Bank submitted an agreement to be signed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Key motioned to approve signature on the document by President Bledsoe, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

- Toyota Lot 4 – Mike Wingo, Senior Maintenance Manager at TMMI was present to discuss this project with Commissioners. Lot 2 was successfully completed last year. Last Thanksgiving, the highlander was launched; it is built in the East and West Plant. They are in the process of retooling to build a brand-new van, to launch in September. With their 8 weeks of lost production due to COVID 19, their volume demands are very high. They anticipate building more vehicles in 2021 than they have ever built before. They have a challenge of one way in and out in Lot 4, plus they are having long backups along CR 100 and Maple Tree Drive when shift changes. They are requesting an engineering study to help remedy these problems and increase the safety of the employees. The Engineer for Toyota from Beam, Longest, Neff reviewed plans that could shape up to improve this Lot 4 improvement and capacity enlargement. This Lot currently provides approximately 1600 parking spots. The Engineering Contract will

cover the Study all the way through letting of the bids. The proposed Engineering Contract is \$750,000; they would like for the Commissioners to approve this contract so it will move on to the Redevelopment Commission. Commissioner Bottoms asked when they feel the bids will be let. The Engineer feels that providing everything proceeds as planned, the bids should be awarded by the end of November or the first part of December; and moving dirt before the year end or by Spring of 2021. The Engineer feels November/December is a good time to let bids, as Contractors are working to get work for their next year; Contractors/Prices are best in the fall of the year. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to move this proposed \$750,000 engineering contract to the Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bottoms motioned that the Commissioner do approve the Engineering Contract subject to Redevelopment Commission financing the project, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- ONI Risk Partners – Liability Insurance Renewal – The different variables of municipal liability including law enforcement liability and public official’s liability caused the marketplace to tighten up. A spreadsheet was presented to the Council to show the Commissioners how the Marketplace summed up the Counties renewal. There is an upward tick in the municipal claims, especially in the area of law enforcement and public officials; unfortunately, this county gets brought into that, even if they have not experienced more claims. The average increase to municipalities is around 10%-15%; however, Gibson County is under 6%. They are not changing Carriers this year. ONI has provided a statement of values of property and equipment listed on inland marine policy to the Commissioner. The deductible has risen from \$2500 to \$5000, which they feel is industry standard for Municipalities. The County’s property limit is \$36.8 Million but earthquake is \$25 Million. A few years ago, the carrier would have only allowed \$10-\$15 Million. The Earthquake deductible is \$50,000, which is common. The inland marine policy provides coverage for the County’s equipment and is valued at \$6.3 Million. The police and ambulance miscellaneous equipment is valued at \$1.641 Million alone but is included in the \$6.3 million value. ONI pointed out that different policies may have different deductibles. Drone liability was added to the County’s policy. The County’s Liability Policy will be \$257,000 renewal, up from \$243,000. ONI reminded the Commissioners of the resources listed to help provide tools and information on many topics. Bliss McKnight was contacted for a quote, however they refused to provide a quote due to the jail lawsuit. Commissioner Bottoms asked if the Courthouse would be covered completely if significantly impacted by an earthquake. Commissioner Bottoms would like the Courthouse to be evaluated and a replacement amount provided, as he does not feel the statement of value is true. This amount will be taken to the Council for them to review and decide if they wish to pay replacement cost. ONI employs a third party to evaluate buildings, etc. They will then provide a quote for this service. The Commissioners would also like the statues evaluated as well. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to request a new valuation of the Courthouse and 2 monuments, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bottoms motioned to approve the renewal as quoted, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- A motion to reopen the recessed fuel bids was made by Commissioner Bottoms, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0. County Engineer, Matt Holden advised the Commissioners that all bid documents were in place by Wabash Valley fuel bid; he recommends the Commissioners accept this bid from Wabash Valley to provide the Highway Department with fuel for the remainder of 2020. Commissioner Key motioned to accept the Wabash Valley fuel bid, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Covered Bridge Certification was signed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Key motioned to approve this certification, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

The painting and cameras are complete on the Red Covered Bridge in the southern portion of the County. If someone decides to vandalize this bridge, the vandals will be known, as this camera can see everything, all the way down to license plates.

- Fireworks Ordinance was discussed due to the numerous complaints being received on this topic. The Commissioners and County Attorney have been reviewing ordinances of the cities and towns within the County. Their ordinances regulate the dates and times in which fireworks can be set off. The County is not stopping fireworks, only regulating and following Indiana Code on where and when they can be discharged. There is a fine for violation, which will cause the ordinance to be published. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to waive the final reading of this Fireworks Ordinance and upon acceptance, allow the County Attorney to publish, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Key motioned to accept the Fireworks Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

A copy of this ordinance will be given to each Commission so it can be explained to public when approached on the subject.


- Oakland City-Columbia-Township Library Board Appointment – The current term of Board Member, Mr. Simms expires on August 2, 2020. Valarie McCoy has been recommended to the Commissioners for this position. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to appoint Valarie McCoy to the OCCT Library Board upon the expiration of Mr. Simms term, seconded by Commissioner Keys. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Major Medical Leave was reviewed, not discussed. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to approve this major medical leave, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- CSX Railroad Crossing in Hazleton – Commissioner Key explained that a recent fatality has prompted the Commissioners to inquire to the Railroad about the possibility of installing warning signals at this crossing. The view is obstructed on one side of this crossing. County Attorney McDonald explained Clerk Treasurer Hall and several residents in this area are concerned about this crossing and speed of the train as it passes through Hazleton.

Commissioners Key motioned that County Attorney McDonald send a letter requesting the Railroad install proper signage at this crossing, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.


With no further business, Commissioner Key motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes from the June 16th, 2020 Regular Meeting.

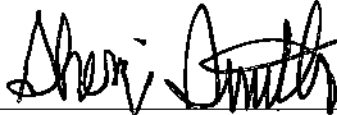


Gerald Bledsoe, President

Mary Key, Vice-President



Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor