
Gibson County Board of Commissioners

Regular Session

May 18, 2021

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on May 18, 2021, at 5:00 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 May 4, 2021, meeting were approved as presented. Commissioner Key motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS:

CAW - 1	5/07/2021	436235 - 436259	\$6,254.40
CAW - 2	5/13/2021	436358 - 436383	\$5,075.07
ACH	5/14/2021	3070 – 3092	\$71,603.34
SHERIFF	5/14/2021	436384 - 436397	\$5,205.46
HIGHWAY	5/14/2021	436398 - 436420	\$85,831.49
COURTS	5/14/2021	436421 - 436429	\$2,678.15
COUNTY GENERAL	5/14/2021	436430 - 436491	\$80,642.89
SUR AND WHEEL TAX DISTRIBUTIONS	5/06/2021	2089 - 2099	\$74,512.22
EXCESS REFUNDS AND DITCH CLAIMS	5/10/2021	436260 - 436262	\$2,460.38
CVET DISTRIBUTIONS	5/11/2021	2127 - 2156	\$202,670.00
LIT DISTRIBUTIONS, FINE/FEES PD TO STATE	5/11/2021	2100 - 2126	\$551,487.50
DITCH CLAIMS	5/13/2021	436263 - 436269	\$3,098.80
JURY CLAIMS	5/13/2021	436270 - 436357	\$2,012.25
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	5/07/2021	436220 - 436234	\$153,934.22
ADDITIONAL PAYROLL	5/07/2021		\$240.00
PAYROLL	5/07/2021		\$341,983.73
Total Claims Presented on 5/18/2021:			\$1,589,689.90

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

Treasurers Report for April was acknowledged by the Commissioners.

Clerk's Reports for March was acknowledged by the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS

Mask Mandate - President Fleetwood asked Commissioners to consider aligning with the CDC recommendations. This will drop the mask mandate and the social distancing rules for fully vaccinated

persons at all County Buildings, Offices, and Properties; Judges have been contacted and they are ready to lift the mandate. Commissioner Montgomery made the motion to remove the mask mandate, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion passed 3-0.

This will terminate the screening at the Courthouse entrance. The Judges request that all doors remain locked except the south, basement door. This will become the only entrance when security is installed.

Gibson Solar LLC EDA -President Fleetwood has a few questions, especially regarding easements. A committee meeting will be held this Thursday. At this time, he requests the Commissioners table this matter; Commissioner Montgomery motioned to table the Economic Development Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Key. The vote was 3-0.

Update on Gibson County Correctional Facility – President Fleetwood gave the update in Mr. Sander’s absence. Based on meetings with stakeholders, they prepared the architectural program for the facility and submitted that program to the committee, Sheriff, and staff to receive feedback. They are evaluating the program against the budget (wants versus needs) and current jail standards. They have contacted local utilities and see no significant hurdles at this time. Design options have been developed with location, configuration, scope, and estimates. A committee meeting has been scheduled for June 3 for a high-level overview. Request for Proposals for Construction Management will be due June 7, 2021. This process will go into Stage 2, which will short list firms based on qualifications. Stage 2 proposed deadline is June 14, 2021. Stage 3 will run June 14-30; finalist will be interviewed. The final candidate, as well as the final design concept with the confirmed scope, cost, and location will be proposed to Commissioners at the July 6, 2021, meeting. They plan to start the design bid preparation sometime in July.

Attorney Spindler asked Commissioners to form a Steering Committee and an Advisory Board Committee to keep this process on pace and moving forward.

Steering Committee’s Role is to provide direction to ensure delivery of the project’s goals and objectives. Members will include representatives from the Governing County Bodies with a significant stake in how the project is managed. The proposed members of this Committee are Commissioner President Warren Fleetwood, Councilman Jeremy Overton, and County Attorney Jason Spindler. The duties of this Steering Committee include the following:

Advocate for initiatives and the project’s well-being; set the strategic direction of the project; ensure project meets state and local statute policies and government procedures; take responsibility of liability; provide advice and direct input on budgeting and timing; establish project goals and overall scope; assess, approve, reject, and change project plans; provide guidance on selecting professional services; prioritize and re-prioritize project deliverables; monitor the project process and plans; resolve conflict between parties; and monitor project quality and adjust accordingly.

Advisory Board’s Role is to advise the Project Representative and Steering Committee. This is an informal group of stakeholders who are unofficial but provide any advice that might be pertinent from their respected areas of responsibility in the Community and or operations. They provide a fresh eye perspective of the project. The members of this Advisory Board are Attorney Jason Spindler, Councilman Jeremy Overton, Commissioner President Warren Fleetwood, Councilman Derek McGraw, County Engineer Matt Holden; Sheriff Tim Bottoms, Mark Lunghuhn, and Bruce Vanoven.

Attorney Spindler requested the Commissioners vote on these matters tonight. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to move forward on this item. Commissioner Key feels the item is too new for her to second, she would like time to study. President Fleetwood made a second to the motion. The vote was 2-1, with Commissioner Key casting the nay vote.

The Commissioners wish to keep a Highway Employee in thoughts and prayers as he was injured on the job today.

COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS

Bond Counsel for Correction Facility – Barnes & Thornburg – Attorney Spindler presented the proposed Barnes & Thornburg contract to Commissioners. Attorney Spindler recommended Commissioners engage in the contract presented and terminate any existing services pertaining to prior Bond Counsel on the project. Commissioner Key made the recommended motion, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 3-0.

Superintendent Johnson from the Highway Department informed Commissioners of their intent to begin milling roads.

Addiction Solutions Corporation – The Program Manager was present to introduce this new resource to Gibson County. They have other offices including one located in Vincennes. President Fleetwood thanked Addiction Solutions for coming to the County. This program gives people different resources and choices, rather than going back to old habits and friends that might have damaging results. The Manger went on to explain this as a non-profit corporation; all participants are required to get a job and help pay rent. Attorney Spindler asked the Manager to speak with Drug Court and local attorneys about their services.

Owensville REH Building - Corey Taylor, representing the Owensville Town Council was present to request financial assistance for this building. Mr. Taylor explained the history of the REH Building. It is the 2nd sunken gymnasiums built in the US. One project they intend to complete is sand and refinish their hardwood floor. Mr. Taylor presented a quote to the Commissioners for approximately \$28,000. Commissioner Key commended the Owensville Community for their efforts in keeping the building useful to the Community and thanked Mr. Taylor for the presentation. He asked Mr. Taylor to forward the quotes to Kay Vore and the Commissioners would ask for his return to a future meeting.

Surveyor Scott Martin / Ditch Certification – This certification is required annually per Indiana Code. This process requires classification of all County's drains as in need of reconstruction; in need of periodic maintenance; or in need of being vacated. There are 341.2 miles of regulated drain in the County, with approximately 116 miles being in the Upper Pigeon Creek Drainage. Per Indiana Code 36-2-12-15c, Surveyor Martin is requesting approval to collect \$4 per mile of regulated, certified drains. This is the exact same amount and miles certified, as last year. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve \$4 per mile for the assessment, seconded by Commissioner Key. The vote was 3-0.

Major Medical Leave (2) were approved by the Commissioners with a motion from Commissioner Montgomery, seconded by Commissioner Key. The vote was 3-0.

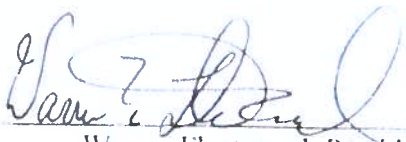
Ft. Branch Library – Laura Happe, Library Director, returned to present the complete package to Commissioners and request TIF assistance with their library. They are requesting \$170,000 for land purchase, plus demolition costs. They are also looking at other funding sources. The Commissioners asked for more information, which will be emailed. They will get back with Ms. Happe.

Owensville Library – Margo English, Library Director, returned to present more information to Commissioners on her request for TIF assistance. She is requesting \$834,500 which will purchase the building (Parrish building) across the street from the library, plus make an ADA addition to the current library space. The purchase of the building, will add approximately 3600 square foot to the library, doubling their current size. The Parrish building will only have to have some carpet replaced before it will be move in ready. Packets of information was distributed to Commissioners for review. Commissioner Key feels libraries are considered eligible for TIF assistance, even if they are outside the

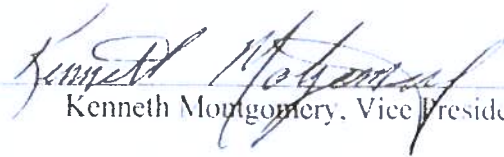
TIF perimeters. She would like some time to consider these requests and the best way to approach it. She feels both the Owensville and Ft. Branch library projects are very viable projects, as they involve the education of our children. Commissioner Key motioned to table both library projects for further review, 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.

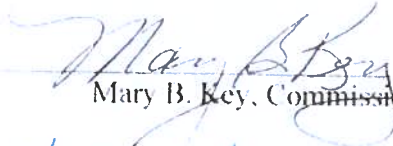
Minutes from the May 18, 2021, Meeting.



Warren Fleetwood, President



Kenneth Montgomery, Vice President



Mary B. Key, Commissioner



ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor