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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
November 2, 2021

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on November 2, 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 October 19, 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:**

CAW - 1	\$8,331.85
COUNTY GENERAL	\$74,938.48
COURTS	\$4,828.16
HIGHWAY	\$40,526.24
SHERIFF	\$9,999.55
ACH	\$61,586.38
CAW - 2	\$51,284.90
PAYROLL	\$361,498.50
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$173,420.68
OCTOBER HEALTH INSURANCE	\$420,798.50
JURY CLAIMS 11/1/2021	\$2,777.45
INNKEEPERS DIST. SALES DISCLOSURE REFUND, TAX SALE REDEMPTION REFUND	\$71,466.59
Total Claims Presented on 11/2/2021:	\$1,281,457.28

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

**Department Reports**

Health Department Director Hornby presented the October 2021 COVID 19 statistics to Commissioners. October had the 4<sup>th</sup> highest rate of cases for 2021 with highest months ranked as follows: August, January, September, and October with 393 cases, averaging out to 12.7 cases per day. There were also 7 covid deaths over the last 2 months in the county. They are still using the rapid testing at the health department, which seems to be favorable to Gibson County residents, where 584 tests were conducted in October. Director Hornby would like to use the testing grant to purchase a small travel trailer to replace the old trailer. The new trailer will have hand washing stations, heating/air, refrigeration, and generator. The cost will be approximately \$35,000. They are still giving walk-in vaccines and boosters on Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. They will vaccinate on Thursdays by appointment. Testing is daily and can be scheduled at coronavirus.in.gov.

EMS - Commissioner Montgomery reported for Director Pond telling everyone the ambulance will not be delivered until late February. A demo will be delivered until they can get into the new one.

Sheriff Bottoms gave Commissioners the October reports.

### COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS

**Bids received for demolition of 314 N. Main St., Princeton** – Attorney Spindler stated there had been a 2-way tie on low bid. He approached both low bidders and asked them to bid an additional small job. That small job is a sidewalk installation at the health department. The low bid came in at \$37,500 from Parker Excavating. Andy Schaffer, Engineer Holden, and Attorney Spindler all recommend that the low bid award should go to Parker Excavating.

Commissioner Key motioned to approve Parker Excavating for demolition of the building located at 314 N. Main and the sidewalk installation at the Health Department, contingent on Council funding, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

**Change Order #15 for Toyota Lot 4 Project** – President Fleetwood explained that after talking to the Representative on this project, he will return to the RDC to further explain and give more detail on this invoice.

**Bridge #73 Federal Aid** – Engineer Holden told Commissioners the bridge near Wheeling is requiring a financial permit letter showing the county has the funds available for the matching portion of the grant. The grant will be \$3,003,000 with county funds match coming in conservatively at \$636,000. Engineer Holden feels this is a good savings to the County. This will be a 2027 construction. The ADA and Title VI letter says we will stay in compliance. He hopes to submit this application later this week. All Commissioners signed the financial permit letter.

Commissioner Key motioned to approve this letter, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

**Storm Water Management Ordinance** – Attorney Spindler asked to table this Ordinance. At the last meeting they approved the ordinance without any fees and doing all work in house. After conversing with everyone, he feels the details need to be worked thru. No action was taken on this item and will be brought back to the next meeting.

### COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS

**Gibson County Bridge Inventory (2018-2021) Supplement Agreement** – Engineer Holden explained to Commissioners that this agreement cleans up the original contract. They added some bridges and updated all bridges that have been renovated. There is a \$13,000 increase to the agreement, it is paid on a ratio of 20% paid by county and 80% paid by Federal. INDOT has approved and signed this agreement. All Commissioners signed the agreement.

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

**Adoption of Title VI Implementation Plan, ADA Transition Plan, and Goals and Accomplishments** – Engineer Holden explained this plan must be up to date per INDOT. Andy Schaffer has updated this plan, which puts the County into position to apply for federal grants.

Commissioner Montgomery motioned to adopt the plan, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

**Resolution creating a New Fund 4010 Drug Task Force for Currency & Other Assets Seized by Law Enforcement** – Attorney Spindler presented the draft Resolution to deposit Sheriff Department seizures into this new fund.

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

**Hearing Room & Chambers for Magistrate Ricker** – Attorney Spindler recommended a plan to fast track moving Judge Ricker into his own Hearing Room and Chambers. The new plan is to move the Magistrate to the Superior Probation area of the courthouse (next to the stairwell in the basement on the east side) with his chambers located in the CASA office in the northeast corner of basement. The two offices could be connected by punching a hole in the load bearing wall, which has been done before, even though the building is on the historic registry. CASA office will relocate to the current Circuit Probation office area in the southwest basement area. RQAW is looking at this project. Attorney Spindler asks Commissions for approval to convert the 2 rooms as described and work with RQAW on this project, contingent on Council funding. All probation is planning to temporarily relocate on the square. Probation feels moving to a rental unit can work on a temporary basis.

Attorney Spindler asked for a motion to allow him to pursue renovations to both rooms. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve this, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Next, Attorney Spindler asked for a motion to allow him to pursue a rental unit that will accommodate both probation departments.

Commissioner Key wants to ensure Council will approve this funding. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve a rental unit, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Lastly, Attorney Spindler asked for a motion to engage RQAW for help on the load bearing wall, the historic registry, & engineering.

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

**Door into Circuit Court next to Bailiff** – Attorney Spindler showed Commissioners the drawing of the door. This item will be brought back to next meeting.

**George Ballard** – Mr. Ballard told Commissioners the 10/25/2021 federal report was filed and the next one is due at the end of January. He encourages everyone to keep moving on the project.

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

**Gibson County CEO Program** - Rick Coleman is the Director of this program that fosters entrepreneurship to high school students, and he requests a contribution from the County in the amount of \$1,000 per year for 3 years for a total of \$3,000. President Fleetwood feels this helps the youth of our community. Commissioner Key feels they have found EDIT funds to make the contribution. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve funding at \$1,000 per year for 3 years contingent on Kay Vore finding the proper funding. Commissioner Key seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0.

**Request for a New Building for the Health Department** - Director Hornby asked Commissioners to consider building a replacement building with better flow for this department as they are not handicap accessible and have limited parking. Commissioner Fleetwood asked her to attend the next ARPA meeting to present this idea.

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

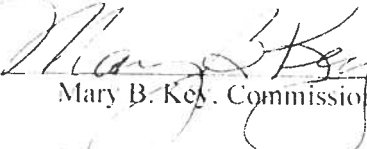
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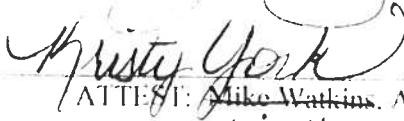
Warren Fleetwood, President



Kenneth Montgomery, Vice President



Mary B. Key, Commissioner



ATTEST: ~~Mike Watkins~~, Auditor

Kristy York, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy