
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 17, 2023

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Annex Meeting Room.

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

Members Present: President Kenneth Montgomery, Vice-President, Nick Burns and Commissioner Warren Fleetwood (absent)

MINUTES: The minutes from the October 3, 2023, meeting were approved as presented. Commissioner Burns motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

The minutes from the special informational meeting on October 12, 2023 were approved as presented with a motion from Commissioner Burns, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote to approve was 2-0.

CLAIMS: Total claims presented on 10/17/2023 were \$1,622,860.84. Commissioner Burns motioned to approve claims, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

Clerk Report was acknowledged by the Commissioners.

Department Reports

Sheriff Vanoven presented the Sheriff’s Department’s report; the jail population is trending down. He invited everyone to a ceremony to swear-in two new Deputy’s on November 1, 2023 at 3:45 in Circuit Court.

COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS

Update on Jail Project – Owner’s Representative George Ballard told Commissioners they have submitted a new Federal Report. The jail pod is now in Evansville and might arrive in Gibson County the 2nd week of November. The kitchen equipment list has been finalized. They now have an agreement with Ohio Valley Solar for solar panels. This project is moving along, and changes are on the horizon.

Approval of Farm Bureau Proposal – Nathan Beloat was present to revise his original insurance quote. He reported to Commissioners that he had previously quoted the worker’s compensation policy too high. He feels the cost will come in with a \$93,000 savings to the County. There were no questions. Commissioner Burns motioned to change the liability and worker’s compensation carrier on November 1, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS

Windows for Men’s Addiction Solution – David Doughty explained to Commissioners that Addiction Solutions has not been able to attain grants for the men’s house because the house is not equipped with fire escape windows. The Addiction Solutions Board has unanimously approved to do this renovation at a cost of \$26,075 to improve their chance of getting future grants. They would like the Commissioners to approve permission to grant Addiction Solutions this money from the unrestricted opioid fund.

Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve the grant to Addiction Solutions contingent upon legal approval, seconded by Commissioner Burns. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.


Signature for LEPC Hazardous Materials Plan – Auditor Watkins presented this document to Commissioners for signature.

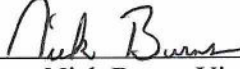
Major Medical Leave (1) was approved by the Commissioners with a motion from Commissioner Burns seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 2-0.


Thank You's Extended from Commissioner Burns - Commissioner Burns thanked the Princeton City Council for approving the EMS building located across from the Fire Department. He also thanked the Gibson County Council for allowing the funding for the Lake Road tree removal project. This safety concern project will begin toward the end of October and will consist of two phases.


With no further discussions, Commissioner Burns motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote to adjourn is 2-0.

Minutes from the October 17, 2023, Meeting.


Kenneth Montgomery, President


Nick Burns, Vice President


Warren Fleetwood, Commissioner


ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor