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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
September 20, 2022

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 20, 2022, at 5:00 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, Mary B. Key and Commissioner Warren Fleetwood

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the September 6, 2022, regular meeting and executive session meeting were approved as presented. Commissioner Key motioned to approve both sets of minutes, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

**CLAIMS:**

CAW-	\$61,663.68
CAW-	\$17,884.47
CAW-	\$4,792.25
COUNTY GENERAL	\$210,307.30
HIGHWAY	\$48,593.30
SHERIFF	\$14,561.34
ACH	\$164,744.50
PAYROLL	\$372,606.58
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$135,538.11
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$345,102.62
JURY CLAIMS	\$1,105.87
LIBERTY NATIONAL	\$477.16
DITCH CLAIMS, INVALID TAX SALE REFUND, EXCESS REFUNDS, COMMISARY REIMBURSEMENT, CLERK REIMBURSEMENT	\$21,957.54
LIT DISTRIBUTION	\$540,209.09
Total Claims Presented on 09/20/2022:	\$1,939,543.81

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

Auditor Watkins presented the Commissioners with an acknowledgement of overtime by part-time employees. Commissioners made acknowledgment.

Treasurer's Report for August was acknowledged by Commissioners.

Clerk's Report for June was acknowledged by Commissioners.

**COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS**

**EMS Department Report** - Director Pond gave the EMS report for August.

**Jail Update** – Owner's Representative, George Ballard gave an update to Commissioners. He told them the bonds had closed on 9/15/2022. The steel building has been moved and they are working on getting utilities installed to the building.

**Location Signage for Election Around Courthouse** – Mr. Ed Richardson and Clerk Morrow are present to discuss election signage all over the county. They request the Commissioners make a policy on this as there is nothing in writing. Attorney Spindler explained that state law prohibits election signs in some places. Attorney Spindler did not feel they had time to impose fines for wrongdoing as there is not enough time to publish prior to early election. Attorney Spindler then suggested the recourse as removal of the signage by the election board or a designee of the election board. Clerk Morrow would like whatever policy they decide in writing as soon as possible. Attorney Spindler recommends they instate a policy for the Courthouse that would not allow placement of signs from the curb inward. Attorney Spindler feels the Trustee's offices would have to enforce their own rules. Attorney Spindler will try to have something back to Commissioners by October 4, 2022.

**Contract for Probation Rental** – Attorney Spindler presented a month-to-month contract for the Probation Department as they do not have a building to move into and the current contract has expired. The first month will be 45 days and 30 days thereafter. The new contract will cost the county \$3,540 per month. Attorney Spindler has talked to judges about this new contract, they have approved it. Commissioner Key motioned to approve the new contract contingent on Judge's approval, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 3-0.

**BCS Probation Building** – Andrew Beitler with BCS brought the Probation IT package back in front of Commissioners and he is wondering if anyone has any questions on the quotes. Commissioner Key told them the Council must approve the cost, which came in lower than they were expecting. Commissioner Fleetwood feels this building must have technology. Mr. Beitler explained that all the technologies will work together between the buildings. Commissioner Fleetwood asked if there were any frivolous items inside the quote. Mr. Beitler does not feel there is anything frivolous in the quote. The system is quoted and set up for growth. The total cost for various items came in at approximately \$130,000. Commissioner Key motioned to approve the quote submitted by BCS, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. The vote was 3-0.

**Video Surveillance on CR 350 Super Slab** – Commissioner Fleetwood asked Mr. Beitler about railroad surveillance on the super slab (CR 350) and what it would take to put a camera in the area. Commissioner Fleetwood would like a system linked into Central Dispatch so they can identify if emergency vehicles have access to this crossing and they can route emergency vehicles accordingly. This surveillance will also provide a log of NFS blocking on the road for extended periods of time. Sergeant Bruce Vanoven explained to Commissioner that they are watching several cameras and he is concerned about all the watching of these cameras. Commissioner Fleetwood would like to see if this is feasible and then cross reference this idea back to the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Beitler will work with the county on this item. Princeton has a sign alerting traffic if the rail is blocking traffic on Broadway, they wonder if the railroad would be willing to place one of these signs near CR 350.

### **COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS**

**Danco Change Order** – Attorney Spindler presented a change order for the Probation Building Project in the amount of \$76,404, which also includes the first change order that has been altered. A portion of this change order in the amount of \$18,354 will be paid from Probation User Fees or Jury Fees Fund, they need to determine where it will be paid from. The total of change orders has come in at 7% to date. The Commissioners have already approved change order #1 and they need to get to bottom of change order #2. Commissioners tabled this item.

**Jackie Young Billboard** – Commissioner Fleetwood wonders if Commissioners would be interested in honoring Jackie Young, as her Las Vegas Aces won the WNBA Title. Commissioner Key explained that there are a lot of marketing hurdles that must be cleared before they can do this. Commissioner Fleetwood motioned to approve the expense of a billboard (approximately \$400), pending approval from

all the respected entities within Jackie Young's personnel, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 3-0.

**Plan Review Services for Storm Water** –. Commissioner Key explained when the original Storm Water Plan was compiled, Christopher Burke Engineering, from Indianapolis, wrote the plan and tailored the ordinance for Gibson County. They did not formulate a plan with the intention of a large company purchasing large amounts of acreage, thus the County's plan should be altered to include large acreage amounts. These larger companies would be referred to Christopher Burke Engineering and the cost would be paid by the company so the county would not incur a cost. Commissioner Fleetwood would like to open this up to different engineering firms, not solely Christopher Burke Engineering. Commissioner Key explained they felt Christopher Burke Engineering would be more qualified since they wrote the ordinance and were familiar with the County's plan. Commissioner Key feels the county should move on this item, as they have the large solar companies buying large amounts of acreage. Commissioner Fleetwood feels they should take this item under advisement and distribute it to other engineering firms; he likes locals to take interest in county projects.

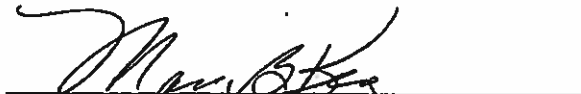
**Bond Investment** - Attorney Spindler requested the Commissioners appoint the Treasurer or someone of their choice to invest the bond proceeds that are with Old National Trust. Commissioner Key feels it should be the finance group. Attorney Spindler says it can wait until October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Key motioned to table this appointment, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. The vote was 3-0.

**Medical Leave** –. Commissioner Key motioned to approve the medical leave, seconded by Commissioner Fleetwood. The vote was 3-0.

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

Minutes from the September 20, 2022, Meeting.

  
Kenneth Montgomery, President

  
Mary B. Key, Vice President

  
Warren Fleetwood, Commissioner

  
ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor

