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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
September 21, 2021

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 21, 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 via zoom

Because one Commissioner is attending the meeting virtually, a roll call vote will be conducted on every motion.

Auditor Watkins noted a quorum was present.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the September 7, 2021, meeting was approved as presented. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0 with a roll call vote being conducted with the following vote: Commissioner Key – Aye; President Fleetwood Aye; Commissioner Montgomery Aye

**CLAIMS:**

CAW - 1	\$13,268.81
CAW - 2	\$5,655.79
LIT, SURTAX, WHEEL TAX AND ED PLATE	\$614,126.06
SURPLUS REFUND	\$1,860.57
COUNTY GENERAL	\$63,097.05
COURTS	\$3,382.03
HIGHWAY	\$94,848.57
SHERIFF	\$8,158.15
ACH	\$114,657.42
CAW - 3	\$20,079.70
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$151,861.18
PAYROLL	\$348,738.46
Total Claims Presented on 9/21/2021:	\$1,439,733.79

Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve claims presented for payment, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0. A roll call vote was conducted with the vote as follows: Commissioner Key – Aye; President Fleetwood Aye; Commissioner Montgomery Aye

**Treasurer Report** for the month of August was acknowledged by Commissioners.

**COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS**

**Toyota Stop Light System** – President Fleetwood wanted to make certain everyone understood his stance on this item and the fact that he does not approve the Toyota Stop Light System Change Order. The county has approved over a million dollars in engineering fees, which included the way this light would operate, now the Engineering Firm has sent an invoice for a

change that was made to the light. President Fleetwood feels an explanation should be given on why the County should pay for this change order. Commissioner Key thinks the payment has been made thru the Redevelopment Commission. President Fleetwood thinks this change was made on the very first day the signal was activated. Larry Michel and George Ballard are both on the Redevelopment Commission and neither recall an explanation on this item.

**Resolution 2021-09 Regarding Reimbursement from Bond Proceeds:** - The Commissioners are proposing to issue bonds to finance the costs of the Correctional Facility in the amount of \$23,000,000. The Commissioners expect to reimburse the bonds from General Fund, EDIT Fund, or other funds as determined by the County Council. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve Resolution 2021-09, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion passed 3-0. A roll call vote was conducted with a vote as follows: Commissioner Key – Aye; President Fleetwood - Aye; Commissioner Montgomery - Aye

**TIF Crack Seal Project Approval** –Only one bid was received on this project. Pavement Solutions, Inc. has submitted all required paperwork. Someone will confirm the Company has adequate liability and workers compensation insurance. The bid has been approved by the Redevelopment Commission in the amount of \$93,846. Commissioner Key motioned to approve the bid, contingent upon proof of required insurance, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 3-0 with a roll call vote being conducted with the vote as follows: Commissioner Key – Aye; President Fleetwood - Aye; Commissioner Montgomery - Aye

**Update on HELP Application** – Auditor Watkins feels this application is complicated; he would like to contact Evansville Regional Economic Partnership for some assistance. There will only be 12 recipients throughout the entire state. It also seems a resolution is required by the County. The County must match at least \$20,000; but the county’s portion can be more if they wish. President Fleetwood asked Auditor Watkins to keep Commissioners abreast of the process.

**Reminder on Fairview Heights Subdivision Public Hearing on October 5, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.** – Commissioners reminded everyone of a public hearing on October 5, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Any concerned citizens should come out in support or concern regarding this subdivision.

**Owner’s Representative on the Correctional Facility** – Mr. Ballard told everyone that he had been contacted by Duke Energy advising him of an incentive program on new construction sites. The County could receive incentives based on the type of energy saving devises they install; they will keep this information at hand while working thru the project.

**Hazleton Water Project** President Fleetwood informed everyone of the \$700,000 Grant receipt from OCRA: as well as a \$500,000 grant from USDA. These combined grants will allow Hazleton to provide a nice water quality project in Gibson County.

### **COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS**

**Bridge Project #73 Federal Aid Project Agreement** –. Engineer Holden wants to apply for federal/state assistance on this bridge #73. They are currently working on a similar project with bridge #74. Bridge #73 will expand in width from 18.8’ to 30’ with a project cost of just under \$3 million with the County’s portion costing approximately \$620,000. Attorney Spindler approved the paperwork submitted by Engineer Holden and requested the Commissioners approve it as well. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to enter into agreement for the engineering services on this project, seconded by Commissioner Key. The vote was 3-0 with a roll call vote being conducted with the following vote: Commissioner Key – Aye; President Fleetwood - Aye; Commissioner Montgomery - Aye

**Weavers Boos Contract for Landfill** – Attorney Spindler has reviewed this contract, as has Engineer Holden in the amount of \$36,900. It is consistent with previous years; the Company monitors the air and water quality at the old landfill site. Commissioners feel they do a good job in keeping the County up to date and in compliance as the monitoring decreases each year, which is an indication of a job well done. Commissioner Key motioned to approve this new contract, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 3-0 with a roll call vote being conducted with the following vote: Commissioner Key – Aye; President Fleetwood - Aye; Commissioner Montgomery - Aye


**Sheriff Department Report on CR 650 E and 500 N** –Commissioner Montgomery says the road has been repaved and has new stop signs installed. The Commissioners would like to decrease speed limit to 35 miles per hour as also recommended by the Sheriff’s Department. Commissioners will notify the Highway Department to post these new speed limits, as well as no passing zones. The Commissioners want to keep the County safe on these newly paved roads. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve the reduced speed, seconded by Commissioner Key. The vote was 3-0 with a roll call vote being conducted with the following vote: Commissioner Key – Aye; President Fleetwood - Aye; Commissioner Montgomery – Aye.


**Major Medical Leave (1)** was approved by the Commissioners with a motion from Commissioner Montgomery, seconded by Commissioner Key. The vote was 3-0 with a roll call vote being conducted with the following vote: Commissioner Key – Aye; President Fleetwood - Aye; Commissioner Montgomery - Aye

**Correctional Facility Building Corporation Appointments** - President Fleetwood is excited to make this new appointment; this group will oversee the grounds for the Corrections Center. They will assure the grounds are taken care of and the funds are in place and help do the right thing for the county. The appointments are Jason Buck, Larry Wira, and Scott Garrett. Commissioner Montgomery made the motion to approve the appointments, but Commissioner Key had not been informed about these appointments, therefore, she did not second the vote. President Fleetwood made a second to the motion. A roll call vote was conducted; Commissioner Key voted nay; President Fleetwood voted aye; Commissioner Montgomery voted aye.

With no further discussions, Commissioner Montgomery motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Key. The vote to adjourn was 3-0 with a roll call vote being conducted with the following vote: Commissioner Key – Aye; President Fleetwood - Aye; Commissioner Montgomery - Aye

Minutes from the September 21, 2021, Meeting.

  
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Warren Fleetwood, President

  
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Kenneth Montgomery, Vice President

  
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Mary B. Key, Commissioner

  
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ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor