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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
September 6, 2022

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on September 6, 2022, at 5:30 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 absent

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the August 16, 2022, meeting were approved as presented. Commissioner Key motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

**CLAIMS:**

SHERIFF	\$3,933.19
CAW-2	\$34,436.87
CAW-1	\$68,261.12
ACH	\$188,417.99
SHERIFF	\$9,928.18
HIGHWAY	\$81,398.12
COUNTY GENERAL	\$534,195.48
RIVERBOAT DISTRIBUTION	\$130,666.39
DITCH CLAIMS & SPRING 22 EXCESS REFUND	\$2,944.50
TAX REDEMPTION REFUNDS, DITCH CLAIM, CLERK MISC.	\$6,190.52
INNKEEPERS DISTRIBUTIONS, DITCH CLAIM	\$23,580.41
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$147,278.61
PAYROLL	\$347,590.05
ADDITIONAL PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$4,233.00
Total Claims Presented on 9/6/2022	\$1,583,054.43

Commissioner Key motioned to approve claims presented for payment, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

**Department Reports**

Health Department Director Hornby gave her August reports to Commissioners. Director Hornby is expecting a COVID booster shipment to arrive and they will start administrating it immediately. It will not be administered without the primary series, and it needs to be 2 months post the primary series. They are still handing out free home tests. They will be adjusting their fee ordinance for immunization administration fees. It will adjust the fee to \$20 instead of \$25 and align the county fee with the state fee. Commissioner Key motioned to approve the new fee of \$20, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery and the vote was 2-0. Attorney Spindler requested the Commissioners suspend the rules and pass the ordinance amendment upon first reading. Commissioner Key motioned to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance upon first reading, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 2-0.

Deputy Bruce Vanoven told Commissioners their daily average was running around 107. He also advised everyone that Indiana is a constitutional carry state, meaning you do not have to have your permit to carry a weapon. However, if a person goes into another state carrying a weapon and the state is a privilege state, a permit must be with carrier.

### **COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS**

**Jail Update** – George Ballard told Commissioners the steel building had been moved to its permanent home at 322 N Prince Street. George commended the companies involved in the project; he feels they did a good job. Bonds were sold last Thursday to finance the jail project. Duke Energy has presented a drawing or a list of poles that will be moved or rerouted. He told Commissioner that he submitted a grant to ARPA committee for training room supplies and a drug and alcohol 4-year treatment program.

**TIF Paving** – Engineer Holden told Commissioners he would like to pave the county's road that surround Toyota, which will be a large project. He explained this would require the county's paving budget for 4 years. He realizes this project might not be done until 2025 but he wants to get it on the list. They heard from Scott Wilkinson from BLN regarding this project; they propose a 2" mill with and 2" overlay; they feel this paving should endure 12-15 years. The requested amount going to Redevelopment Commission is over \$8,000,000. They have some contingency and inflation pricing built into the project. Commissioner Key motioned to send this project on to the Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 2-0.

Larry Michel, RDC board member and Engineer Holden discussed the project a bit more as one of the roads are twice the width as some of the other roads.

**Weaver Consultants Group Landfill Monitoring Contract** – Engineer Holden presented the new contract. Engineer Holden commended these Consultants on the work they have done with this landfill. Commissioner Key motioned to approve this contract, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

**Approve 30 mph Speed Limit on CR 650 S between 850 W & SR 165** – This area is near the doppler radar, and the new speed limit will be 30 miles per hour. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve this speed limit change, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

### **COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS**

**INDOT SR 65 Unofficial Detour MOU** – Engineer Holden explained this will be a 30-day closing between Owensville and Cynthiana. INDOT and Engineer Holden will drive the detour route, video the road and record any current deficiencies. When detour is over, they will repeat the process to determine repairs and possible reimbursement. Commissioner Key motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

**Approve a Clerk of the Works for County Projects**– Attorney Spindler explained there are several projects in the works at this time with a new 7,500' office building, the Magistrates Hearing Room/Chambers and Courthouse Security/Upgrades all of which are under construction and will approach the \$3 million mark between now and next year. He wonders if the Commissions could find an Owner's Representative to oversee these projects, like what George Ballard is doing for the jail project. He does not expect them to act tonight but suggests the sooner the better. He feels this should be a contractual person, not an employee. Commissioner Key agrees with the suggestion, as there have been some issues. Commissioner Key motions to approve this position, contingent on Council funding, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 2-0.

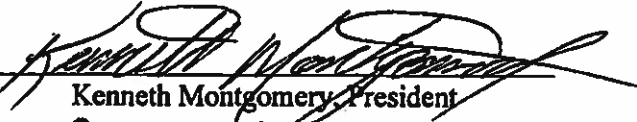
**Approve an IT Consultant** – Attorney Spindler explained that he feels the County should, at some point, hire an in-house IT Consultant. In addition to the everyday needs of this person, they could also assist in special projects like what were mentioned in the above paragraph advising the County on IT needs. Commissioner Key wonders if this could be discussed with the Council prior to acting as budgets are in the works now. Auditor Watkins feels this will require more than one person.


**Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program** – Discussion ensued regarding a grant for a railroad overpass. The county’s cost would be 20% of which Norfolk Southern would pay 5%. The grant would pay 80%. Scott Wilkinson from BLN told commissioners they would roughly pay \$4.5 million as the County’s share for this project. The Commissioners would like to contract with Debbie Bennett Stearsman to pursue the grant. Commissioner Key motioned to request Ms. Stearsman’s assistance, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 2-0.

**3 Medical Leaves** – Commissioners approved the leaves with a motion from Commissioner Key, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 2-0.

**Adjournment** -Commissioner Key motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote to adjourn is 2-0.

Minutes from the September 6, 2022, Meeting.

  
Kenneth Montgomery, President

  
Mary B. Key, Vice President

  
Warren Fleetwood, Commissioner

  
ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor