

Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
February 18, 2025

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 18, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at the Southwest Annex.

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

Commissioners' Present: Nick Burns, Kenneth Montgomery, and Chuck Lewis

MINUTES: The minutes from the February 4th meeting were approved as presented. Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Lewis. The vote was 3-0.

CLAIMS: Total claims presented on 02/18/2025 were \$1,760,517.14. Commissioner Montgomery motioned to approve claims, seconded by Commissioner Lewis. The vote was 3-0.

Department Reports

Sheriff Vanoven gave Sheriff's staffing report. They have one open Deputy position; five open Corrections positions; and two open Communications positions; and Community Corrections is fully staffed. The Federal Lawsuit was attached to the Sheriff's staffing report.

Administrator Shade from the Health Department was on hand for the meeting, but she did not have much to report.

Jail Project update was given by Chief Deputy Ballard; they hope to have the sewer line fixed by the weekend, weather permitting.

Dennis Simpson reported for the Soil and Water Conservation District. Their annual meeting will be on February 25th, at 5:30 p.m. at Toyota Events Center. There will be a catered meal at no cost and a guest speaker; reservations should be made by contacting the Soil and Water District's office.

Commissioner Lewis gave a progress report on the EMS Building. The drywall is finished, and painters should begin painting today. They are working in the ceiling portion of the ambulance bays to finish the lighting, heating, and garage door openers. After that is complete, concrete will be cleaned and sealed. The flooring contractor for the office and living quarters is scheduled to begin in March and then the cabinets will be installed. The brick mason's and concrete work will begin when weather permits.

COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS

Liberty Mutual Bond for INDOT Project – Attorney Spindler presented a \$150 Liberty Mutual bond that needs to be extended through 12/31/25. He requests Commissioners approve this extension and make payment of the invoice, which is in relation to the I-69/IN 64 sewer extension project. Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The vote was 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS


Contract with Counsel on Aging, Ride Solutions, and Hopkins Park – Attorney Spindler informed the Commissioners that SBoA has requested a contract if the county provides monetary support to non-governmental units. He will provide these contracts at the next meeting.

Medical Leave (3) – Commissioners reviewed the medical leaves and motioned to approve it. Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Lewis. The vote was 3-0.


Public Comment: Chamber Director Vanoven invited everyone to the Gibson County Farm Bureau Breakfast and Political Forum on March 15th at the Princeton Knights of Columbus. She invited the elected officials to provide updates at this forum. Their golf scramble for their Gibson County Chamber of Commerce Scholarships is May 18th at the Oakland City Golf Course. Go Gibson Directories are available for pickup at the Chamber Office.

Commissioner Montgomery motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Burns.

Minutes from February 18, 2025, meeting



Nick Burns, President



Kenneth Montgomery, Vice President



Chuck Lewis, Commissioner



ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor

