

Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
July 15, 2025

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 15, 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 (absent), Kenneth Montgomery, and Chuck Lewis

Minutes: The meeting minutes of July 01, 2025, were approved as presented. Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The motion carried 2-0.

Claims: Commissioner Lewis made the motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The motion carried 2-0.

The Treasurer report was acknowledged.

Department Reports

Health Department – Director Shade told Commissioners there had been a public service announcement about west nile virus, which causes flu-like symptoms. She explained that it is typical for pools of water to test positive this time of year, thus a public service announcement must be issued. She asked people to keep yards mowed and eliminate standing water. Mosquito dunks are available at the health department to help eliminate mosquitoes.

COMMISSIONERS OLD BUSINESS

EMS Building Update – Commissioner Lewis reported that the new EMS building is open and functioning. They will have an open house on July 25th from 3-6.

Amendment to the June 2025 Precinct Adjustment Request – Clerk Sherri Smith explained that precincts in Princeton/Patoka Township were reduced at the June meeting from 10 down to 4. After hearing from the public, they now feel they need to increase the precincts from 4 to 8. Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve this amendment, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The motion carried 2-0.

Update on Gibson County Senior Center – Director Ronda Colbert returned to the meeting at the Commissioners request so they could explore providing money for their flooring project. She has flooring and installation bids with a low bid of \$13,468. Commissioner’s Administrative Assistant, Judy asked if they could wait until the first of the year for this contribution. Commissioner Lewis made the motion to table this item for more discussion, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The motion carried 2-0.

Commissioners had approved, at the last meeting, to allow the Senior Center to get gasoline from the highway department. They use around 150 gallons per month, and Ms. Colbert feels this will be a good savings. She will discuss logistics with the highway department.

COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS

Reappointment of EMS Director and Assistant Director of Operation and Administration – At beginning of the year, Commissioners appointed EMS positions on an interim basis; they forgot the reappointment in June and would like to cover this now. The Commissioner’s original appointment was Dr. Gilbert as the EMS Director, Arica Cole and AJ Aldredge as Assistant Directors of Operation and Administration.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion to reappoint the above people on an interim basis for the remainder of the year, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. The motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Odell lives on 275 E, behind Toyota and his home is nestled in with solar panels; he is experiencing significant flooding. He feels the flooding is a result of solar panel runoff and the construction process crushed culverts. He asked for someone to come and inspect the situation. Commissioner Lewis explained that the drainage plan has not been finalized/approved, and this will be addressed before they approve it. He requested that Mr. Odell stop by the highway garage and talk to Engineer Holden about this issue so he can review the situation.

Mark Fehrenbacher, Ft. Branch spoke of the early warning system. He feels it is a good time to explore the system to ensure it is performing as it should. Commissioner Montgomery explained they are exploring a new system. Commissioner Lewis also explained that some sirens have been repaired, another is awaiting parts for repair; this will put all sirens back into service until a new system can be acquired and installed.

Jessica Kramer, Trustee of Union Township, asked if there were any talks about a new TIF district as she would like to ensure Union Township is represented on the board. Commissioner Lewis explained that Toyota is reorganizing; it might be August when this information is known.

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

Minutes from July 15, 2025



Nick Burns, President



Kenneth Montgomery, Vice President



Chuck Lewis, Commissioner

ATTEST: Mike Watkins, Auditor