
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Special Session
June 29th, 2015

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on June 29th, 2015, at 8:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: Included President Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner Alan Douglas, Administrative Assistant Kay Vore, County Attorney James McDonald III, and County Auditor Sherri Smith.

Absent: Vice-President Gerald Bledsoe

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Welcome were recited and led by President Bottoms.

Purpose of this Meeting – Rescind the Fuel Bid Motion from the Commissioners Session June 16th, 2016 and Award the Fuel Bids to the correct suppliers.

- Commissioner Douglas made a motion to rescind the Fuel Bid Awards from the 06/16/15 Commissioner's meeting where Wabash Valley was awarded Bid #2015-07 for Diesel Fuel and Bid # 2015-08 for Gasoline for the Highway Department. Seconded by President Bottoms. Further discussion led by Wabash Valley representative asking about the fact that Synergy's bid stated it was market value at the time of the bid. Do you accept that? Wabash Valley has always put in a firm bid. Wabash Valley asked if the Commissioners would accept "*Prices are firm for the bid period starting July 1st, 2015, however due to market volatility, prices will be adjusted to current market value at time of **actual acceptance of the bid** by the commissioners. No exceptions.*" And Wabash Valley's paperwork stated "firm bid"? Synergy's representative was asked to address this comment. He stated that when they were first doing the bidding as Gibson County Cooperative to lock in the markets, a lot of times you would take bids under advisement. In the meantime the market could have moved considerably and then it would have been a detriment to your case or their case. It is usually not a problem anymore as the bids are reviewed during the meeting and the bids awarded. If there is a 3-4 day delay they might not be able to lock in those prices. County Attorney McDonald asked the Synergy representative if the bids they made were still good and he said yes - \$2.265 for on-road diesel and \$2.099 for off-road diesel. He stated that is correct.

President Bottoms stated that he understood the reasoning, but that the bids need to be firm and the decisions are being made much quicker. County Attorney McDonald stated that the Supplier can make that stipulation in his bid but that they must understand that because it is not a firm bid, it could be rejected. The Motion carried 2-0.

- Commissioner Douglas made a motion after further review to award the Diesel Fuel Bid # 2015-07 to Synergy, seconded by President Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 2-0.
- Commissioner Douglas made a motion awarding the Gasoline Bid # 2015-08 to Wabash Valley, seconded by President Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 2-0.

State form 95 "Bid, Offer or Proposal, for Sale or Lease of Materials" copy for Wabash Valley, which was signed on 06/16/15, was rescinded and signed by the Commissioners and a copy of the Diesel Fuel form was given to Synergy representative. A signed copy of the Gasoline form was given to Wabash Valley representative. A County check in the amount of \$4,000 was also given to Wabash Valley as the bond for gasoline was only \$1,000.

With no further business, Commissioner Douglas adjourned the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 2-0.



Stephen E. Bottoms, President



Alan Douglas, Commissioner

ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor