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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at 8:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

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

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

County Attorney Jim McDonald questioned that the minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting did not show an adjournment motion due to a recording error. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to amend the meeting minutes to state that the meeting was adjourned, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Douglas abstained as he was not present for the February 16, 2016 meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes from February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bottoms and seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Douglas abstaining.

**Claims:**

- County General - \$79,662.03
- Courts - \$1,754.24
- Highway - \$225,752.68
- Sheriff - \$11,361.17
- ACH - \$32,194.86
- CAW-1 - \$8,733.90
- CAW-2 - \$3,751.66
- Payroll for week of 02/19/16 - \$274,170.20
- Payroll Deductions - \$132,608.58
- Non-Union Medical Claims for 02/15/16 - \$73,329.28
- Life Insurance Premium & ACA Payment - \$3,104.85
- Non Union Medical Claims for 02/25/16 - \$238,122.96

Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve the claims and was seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

## **Department Reports:**

Veterans Service Officer Jerry Wright presented the monthly report.

County Highway Superintendent Chuck Lewis presented the monthly report. The first of two new dump trucks is in. Hopefully beginning next week it will be in service. Ditch work is being completed, culverts being replaced and the drivers are starting to compile their list of roads that need to be chip and sealed, and also any roads that need paved. Commissioner Bottoms stated that he has received quite a few calls complementing the highway workers on the ditch work being done.

EMA Director Terry Hedges stated that the EMA and the EMS have received the new equipment purchased with TIF funds. He will be going to County Council next week for permission to spend the new grants that the Commissioners recently approved. The EMA Department will have weather radios for those that can't afford them. Mr. Hedges thanked the Commissioners and the Sheriff's Department for the benefit of the county truck that the EMA Department will be getting.

Flood Plain Director Stephanie McKinney presented her monthly report.

EMS Director Jim Allen stated that one of the ambulances purchased with TIF money will be here today. He will have the monthly report at the next meeting.

Sheriff Tim Bottoms presented the monthly report.

Commissioner Bottoms stated that they have just received a preliminary plan for the Hopkins Family Park from Purdue University. It is quite detailed and it will be made official in April. The University of Evansville and Purdue University have done extensive work on the plan. He thanked the universities for all the hard work.

An Animal Services monthly report is on file in the Commissioners Administrative Assistant's Office.

## **Old Business:**

- Bridge # 204 Bid Opening – County Attorney Jim McDonald opened the following bids: D K Parker - \$172,000 and CLR Inc. - \$209,882, with credits - \$195,759.58. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to take the bids under advisement with the County Engineer, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Plan 2016-2017 – Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to amend, the 2016-2017 EDIT Capital Improvement Plan to include the Union Scholarship and Education Fund at a cost of \$9,980 seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- Law Enforcement Training Board – Commissioner Bottoms stated that the Commissioners received a letter from the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board thanking them for donating four sheriff vehicles to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.
- TMMI and TIF Money – Commissioner Bottoms stated that the Sheriff’s Department, the County Engineer and himself have been meeting with TMMI concerning some traffic changes on CR 350 S at a cost of \$75,000. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to pass this request of \$75,000 from TIF funds on to the Redevelopment Board, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion - Motion carried 3-0.
- BCS Maintenance Contract – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to renew the BCS maintenance contract, at a cost of \$10,957.19. It covers the phone systems of the County offices, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

**New Business:**

- Highway Superintendent Chuck Lewis asked that the Commissioners take the request for a road crossing permit for Duke Energy under advisement until he can gather more information about the project.
- Resolution No. 2016-2 Assigning Tax Sale Certificates to the City of Princeton - Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO 2016-2 GIBSON COUNTY, INDIANA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING TAX SALE CERTIFICATES TO THE CITY OF PRINCETON, INDIANA, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Site Access Agreement – Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve a SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT PERMISSION TO ENTER PROPERTY with the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COALITION OF SOUTHWEST INDIANA, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0. This will deal with the old refinery that the County owns.

President Bledsoe questioned as to whether some rock that was donated to the county park had been delivered. Commissioner Bottoms stated that when weather permits the ground will be prepared for the rock.

Commissioner Douglas stated that he appreciated Councilman Beard and Princeton Mayor Brad Schmidt being at the meeting.

With no further business, Commissioner Douglas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes from the March 02, 2016 Meeting.

  
Gerald Bledsoe, President

  
Stephen E. Bottoms, Vice-President

  
Alan Douglas, Commissioner

  
ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor