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Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
April 5th, 2016

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on April 5th, 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, County Attorney James McDonald III, and County Auditor Sherri Smith.

**Absent:** Administrative Assistant Kay Vore

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

**Minutes:** The minutes from March 15th, 2016 meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

**Claims:**

County General - $122,570.36
Courts - $11,923.16
Highway - $42,396.49
Sheriff - $8,763.35
ACH - $22,279.73
CAW-1 - $10,621.40
CAW-2 - $22,341.63
Payroll for March 18th - $274,963.81
Payroll Deductions - $128,781.89
Non Union Insurance Claims/Premiums - $84,065.93
Additional/Adjusted Payroll March 18th - $52.56
Additional/Adjustment in PERF - $59.35
Payroll for April 1st - $297,830.45
Payroll Deductions - $143,567.44
Additional/Adjustment in Union Dues - $186.00
Non-Union Medical Claims and Premiums - $80,955.15
Additional/Adjustment in PERF - $46.22

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.

Weights and Measures Inspector Gary Dawson presented the monthly report.

Highway Superintendent Chuck Lewis presented the monthly report. Pothole patching has been started and there have been several downed trees from the recent high winds. They are working with the County Engineer on roads to be paved and seeing which will be chip and sealed.

County Engineer John Umpleby stated that Bridge 204 on CR 650 W is currently being replaced. He is also working on the annual paving package. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to allow advertising for bids for the upcoming paving projects, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

EMA Director Terry Hedges presented the monthly report.

EMS Director Jim Allen presented the monthly report. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to allow Director Allen to go to the Council to ask that the Part Time Billing Clerk in the EMS Department, be made full time, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve write offs for the EMS Department for March in the amount of $55,486.92, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Tim Bottoms presented the monthly report. He stated that the Food Service Company the Sheriffs' Department has been using is not working out and they will be looking for another company. The current company has been given a ninety day notice. He also stated that the newly hired dispatcher did not work out and he will need to replace that employee. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to allow the Sheriff to replace the dispatcher, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Extension Office Director Hans Schmitz presented the monthly report. He stated that 4H season is getting under way.

Parks & Recreation – Hans Schmitz stated that there will be a meeting Monday evening at 6:00 PM at the Francisco Lion's Club Concerning the Gibson County Park.

Animal Services – Report is available in the Admin's office.

**Old Business:**

- An update was given on the summer program for IVY Tech.

- CSX will be replacing the bridge over Pigeon Creek between Ft Branch and Haubstadt. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to allow President Bledsoe to sign documents to execute the CSX Bridge replacement after the County Attorney's approval due to the timeframe in which they will be working, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0. There will be more information on this project at the next Commissioners meeting.

- County Road 150 E – Norfolk Southern commissioned the Commissioners to close that section of track – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve the adoption of and forward to the State, THE GIBSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD PETITION TO CLOSE COUNTY ROAD 150 EAST CROSSING GIBSON COUNTY INDIANA, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

**New Business:**

- The Proclamation for Tele-Communications Week was tabled until the next meeting.

- Kevin Olivey with Duke Energy spoke to the Commissioners concerning a Temporary Haul Road Crossing Closure on CR 175 S during some construction being done at the plant. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve the Temporary Haul Road Crossing Closure on CR 175 S, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- Major Medical Leave

    1. County Highway Department Employee - Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve a Major Medical Leave for a County Highway Employee, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

    2. Clerk's Department Employee - Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve a Major Medical Leave for an Employee in the Clerk's Office, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- Taleia Drive – Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to set a hearing date at the next Commissioners Meeting on April 19th, 2016 at 6:00 PM concerning the adoption of Taleia Drive in Columbia Township into the County's road system, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

With no further business, Commissioner Douglas adjourned the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes from the April 5th, 2016 Meeting.

Gerald Bledsoe, President

Stephen E. Bottoms, Vice-President

Alan Douglas, Commissioner

ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor