
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
August 18th, 2015

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on August 18th, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: Included President Stephen E. Bottoms, Vice-President Gerald Bledsoe, 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 Bottoms.

Minutes: The minutes from the Executive Meeting on August 3rd, 2015 the Regular Meeting on August 4th, 2015 and the Special Meeting on August 6th, 2015 have been read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bledsoe and seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

County General - \$166,757.81
Courts - \$5,510.83
Highway - \$61,551.82
Sheriff - \$8,153.53
ACH - \$6,376.83
Insurance - \$16,637.70
Utilities - \$41,825.24
Utilities - \$17,590.94
Payroll from 08/07/15 - \$279,091.46
Payroll from 08/21/15 - \$287,779.84

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

Department Reports:

No departmental reports were given.

Old Business:

- Dump Truck #1 – Bids for County Highway Department – County Attorney Jim McDonald opened the dump truck bids. There were two bids: Vomac Truck Sales - \$131,255 for a Mac bed; Truck Centers Inc. - \$131,645 for a Meyer bed and \$125,654 for

an Elpers bed. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to take the bids under advisement, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- RFP for Emergency Pipe Installation on Patoka River Road – County Engineer explained the problem on Patoka River Road. There is a county owned pipe that is collapsing and it has pipe over it that carries water to Princeton and Patoka. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion for the County Attorney to research the possibility of the Cities and/or Towns in Gibson County getting permits from the County before future digging over county property, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Jim McDonald opened two bids for the Patoka River Road Project – Iowa Trenchless in the amount of \$127,500 and S J Earth Boring Inc. in the amount of \$210,428. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to refer to the County Engineer for a recommendation on the bids for the Patoka River Road Project, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. The motion was held until later in the meeting. Mr. Umpleby reviewed the bids while the meeting continued.

New Business:

- Letter to GCS&WC supporting Lower Patoka Watershed Management Plan – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to sign letters supporting the Gibson County Soil and Water Conservation District in submitting a plan for the next phase of the Watershed Management Plan, and to authorize Commissioner President Stephen Bottoms to sign documents for the Conservation Reserve Program, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Sheriff Bottoms discussed findings with regard to CR 450 W – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Sheriff's Department for a speed limit of 30 mph on CR 450 W from SR 68 to SR 168, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Sheriff Bottoms informed the Commissioners that he is checking on donating Sheriff's department vehicles to the Academy in exchange for credit for training. Some of the other vehicles may be going to other county departments. Auditor Smith asked for a chance to check on how this should be done. Possibly a plan will be presented at the next meeting. In addition, some of the new E911 equipment paid for by TIF funds is being installed.
- Commissioner Bottoms stated that He, Sheriff Bottoms and Jill Frederick did a walk through with the Company to inspect the recent work in the Work Release Center. Everything looked good.
- Continuing from Old Business - Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to accept the recommendation of the County Engineer to accept the bid for the Patoka River Road

Emergency Project from Iowa Trenchless at \$127,500 and purchase materials directly, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- EMS requested replacement for Employee which resigned – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to allow EMS Director Jim Allen to ask the Council for permission to replace an EMT that is resigning, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0. He also stated that the new Tahoe paid for by TIF funds, has been delivered.
- Commissioner Bledsoe stated that construction on the railroad crossing on Highway 168 is finished and it is one of the smoother crossings in the County.
- Commissioner Bledsoe, Highway Superintendent Lewis and County Engineer Umpleby will have a meeting with INDOT on August 27, 2015 about some of the problems that are occurring within the County due to State Road construction.
- Highway Superintendent Lewis stated that the pickup truck approved at the last meeting has been delivered and should be in service by the end of next week.

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



Stephen E. Bottoms, President



Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-President

Alan Douglas, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor