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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8:00 AM 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 Regular Meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and the Executive Meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 have been read and were approved through a motion by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

**Claims:**

- County General - \$214,247.07
- Courts - \$18,583.49
- Highway - \$97,765.10
- Sheriff - \$22,300.85
- Utilities - \$45,024.20
- ACH - \$12,195.27
- Payroll – No payroll ready for this meeting

Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve the claims and seconded by Commissioner Douglas. 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 had previously given the Commissioners a copy of the monthly report.

County Highway Supervisor Chuck Lewis stated that the Highway Department is currently in the middle of chipping and sealing season. Weather permitting, by the end of next week they should have fifty miles or half of the chipping and sealing completed. Bids have been advertised for a new ten wheel dump truck to be opened at the August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Commissioner’s meeting.

Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to allow the Highway Department to purchase a new three quarter ton Chevrolet pickup from Patriot Motors for \$31,270, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

County Engineer Umpleby recommended DK Parker be awarded the bid for Bridge 341 in the amount of \$98,500. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to award the bid for Bridge 341 on Trippett Road, South of Hazleton to DK Parker at a cost of \$98,500, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

County Engineer Umpleby stated that the Annual Landfill Compliance Contract is expiring – the Contract will be discussed at the September Commissioner's meeting.

County Engineer John Umpleby informed the Commissioners of an emergency condition located on River Road in Patoka, west of Old 41 and west of the Railroad Bridge. A pipe maintained by the County is collapsing and over that pipe, is a 20" line that feeds raw water to Princeton and an 8" line that feeds raw water to Patoka. He has requested proposals from two specialty contractors to be opened at the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. This will be paid for out of the Cum Bridge Fund.

Health – No report was given.

Safety – No report was given.

EMA Director Terry Hedges informed the Commissioners that he has applied for three new grants totaling \$55,000 for Emergency Services Equipment.

EMS Director Jim Allen presented the monthly report and submitted write-offs. He also discussed a potential charge when patients don't refuse onsite treatment but do refuse to be taken to the hospital. He also requested that the Commissioners sign the Remount Ambulance Contract (which had been approved at a prior meeting) so that work can begin. The County Attorney was asked to compile a resolution addressing the write offs for EMS in conjunction with the County's write-off policy at Commissioner Douglas request. Also a resolution to address a charge for refusal to go the hospital when the ambulance is called. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to allow write offs in the amount of \$79,101.88, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Commissioner Bledsoe requested that the monthly report also include a running total for Collections and Write-offs year to date to help them better understand what is happening month to month. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Bottoms reported on the road studies requested at the last Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to follow the recommendation of the Sheriff's Department to post a speed limit of 30 mph on CR 300 S from CR 850 E to CR 800 E, a speed limit of 30 mph on CR 775 E from CR 300 S to CR 250 S, and a Stop sign at CR 800 E intersecting with CR 300 S. Also, a Stop sign on CR 850 S and make CR 1200 E a thoroughfare, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0. The Sheriff also asked that brush cutting be done at the intersection of CR 850 S and CR 1200 E.

and another \$100,000 contingent upon a grant to the Gibson County Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Bledsoe abstaining due to conflict of interest.

- Proclamation for Hopkins Family Park – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to accept the Proclamation to name the property to be given to Gibson County by Richard and Carol Hopkins to be used as a park as “HOPKINS FAMILY PARK”, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

### **New Business:**

- Bid Opening of GCPO-9 Paving Projects – County Attorney McDonald opened the bids for the paving projects. The bids are from JH Rudolph at \$1,409,476.60 and E&B at \$1,558,403.60. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to refer the bids to the County Engineer for reviewing and to schedule a Special Meeting to award the bid for the paving projects on Thursday August 6, 2015 at 9:30 AM, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Lyle Station – Commissioner Douglas discussed the situation on Lyle Station Road that runs from the entrance of Gibson County Coal west to Consolidated Grain and Barge. The possibility of widening the road is being looked at. Also he noticed that there are individuals driving over the speed limit and not observing the stop signs. Commissioner Douglas will talk with someone at CGB about their drivers following the travel rules set by the County.
- Randy Kiesel with Kiesel Enterprises Inc spoke to the Commissioners about the possibility of using TIF funds for a sanitary sewer project to extend from Kiesel Enterprises to the East side of HWY 41. This project would consist of taking a 4” forced main sewer line coming from a gravity sewer located on the north side of Highway 41 on CR 100 W, boring across 41 and putting a lift station down at the end of their property. They would then run a gravity line from their facilities to feed into this line and it would be available for other development as well on that side of the highway. Also would have an 8” water line coming from the Princeton Department across Highway 41. This has been estimated at about a \$300,000 project for Kiesel Bins Sales. He thanked the Commissioners. President Bottoms stated that they approached Kiesel Bin Sales when they heard of the project and possibly expand the size of the line under Hwy. 41. Commissioner Bledsoe stated they will have an engineering firm look at this project and the City of Princeton will be contacted as well.
- Agreement for Services – Develop Request for Proposals – Information Systems Service Commissioner Douglas made a motion to accept the contract with McCarter Inc subject to the changes made by the County Attorney, to develop Requests for Proposals for Information Systems Service, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

Extension – No report was given.

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

**Old Business:**

- New Hire for County Highway – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to hire Greg Schneider as the new highway employee that will be replacing a retiring employee, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Todd Mosby with the Gibson County Redevelopment spoke to the Commissioners about a request of \$2,400,000 in TIF money for Boshoku that was presented at the last Commissioners meeting.

Toyota Boshoku President Brian Milano informed the Commissioners that he appreciated their time, consideration and support of their request for the use of TIF money. Toyota Boshoku will be adding 42,000 square feet to the current building in the first phase as well as the creation of 160 new jobs as a result of setting up this new vehicle line.

President Bottoms stated that with all of the TIF money that had been requested lately, it is difficult to allow a future request of money.

Mr. Mosby – Boshoku is willing to be put in the que concerning the TIF money. So whenever funds are available, possibly two or three years down the road, Boshoku would be able to access the funds at that time and utilize the tax dollars that Toyota pays to make this project happen. By 2018 the fund is pretty much unencumbered. He also commented that the State will only provide training funds, not building funds.

Mr. Mosby stated that there will be 160 new jobs with this expansion and Toyota Boshoku's Plant Manager asked how many jobs were created with the money given for use at the Fair Ground.

Discussions also included the road, which is not a part of the initial request, paving, easements, storm water and a potential retention pond.

President Milano apologized for the lateness of the request stating that he was in Japan at the time of the last Commissioners meeting, trying to sell the location of the new plant to his management.

Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to deny the request from Toyota Boshoku for TIF money, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Douglas voting against the denial.

- Ft. Branch Town Board President Wallace presented TIF request – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to send a request from the Ft. Branch Town Board for \$67,000

- Commissioner Bledsoe stated that the Railroad Crossing at Hwy. 168 will be closed for reconstruction. He would like to have a meeting with INDOT about some construction projects that are being done in the County by the State.
- County Residents – Comments from the Floor - were made about the work being done at the railroad crossing on the south end of Princeton. Also discussed was the Commissioner's Plan for the County, Sunbeam, various roads and a bridge in the County they want the Commissioners to be aware of.

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

  
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Stephen E. Bottoms, President

  
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Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-President

  
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Alan Douglas, Commissioner

  
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ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor