
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
August 20, 2013

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on August 20, 2013, at 6:30 PM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

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

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

Minutes: The minutes from July 24th, 2013 and August 6th, 2013, meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

- County General - \$48,797.10
- Courts – \$2,559.24
- Highway - \$46,781.12
- Sheriff - \$49,002.69
- Payroll – August 9th \$275,726.99 – August 23rd \$276,829.47

Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve the claims and was seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

Department Reports:

No reports were given.

Old Business:

EMS Write-offs for the month of July. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve EMS write-offs for July, in the amount of \$62,864.25, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

Hwy Superintendent, Jerry Heldt, stated that the Log Inn stop sign situation has been remedied.

Bridge Inspection Agreement - County Highway Engineer, John Umpleby, stated that United has brought in their Bridge Inspection Agreement for approval. Once approved, it will be sent to INDOT for their approval. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve the Bridge Inspection Agreement with United Consulting, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

Cheryl Siekman addressed the Commissioners and cited several reasons why she and her family oppose any extension of road closure requests by Peabody Coal Mine and their subsidiaries, including United Minerals.

United Minerals Road Agreement Extension - Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to accept the Extension of Road Agreement of Coal Haulage Route of CR 350 S and CR 1000 E, originally approved August, 2008. The Extension of Temporary Road Closing Agreement for CR 1000 E, was originally approved August, 2008, as well, motion was seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

CR 550 S Railroad Crossing - Commissioner Bledsoe appealed to the public to talk to and write letters to officials, to tell them they want Railroad Crossing signals at the crossing on 550 S. County Attorney McDonald wrote CSX a letter and has spoken with INDOT concerning the Crossing and the Commissioners concern with the Crossing. INDOT assured him they were meeting with CSX representatives, and sending down their INDOT Engineer to look at the crossing and give recommendations and would be getting back with him within a short period of time. County Attorney McDonald will continue to follow up with INDOT and CSX to see what the plans will be. He thinks they are looking into some Federal grant money, because railroads are a Federal entity. He assured the public that he and the Commissioners are working on the situation. Tim Bottoms, with the Sheriff's Department, stated that the Sheriff's Department has sent a letter and a picture packet to the Commissioner of INDOT, in reference to this crossing and the Sheriff's Office is in support of lights and gates at this crossing. Dan Bullock, representing his family and other concerned citizens, asked the Commissioners what they can do to help make this happen.

County Attorney, Jim McDonald, spoke to the Commissioners about vacating CR 825 S located in Wabash Township. Mr. Ziliak contacted Attorney McDonald with an informal request to vacate this road because of concerns of activities going on at the river. The County does not maintain this road. Commissioner Douglas made a motion for Attorney McDonald to proceed with documentation needed to vacate this road, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

County Highway Engineer, John Umpleby, recommended to the Commissioners that they accept the Weaver Boos Consultants Contract for year 2013-2014 for Gibson County Landfills No 1 & No 2. The cost is \$63,650. This is an annual service contract for sampling groundwater, monitoring wells and gas chromes at landfills 1 & 2. It includes all analytical services through the laboratory, statistics and the reporting of the data back to INDOT. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve the Contract with Weaver Boos, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney McDonald, explained the Maximus Cost Allocation Plan. This is a professional consulting agreement that we have had in the past. The cost is \$5,700 a year, for the two year contract. The company gets money back from the state for the County. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to accept the contract with Maximus for two years, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

North Main Street Easement Requested - Commissioner Douglas made a motion to grant an easement of twelve feet to the City of Princeton along the north side of the Gibson County Sheriff's parking lot, on North Main Street, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

Ron Cromer, Fire Chief of the Buckskin Fire Department, asked the Commissioners for help in getting INDOT to clean up some trees on Hwy. 57 through the Buckskin Bottoms. Commissioner Bledsoe stated that he would call INDOT.

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



Gerald Bledsoe, President



Alan Douglas, Vice-President



Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor