
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
August 6, 2013

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on August 6, 2013, at 8:00 AM 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 16th, 2013, meeting have been read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

County General - \$100,076.29

Courts – \$11,001.73

Highway - \$120,742.42

Sheriff - \$47,400.41

Payroll – Payroll was not available at the time of the meeting.

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

Department Reports:

Barb Schenks, Veterans Affairs Officer presented July report to Commissioners. There were 73 personal interviews, filed 33 claims and applications, informational counseling services totaled 196, attended 6 veteran meetings, filed 5 power of attorneys, 2 Military funerals, 123 incoming telephone calls and 45 outgoing telephone calls.

Gary Dawson, Weights & Measures Officer presented two week report to the Commissioners. Three Vehicle Scales checked, two hopper scales, 34 hospital scales, Computing scales, 1 suspension scale, 2 portable scales, 2 prescription scales, 3 high flow diesel pipes checked, 24 gasoline/diesel pumps, 12 timing devices, 240 patents.

Jerry Heldt, Superintendent Highway Dept. presented monthly report to the Commissioners. Equipment is ready and he expects Road Crew to start chipping next week. Update on the Bridge east of Tri-State speedway, he said that it is pretty much done except for cleanup and some stockpiles that need to be removed. A final walk-through is required. Receiving phone calls on Bridge by Sewer Plant, bids to be let out in March 2014 and finish by year-end.

Kelly Kelley, the new Health Nurse Administrator introduced herself, presented her July report and discussed some of her future plans for the Gibson County Health Department. Submitted annual report and carryover request for the 2012-2013 Indiana Local Health Department Grant. Submitted final paperwork to begin 3rd party billing to private insurance for immunizations, awaiting approval.

Director Dan Alvey with EMS presented June report to the Commissioners with 382 responses and requested write offs in the amount of \$88,920. Commissioner Douglas thought the write offs were higher than normal, but made a motion to approve the write offs, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

Safety had no report.

EMA Director, Terry Hedges reminded the Commissioners that this time last year, we experienced a terrible storm during the Sweet Corn Festival. Oakland City does have an emergency plan in place now for severe weather conditions.

Sheriff Ballard stated that the Road Crew has been very busy all around the County including Fair week, Watermelon Festival, Walnut Hill Cemetery, the garden and putting up the quilt block.

Extension – Megan Hoffherr introduced herself as the new 4H Development Extension Educator.

Animal Services Monthly report was delivered to the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Old Business:

ONB Insurance - Earthquake Quote – Commissioner Bottoms requested they consider dividing the buildings to obtain a less expensive quote. Commissioners tabled their decision on the existing quote as a result of a motion by Commissioner Douglas, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

Dan Cockrun and several board members attended the meeting to celebrate GCARC's 50 Year Proclamation and declare August 15th, 2013 as their Day. County Attorney McDonald read their proclamation to the Commissioners and audience. Appreciation was expressed by the Commissioners and GCARC Board Members to the Association and the Community. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to acknowledge 50 years of Recognition for GCARC, on August 15, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

United Minerals – Bill Guann addressed the Commissioners with regard to two approved road agreements from August 2008 for the Oak Hill, south of Oakland City. They are asking for a two year extension for "Temporary Closure CR 1000 E" and the other is an Extension request for "Coal Haulage Route CR 1000 E out to Hwy 57 on 350 S" which is the south end of that road. Those are five year term agreements and are set to expire the 27th of this month. They expect to

be operating in there until 2015. Expect to be done mining CR 1000 E in six months and there is a detour in place. President Bledsoe requested that they keep CR 350 watered down. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve both extensions, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

Major Medical Sick Leave – Highway Dept. Employee. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve the leave, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

Owensville TIF District – County Attorney McDonald stated that the original bids for paving were actually lower than anticipated for the amount of footage they wanted to pave around the TIF area and due to the fact the price per unit was quoted where it is at, we would like to pave additional roads down there in the TIF District at that unit price. It would be an additional Change Order, they are allotted so much money around the TIF District, the County can use for paving, bridges and repairs. The County Engineer's original bid included shoulder work as well as ditch work and these are all included and we do have additional funds to do the additional paving. Wise to bring up to the Commissioners now, while crews are down there to have them continue to pave the additional footage. County Engineer stated these are roads they are already paving and will extend them a couple of miles out, 280 S, 350 S and 400 S and taking them a little further down the road. County Attorney stated the Bid came in at \$1,542,733.00 and they had several hundred thousand dollars left over. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to accept the changes and to approve the additional paving, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

TMMI – County Highway Superintendent Heldt spoke with TMMI's Terry Stumpf regarding a request for parking lot exits on CR 100E and CR 525S. They want to put their parking lot north of the warehouse on CR 525 on their property and then exiting onto the two County Roads – 525 S and 100 E. He also provided a rough diagram for the Commissioner's review. Even though they haven't been provided the diagrams from TMMI as yet, those they have done in the past have been done correctly. Superintendent Heldt will contact them for the diagrams. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to table the request for further review of County Attorney and other Commission's response, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

Emge Plant – Ms. House addressed Commissioner Bottoms with regards to his being in contact with Debbie Bennett all of the time and had he spoke with her to see if a grant was available through FEMA (which would allow the demolition of the Plant)? Commissioner Bottoms stated that he is sure that she has been working on it, he is in contact with her on other grants and he will be glad to contact her. Ms. House would like an answer for the Fort Branch Town Council Meeting next week. Ms. House stated she knows that Tom Wallace had been in contact with her.

Cecil Allen addressed the Council with regard to the sale of the City Parking Lot. He had a couple of people contact him and told him that the family that deeded this property to the County had some stipulations of what could and couldn't be done with the property. County Attorney stated that the City is getting title work done now and that should answer any questions. He went on to say that as soon as they find out they will let him know.

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



Gerald Bledsoe, President



Alan Douglas, Vice-President



Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor