
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
February 3rd, 2015

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on February 3rd, 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 01/20/15 Executive Session, 01/20/15 Regular Meeting and 01/26/15 Special Meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

- County General - \$152,744.77
- Courts - \$10,860.57
- Highway - \$269,251.23
- Sheriff - \$43,316.84
- Utilities – paid 01/23/15 \$1,731.83
- Payroll - \$279,255.68

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

Department Reports:

Veteran’s Officer Jerry Wright presented the monthly report. He has traded office space with the EMA Department.

Weights and Measures Inspector Gary Dawson presented the monthly report. His office is now in the Main Street Annex.

Highway Superintendent Chuck Lewis stated that ditch work and culvert replacement is taking place and they are getting estimates to replace a road grader. They are checking on some erosion problems at the Historic Red Bridge.

Safety Director Andy Schafer stated that Byron Christie with the EMS Department did some CPR and first aid training at the Highway Department and all the Highway Employees have been certified. Andy’s office is now in the Main Street Annex.

EMA Director Terry Hedges stated that they have some weather radios that they will donate to the public, probably sometime in March.

EMS Director Jim Allen presented the monthly report. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve the write offs in the amount of \$118,395.09, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Tim Bottoms presented the monthly reports.

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

County Highway Engineer John Umpleby stated that there are six bridges that still need work.

Old Business:

- Ordinance 2015-01 Health Department Revision – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve the Health Department Ordinance Revision 2015-01 to increase fees for the Health Department, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.
- Blight Elimination Program Reviewers, Submitters and Approvers – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve the following list of Reviewers and Auditor Sherri Smith and Commissioner Steve Bottoms as Submitters and Approvers for the Blight Elimination Program, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0. The list of Reviewers includes Sherri Smith, Kay Vore, Mary Key, Gerald Bledsoe, Alan Douglas, Stephen Bottoms, Marilyn Mason, Sandy Greubel, and Judy Hyneman.
- *Health Insurance Proposals for Non-Union Employees – 7 bidders*
Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to stay with Health Smart Health Insurance Company for the non-union County employees for 2015, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.
- County Engineer Contract 2015 – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve the Contract for 2015 on the same basis of the 2014 contract between current Highway Engineer, John Umpleby, aka Ecotec and the Gibson County Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

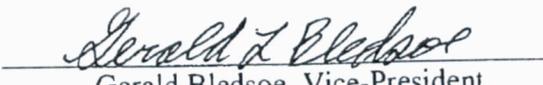
New Business:

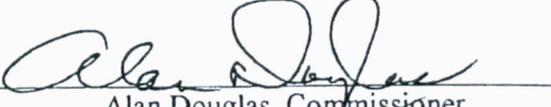
- Sheriff Department – Speed Limit Recommendation for Owensville Road (South of State Road 68). Commissioner Douglas made a motion to set a speed limit of 40 mph on Owensville Road South of State Road 68 based on the recommendation of the Sheriff's Department, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

- Todd Mosby, CEO of Gibson County Redevelopment, along with John Damizzio with Morely and Associates spoke to Commissioners about a proposed new EDA or Economic Development Area. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to pass on the request for a new EDA area in Union and Patoka Townships to the Gibson County Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.
- Boston Mutual Life Insurance representative Michael Kuhn spoke to the Commissioners about contacting the current employees to renew or change or purchase policies. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to have any insurance representative speak to the County employees before work, at lunch, or after work, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.
- Princeton Planning Commissioner – Commissioner Douglas informed the public that they are working on getting someone for the Commissioners’ appointment for the Princeton Planning Commission.
- Parks Board – Todd Mosby informed the Commissioners that the Gibson County Economic Development voted to pay for the survey costs and anything that goes with that on the land that will be donated to Gibson County from the Hopkins family for a park in the East Gibson Area. Commissioner Bottoms on behalf of the Commissioners thanked the GCED for their assistance.
- City of Oakland City – Gibson County Clerk Jim Morrow informed the Commissioners that the City of Oakland City would like to change their voting location from the Oak Grove Church to the Oakland City Community Center located in Wirth Park. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to allow Oakland City to change the voting location from Oak Grove Church to the Oakland City Community Center located in Wirth Park seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

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