
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
January 7, 2014

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on January 7, 2014, 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.

President Bledsoe made “comments of appreciation” to the Highway Department, the Highway Engineer, the Sheriff’s Department, and the Courthouse Supervisor, Andy Schafer and his staff, for their work during the recent bout of bad weather. Every call received was positive; Commissioner Bottoms agreed.

2014 Election of Officers:

Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to nominate Commissioner Douglas as the President of the Commissioners for 2014, seconded by President Bledsoe. Motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to nominate President Bledsoe as Vice President of the Commissioners for the year 2014, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion passed 2-0.

Vice-President Bledsoe passed the gavel to President Alan Douglas.

Minutes: The minutes from December 26th, 2013 meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bledsoe and seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

County General - \$58,762.56

Courts - \$1,995.57

Highway - \$71,209.08

Sheriff – Did not have claims for this pay period

Payroll – No payroll so far this year.

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

Department Reports:

- Veterans - The Commissioners have a copy of the December 2013 Veterans Service Report.

- Weights & Measures Inspector, Gary Dawson, presented his monthly report.
- Highway Supervisor, Jerry Heldt, gave a report on the recent weather related activities. Jerry also asked the Commissioners to approve the Annual Contract with Mounts Electric, for traffic signal maintenance on Tulip Tree Drive. Vice-President Bledsoe made a motion to approve the Contract with Mounts Electric, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.
- EMS Director, Dan Alvey, presented his monthly report and a summary of the EMS vehicles.
- EMA Director, Terry Hedges, commented on the recent weather episodes. He commended several groups of individuals, including the public for heeding the warnings of preparation.
- Sheriff George Ballard stated that the monthly report would be presented at the next meeting. He also commended the community concerning the recent weather related issues. He did state that there have been 13 water rescues.
- Animal Services - Commissioner's Secretary, Kay Vore, stated that she has a copy of the Animal Services report for December.
- GIS - GIS Director, John Howe, gave a report for 2013 on the GIS site, BEACON.

William (Bill) Lemmons – President Douglas asked for a moment of silence for former Deputy Sheriff, former City Policeman, former Building Commissioner William (Bill) Lemmons, as he recently passed away.

Old Business:

2014 Commissioner Appointments – Gibson County Redevelopment Commission - Vice-President Bledsoe made a motion to retract the December 2013 appointment of Stacey Umbaugh to the Gibson County Redevelopment Commission, as she is ineligible, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to appoint Steve Gruszewski to the Gibson County Redevelopment Commission and to appoint Abby Wallace to the Gibson County Visitors & Tourism Commission, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to re-appoint Beverly Knight to the Gibson County Visitors & Tourism Commission, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

Gibson County Coal to Transfer CR 350S to Gibson County - Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to accept the deed from ALLIANCE PROPERTIES LLC to Gibson County for the recently relocated County Road 350 South, located in Montgomery Township, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

2014 County Engineer Contract - Commission Bledsoe made a motion to approve the contract between ECOTEC and the Gibson County Commissioners, for the County Highway Engineer, John Umpleby, with a 1% increase in pay, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

2014 Meeting Calendar – Vice-President Bledsoe made a motion to approve the following dates and times for the Commissioner Meetings, for 2014, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. The first meeting in the month will be at 8:00 AM and the second meeting of the month will be at 6:30 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

January 7 and 21
February 4 and 18
March 5 and 18
April 1 and 15
May 1 and 20
June 3 and 17
July 1 and 15
August 5 and 19
September 2 and 16
October 7 and 21
November 5 and 18
December 2 and 30

2014-2015 Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) – Commissioner Bottoms a motion to approve the 2014-2015 EDIT Plan for Gibson County, seconded by Vice-President Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0. The EDIT Plan will be sent to the County Council for their approval and will be on file in the Auditor's Office.

Thomson Reuters Contract – Prepare/Print/Mail Property Tax Statements - Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to accept the contract with Thompson Reuters for the 2013 pay 2014 tax statements, seconded by Vice-President Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

Freiji Treatments – Salt Alternatives – Dean Freiji – Due to weather conditions, they were unable to attend the meeting. This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Sheriff 's Merit Board for 2014 will remain the same.

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



Gerald Bledsoe, President



Alan Douglas, Vice-President



Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor