
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
July 19, 2011

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on July 19, 2011, at 6:00 PM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: Bob Townsend, President, Gerald Bledsoe, VP, Alan Douglas, Commissioner, Jim McDonald, County Attorney, Kay Vore, Administrative Assistant, and C.T. Montgomery, Auditor.

Minutes: The minutes from the July 5, 2011, meeting were approved with a motion from Alan Douglas and seconded by Gerald Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

County General	\$ 77,353.92
Courts	\$ 5,474.13
Highway	\$ 54,375.14
Sheriff	\$ 49,410.76
Payroll (July 15, 2011)	\$278,873.25
Payroll (July 29, 2011)	\$266,200.29

Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to approve the claims. Alan Douglas seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Old Business:

Dave Yeager of Black Beauty Coal Company asked commissioners for a two year extension on the crossing on CR50 S which is just east of CR 725 E. Alan Douglas made a motion to approve and Gerald Bledsoe seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

John Umpleby, County Engineer, told commissioners that when Bernardin-Lochmueller Associates did the job bid estimate for the Brumfield overpass, they had anticipated that the railroad review of the plans would be approximately \$3,000.00. Now CSX Railway has replied to the request and has said the "Estimated Reimbursable Expenses" will total an estimated \$15,000.00. Upon execution and delivery of the Agreement by the county, the county will send them a check for said amount within 10 days. If CSXT anticipates that it may incur Reimbursable Expenses in excess of the deposited amount, CSXT will request an additional deposit equal to the then remaining Reimbursable Expenses which CSXT estimates that it will incur. Norfolk Southern Railway Company also runs under the Brumfield overpass and they have an engineering cost estimate of \$12,000.00. They will submit invoiced claims to the county for reimbursement. Alan Douglas made a motion to approve the agreements with the two railroad companies. Gerald Bledsoe seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Heldt, recommended to commissioners, that there should be a four-way stop at the intersection of CR 450 E and CR 350 S. Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to approve the recommendation. Alan Douglas seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Bob Townsend brought up a tabled issue, from last month, of PC Recovery Systems offer to recover overcharges on phone bills, maintenance agreements, leases, and etc. If no overcharges are found, there is no fee. If overcharges are found, PC Recovery will receive 50% of the recovered fee. The contract will run for two years. Alan Douglas made a motion to approve the contract. Gerald Bledsoe seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Jim McDonald, County Attorney, told commissioners that a settlement had occurred with Nina Lloyd concerning property damage. It was recommended that adjoining, county owned Parcel 26-13-19-202-000.169-005 be deeded over to Nina Lloyd as part of the settlement. Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to approve the recommendation. Alan Douglas seconded and motion passed 3-0.

Bob Townsend recommended to the commissioners that they lease the building on 212 South Prince (Fellowship Hall), belonging to the First Baptist Church. It will become the new South Annex. The building leases for \$18,000.00 per year on a three year lease with an option to buy the property at any time during the three year term of the lease for \$120,000.00. It will take about \$20,000.00 to build a new parking lot on the south side of the building and put a new ramp into the basement and do inside infrastructure improvements. Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to approve the lease. Alan Douglas seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

New Business:

John Umpleby, requested authority to advertise for bids on several county roads: CR 1000S, CR 1050E, CR 1075E, CR 800 S, CR 600S, CR 150S, CR 125S, CR 100S and 1 1/2 miles of Top Hat road. Alan Douglas made a motion to approve advertising for bids for blacktopping these roads. Gerald Bledsoe seconded the motion and motion passed 3-0.

AT&T Representative, Pepper Mulherin, made a presentation concerning support for AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile USA. If AT&T merges with T-Mobile, they will acquire the capability (4G) to deliver high-speed internet wireless service in Gibson County. Bob Townsend read the resolution "Now, therefore, let it be resolved by the Gibson County Commissioners that Gibson County, Indiana, supports actions such as AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile USA that will create opportunities that will lay the foundation for generations of prosperity and build a state with a secure future in a competitive global economy." Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to approve the signature and support of the resolution. Alan Douglas seconded the motion and motion passed 3-0.

Bob Townsend told commissioners that since the Census, precinct boundaries will be moving in the county. The Indiana Election Division requires that the county file a "Notice of Error with Precinct Boundaries" if present precinct boundaries are incorrect. The report has to be submitted NLT August 4, 2011. Alan Douglas made a motion to submit the report to the Indiana Election Division. Gerald Bledsoe seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

GIS Director, John Howe asked commissioners to allow a website called Indiana University Spatial Data Portal, copies of Gibson Counties Aerial photos and elevation data. This also allows backups of this data at two different server locations that we will have access to should our GIS need to access that information. The service is at no cost to the county. Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to approve the request. Alan Douglas seconded the motion and motion passed 3-0.

EMS Director Dan Alvey gave a department report and asked for \$62,896.73 in write offs. Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to approve the write offs and Alan Douglas seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Dan Alvey also informed the commissioners that he was letting out bids on a new stretcher.

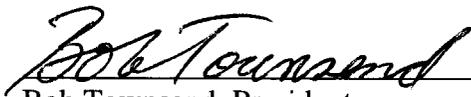
Economic Development Corporation Director Todd Mosby made a presentation concerning the building his Corporation is housed in. He gave a history of the building and how restoration of the building can benefit the county. He was asking for permission to approach the Economic Redevelopment Commission to request assistance funding of \$200,000.00. Alan Douglas made a motion to approve the request. Gerald Bledsoe seconded the motion and motion passed 3-0.

Jim McDonald told commissioners that the county owned a small lot at 718 S Seminary, in Princeton, IN. The county tried to sell the property in the past and has approached neighbors bordering the property, to see if they wanted the property. Ronald McGillem agreed to receive the property for the price of a title search and transfer fee. Giving this property to the adjoining landowner will get the property back on the tax rolls. Alan Douglas made a motion to allow Ronald McGillem to receive the property as agreed. Gerald Bledsoe seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Sheriff Ballard received a request for a speed limit on CR 700E (Between CR 600S and SR 168). Sheriff Ballard reported that his deputy observed the gravel road which has two ninety degree turns and recommends a 30 MPH speed limit be imposed on this road. Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to approve the recommendation and Alan Douglas seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

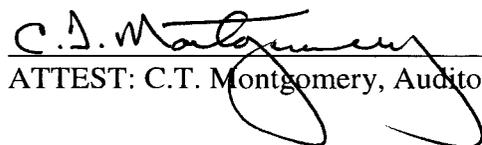
A Ft. Branch resident has property which adjoins Boyles drainage Ditch. She is concerned that the ditch is being washed away and is not being maintained. She wants the weeds cut and the mosquitos controlled. She is worried about the abundance of snakes of which she is sure the ditch is contributing. Gerald Bledsoe responded that the Department of Corrections work crew had cleaned one side of the ditch last week and said that is the best the ditch has looked for many years. They are scheduled to come back in the near future.

Alan Douglas made a motion to adjourn. Gerald Bledsoe seconded and motion passed 3-0.


Bob Townsend, President


Alan Douglas, Commissioner


Gerald Bledsoe, VP


ATTEST: C.T. Montgomery, Auditor