
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
July 21st, 2015

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on July 21st, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

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

Absent: County Attorney James McDonald III

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Welcome were recited and led by President Bottoms.

Minutes: The Minutes from July 7th, 2015 meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

County General - \$132,092.48
Courts - \$12,360.88
Highway - \$28,298.80
Sheriff - \$39,562.82
Utilities - \$4,685.52
ACH - \$9,082.12
Payroll – 07/10/15 \$293,803.90 – 07/24/15 \$295,755.17

Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve the claims and was seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Department Reports:

No Reports Given Tonight

Old Business:

- The bids for Bridge # 341 were opened by the Commissioners' Administrative Assistant and read by Commissioner Douglas. The bids were as follows: DK Parker - \$98,500; CLR \$139,778.50, with credits \$131,596.50.

Commissioner Douglas made a motion to take the bids for Bridge 341 under advisement due to the absence of the County Attorney, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- Town of Ft. Branch – Redevelopment Commission Proposal – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to table the Town of Ft. Branch Redevelopment Commission Proposal, until the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- EDA Economic Development Area – Commissioners having rescinded a motion on an earlier proposed area for an EDA (because it was felt it was too large), have their own recommendation from both sides of Hwy. 41 beginning with Patoka, skipping Princeton, then 2nd Avenue, skipping the Toyota TIF District, picking back up and then skipping Ft. Branch, but expanding ½ mile west of Fort Branch to include the old Emge plant. EDAs cannot be located inside an Incorporated Area or a TIF District. President Bottoms stated creating this EDA, or additional TIF Districts will not increase taxes in these areas.

Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve the new proposal for an EDA Economic Development Area Proposal for the Hwy. 41 Corridor to be sent to the Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

- Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Redevelopment Authority's pursuing Regional Cities' money from the State, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to appoint Dan Pochet as the Commissioners' appointment to the Regional Cities Board, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- Todd Mosby and representatives from Toyota Boshoku presented a TIF Proposal of expansion and for hiring additional employees – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to table the request of Toyota Boshoku for the use of TIF money for an expansion until the August 4th meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- County Road 775 and 300 S Signage & Speed Limit – County resident Josh Meeks asked the Commissioners for a speed limit check on CR 300 S from CR 850 E to CR 250 S and also asked about placing a hidden driveway sign near his home at CR 825 E and CR 300 S. The Sheriff's Department will monitor the road and report at a later meeting. Mr. Meeks will purchase the needed signs and the Highway Department will install them.
- Chamber of Commerce – Requested the dates for Heritage Days of Sept. 18th, 19th & 20th – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve the dates of September 18th, 19th, and 20th, 2015 as Heritage Days to be located around the Courthouse in Princeton Indiana, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- County Attorney Contract – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve the continuance of the contract between the County Commissioners and Attorney James McDonald III, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- FMLA for Highway Employee – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve FMLA for a Highway Department employee, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- County Engineer John Umpleby – Request to Bid out Bridge 204 on Sharp Road – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to allow the County Engineer to let bids on Bridge 204 Southwest of Owensville, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

County Engineer Umpleby stated that Bridge 16, near the power plant, is open and that Bridge 341 in Hazleton would be finished soon.

- Commissioner Bottoms stated that the audit report on the Ambulance Department by the Medical Representative was very good.
- County Hwy. Position – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to schedule an Executive Session for July 28th, 2015 at 9:00 AM in the North Annex to go over applications for a Highway position, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Sheriff Bottoms presented a Report on 350/Carithers Road – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Sheriff's Department for a speed limit of 30 mph on CR 350 E and 360 E between Carithers Road and 400 N, and to place stop signs at either end of 350 E, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- Commissioner Bledsoe stated that he is still trying to set up a meeting with INDOT concerning the cut through road connecting Hwy. 68 and Hwy. 41 and railroad crossings in Ft. Branch and on Hwy. 168.
- Asked and Answered about CR 1200 / 850 – The Commissioners asked the Sheriff's Department to monitor CR 1200 E at the intersection of 850 S concerning the location of a Stop sign.
- Asked and Answered about CR 900 S – Commissioner Bottoms stated that CR 900 S will be repaired at the Coal Mines expense.
- Asked and Answered about Lights for Crossing on Haul Road – Commissioner Bledsoe stated that he is still working with the Coal Mine concerning the lights at the crossings on the haul roads in East Gibson.
- Asked and Answered about the millings on 1200 E to 850 S that will be put on by the coal mine when they become available.
- Asked and Answered about Closing the Road on 850 – The Commissioners will not talk to the coal mine about closing 850 S until other items that they are supposed to do have been completed.
- County resident Cecil Allen asked if something could be done about a curb that is washing out close to his home on CR 350 W. Hwy. Dept. will check into this.

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



 Stephen E. Bottoms, President



 Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-President



 Alan Douglas, Commissioner



 ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor