
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
July 7th, 2015

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on July 7th, 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 the June 16th, 2015 Regular Session and June 29th, 2015 Special Session have been 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 - \$309,606.40
Courts - \$4,546.59
Highway - \$130,935.34
Sheriff - \$23,307.56
Credit Cards & Utilities - \$8,542.87
ACH - \$27,531.67
Utility - \$8,031.75
Payroll - \$289,147.38 June 26th 2015

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:

Veterans Service Officer Jerry Wright presented the monthly report.

Highway Superintendent Chuck Lewis stated that chipping and sealing of the County roads has started for the summer.

Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to rescind a previous motion to advertise for two new dump trucks for the Highway Department, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Douglas made a motion to allow the Highway Department to advertise for a new dump truck, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

County Highway Engineer John Umpleby stated that Bridge 16 on CR 800 W and Base Road should be open today, weather permitting. Construction on Bridge 341 on Trippett Road in Hazleton should start in three to four weeks.

EMS Director Jim Allen presented the monthly report.

Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to allow a FMLA leave for an EMS employee beginning August 18th, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to allow advertisement to hire an EMS employee, with Council approval, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Douglas made a motion to allow EMS write offs in the amount of \$106,697.66, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Tim Bottoms presented the monthly report.

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

Old Business:

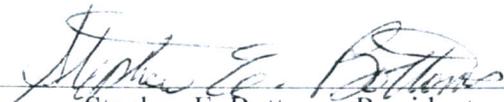
- 2nd Avenue Extension – Commissioner Douglas announced that the Second Avenue Extension that runs out to McCarty Road is now open.

New Business:

- Gibson County Economic Development Area along US Hwy. 41 Corridor – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to rescind the present proposal concerning the HWY 41 Corridor that was sent to the Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Tiger Correctional Service, Inc. Contract – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to allow the Sheriff's Department to contract the food service for the jail for one year, with automatic renewal, to Tiger Correctional Services Inc. seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- Insurance Reimbursement for Sheriff Department – Commissioner Bottoms stated that a console in the Sheriff’s Department that was struck by lightning will be covered by the insurance company.
- Railroad Crossing Update – Commissioner Bottoms stated that they still are having problems at the railroad crossing on the south end of Princeton, and he is also getting calls about Lyle Station Crossing. He also stated that there have been phone calls from county residents that appreciate the Commissioners trying to take care of the problems.
- Computer Support Request for Proposals – Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to table the Request for Proposals for Computer Support until the next Commissioners meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Speed Limit Request by Hwy. Supt. Lewis on CR 350 E – Due to public complaint, Hwy. Supt. Lewis asked that the Sheriff’s Department do a traffic study on North CR 350 E and CR 360 E from Carithers Road to 400 N. The Sheriff’s Department will recommend a speed limit after the study.
- Commissioner Bledsoe asked that CR 150 E from the Speedway to Hwy. 68 have extra patrol from the Sheriff’s Department for speeding. He also questioned if there was a dangerous hill sign on the road. Commissioner Douglas asked that Hwy. Supt. Lewis check to see if the speed limit signs on that road are posted at 30 MPH.
- President Bottoms stated an issue of Rock Dust in association with Ordinance 2015-01. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion for the County Attorney to send a letter to Gibson County Coal concerning Ordinance 2015-01 dealing with rock dust, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

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


 Stephen E. Bottoms, President


 Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-President


 Alan Douglas, Commissioner


 ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor