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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on March 4th, 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, 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 February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bledsoe and seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

**Claims:**

- County General - \$193,239.28
- Courts - \$14,024.09
- Highway - \$69,299.01
- Sheriff - \$33,603.51
- Utilities - \$6,159.80
- Payroll - \$306,879.72 - March 6, 2015

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

**Department Reports:**

Veterans Service Officer Jerry Wright presented the monthly report.

Weights and Measures Inspector Gary Dawson presented the monthly report.

Highway Superintendent Chuck Lewis had asked to be excused from the meeting in order to prepare for the upcoming incimate weather.

County Highway Engineer John Umpleby stated that Bridge 16 has been advertised and bids will be accepted until April 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM CST. The bids will be opened at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at 8:00 AM. The Bridge is located on CR 800 W and Base Road.

Health – No reports were given.

Safety – No reports were given.

EMA Director Terry Hedges stated that on March 14<sup>th</sup> there will be an exercise at the Red Cross for disaster training. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a severe weather training session at the Courthouse. Director Hedges presented the 2014 Annual Report. He also presented an EMPG Grant that required their approval and signature. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve the signing of the EMPG Grant, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bottoms asked for a moment of silence for the passing of one of Gibson County's EMTs, Natalie Bratcher. EMS Director Jim Allen asked for permission to hire a replacement. He also presented the monthly report. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve write offs in the amount of \$66,990.02, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Tim Bottoms presented the monthly reports.

Extension – No reports were given.

Animal Services - The Animal Services monthly report is on file in Administrative Assistant Kay Vore's office.

#### **Old Business:**

- Work One – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to retain Mayor Bob Hurst as the Chief Elected Official for Gibson County Workforce Development, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Douglas stated that Toyota is once again in the hiring process.
- Wabash River Road – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to accept the selected route from Hwy 64 W to 850 S running parallel to the river as the Scenic Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Road, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.
- Quote for Landfill Drilling – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve the recommendation of County Highway Engineer John Umpleby to accept the bid from Enviro Dynamics to put in new wells at our landfill, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **New Business:**

- Oak Ridge Estates – Section C – Michael Stevenson – There will be a preliminary hearing for a new subdivision, Oak Ridge Estates Section C, at the next Commissioners meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Sheriff's Department Employee Major Medical Leave Request – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve a major medical leave in the Sheriff's Department, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

- Commissioner's Office Employee Major Medical Leave Request – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve a major medical leave in the Commissioners Department, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.
- Circuit Court Employee Major Medical Leave Request - Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve a major medical leave in the Circuit Court, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Minutes from the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting.

  
Stephen E. Bottoms, President

  
Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-President

  
Alan Douglas, Commissioner

  
ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor