
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
March 6, 2013

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on March 6, 2013, at 8:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: Gerald Bledsoe, President, Alan Douglas, Vice-President, Steve Bottoms, Commissioner, Kay Vore, Administrative Assistant, Jim McDonald, County Attorney and Sherri Smith, County Auditor.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Welcome was recited and led by Gerald Bledsoe.

Minutes: The minutes from February 19, 2013 meeting was read and approved through a motion by Steve Bottoms and seconded by Gerald Bledsoe. Motion carried 2-0.

Claims:

County General - \$59,243.58

Courts - \$9,583.12

Highway - \$80,119.90

Sheriff - \$251,388.66

Payroll – Feb. 22, 2013 - \$312,372.88 – March 8, 2013 \$280,392.49

Alan Douglas made a motion to approve the claims and was seconded by Steve Bottoms.

Motion carried 3-0.

Department Reports:

Veterans – Barbara Schenks made February report.

Weights & Measures – Report submitted separately to the Commissioners.

Health – Jennifer Tuley made February report.

EMS – Dan Alvey asked that the Commissioners to approve the sale of two ambulances.

Motion made by Alan Douglas, seconded by Steve Bottoms. Motion Carried 3-0. These ambulances will be advertised.

Safety – No Report

EMA – No Report

Sheriff – Inmate road crews have worked the past two Sundays bagging trash. Donations of trash bags have been received and are appreciated. Discussions have begun regarding the mowing of cemeteries, again this year. Steve Bottoms stated that the Town of Somerville appreciated all their help last summer.

Highway – Jerry Heldt reported that mid-April date of new truck delivery. With the exception of one piece, all older equipment has been sold.

Extension – No Report

Animal Services – Report submitted separately to the Commissioners.

Old Business:

Bridge # 26 – Bid has been awarded to D. K. Parker Company, Inc. with low bid. \$185,742.00. Steve Bottoms made a motion to accept the bid recommended by County Engineer John Umplebee, seconded by Alan Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

Traffic signal – Intersection of State Road 64 and 65. Hwy. Supt Jerry Heldt says INDOT has been doing survey work. On March 20th, at 9:30 a.m., for all Utilities, there will be a preliminary walk through. Commissioners will try and attend.

Peabody Haul-Road Crossings – CR 1200 E - Howard Kiefer with Peabody addressed the Commissioners. They would like permission to construct a 3rd road crossing for approximately 8 weeks instead of maximum of two road crossings per original agreement. They will obtain a \$25,000 bond for the 3rd crossing and amend the agreement while working with County Attorney to draw up amendment – Alan Douglas made a motion that they table until next meeting, March 19th, seconded by Steve Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

Assessor Juanita Beadle – Contract with Tyler Technologies – the DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance) has changed the process and contracts must be reviewed by County Attorney, approved and signed by Commissioners. Assessor's office has done business with Tyler Technologies since 2006. Motion was made by Alan Douglas and seconded by Steve Bottoms to accept the Contract from Tyler Technologies. Motion carried 3-0.

AGLA - American General Life and Accident Insurance Co. – Robyn Whitmeyer made a presentation in regard to their new program and to approach County Employees to offer their "Quality of Life Insurance" or a "long term care" product. They currently have no County employees enrolled. AGLA is to contact Kay, then Supervisors will be notified and AGLA representatives will be told when they can speak with employees. The Commissioners do not want production interrupted nor will employees be required to sign a waiver form. Alan Douglas made a motion to allow AGLA representatives to contact County Employees via Kay Vore, and provide a brochure for interest, prior to personal visit, seconded by Steve Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

EDIT Plan Revised 2013-2014 – Alan Douglas stated that each Commissioner had received a copy for review and they are prepared to accept this revision. Alan Douglas made motion, Steve Bottoms seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff George Ballard – Toyota Grant Application for four portable radios, has been discussed in prior meeting and now needs to be approved and signed by Commissioners. Steve Bottoms made a motion to approve the Grant, seconded by Alan Douglas. Motion carried 3-0. Sheriff Ballard also made a request of the Commissioners to allow the inmates to create a vegetable garden across from the Jail on property which is currently owned by the County. Road Crew and Work Release inmates would plant and maintain. Sheriff also believes from speaking with other Sheriffs this will reduce food costs. The garden was discussed with Mayor Hurst with no

objections and the Health Department, which asked that all produce be washed prior to utilizing in the kitchen. Sheriff Ballard said the produce would not be grown for resale or community use. Inmates like home time and this is another way they can earn home time. Alan Douglas made a motion to allow the creation of a vegetable garden with inmates maintaining, Steve Bottoms seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Steve Bottoms asked Sheriff Ballard for an update on the new "Quality Correctional Care" the Sheriff feels program has been a success so far and is pleased with all of the services they are providing.

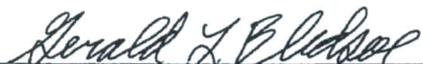
Other Business from the Floor

Robert Schmitt – CR 550 – why was that road not bonded during construction of I69? Supt. Jerry Heldt stated that CR 550 was not a good paved road initially; they felt they could do better with road agreements over bonds. The County has no right to ask an I69 Contractor to pave a CR that was not paved prior to construction. The Coal Mine was spreading rock in front of Mr. Schmitt's road and he observed the age of a county pickup and he made a request the county set up a trade-in program of County vehicles. The Commissioners are working with Redevelopment Commission to upgrade two vehicles in the fleet at this time.

Mariette House addressed the Commissioners in regard to a response from Congress Oil, Mr. Mounts and the cleanup of the Emge Plant. President Bledsoe said they had not received a response, but had heard they were trying to get the front gate working with a remote. At the July hearing, the injunction about the hot work, Mr. Mounts stated that he was working with a Chicago Contractor to get the plant site cleaned up. President Bledsoe stated again that the Commissioners have not received a response. She asked the Commissioners to find out if he was following up on the clean-up and possible sale of the surrounding property. Mr. Mounts did sign for the last letter but has not responded.

Ted Wright addressed the Commissioners in regard to Bald Hill Lane. In 2003, Mr. Morrison and County employees made the road wider after Mr. Wright purchased farm land down this lane. Around 2006, the County stopped servicing this road. Mr. Wright is asking that this Road be maintained by the County again. After discussion, Steve Bottoms made a motion to table this request, seconded by Alan Douglas to further investigate and have a decision prepared for the April meeting. Motion carried, 3-0.

Alan Douglas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve Bottoms. Motion carried, 3-0.



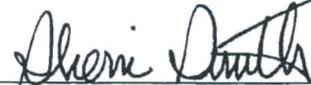
Gerald Bledsoe, President



Alan Douglas, Vice-President



Steve Bottoms, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor