
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
May 6th, 2015

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on May 6th, 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 April 21st, 2015, regular meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bledsoe and seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

- County General - \$195,182.07
- Courts - \$12,092.87
- Highway - \$70,004.79
- Sheriff - \$15,572.91
- ACH - \$2,001.92
- Utilities - \$22,723.82
- Payroll - \$276,046.43 – May 1, 2015

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

Department Reports:

A Veteran’s Service Office report is on file.

Weights and Measures Inspector Gary Dawson was attending another meeting.

County Highway Superintendent Chuck Lewis informed the Council that after the Commissioners meeting he will be meeting with a representative from Peabody Energy about the work to be done on 550 E North of SR 64. CR 850 S is still a work in progress.

County Highway Engineer John Umpleby stated that the project in Northbrook Hills is going well. He also stated that Bridge 16 has been demolished. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to allow the Highway Engineer to start the process to rebuild Bridge 341 on Trippett Road in Hazleton, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-

0. Commissioner Douglas complimented the residents of Northbrook Hills on their cooperation during the Northbrook Hills project.

Health Administrator Kelly Kelley stated that they are getting a lot of calls on flooding, tall weeds and grass, bed bugs and mosquitos. She also stated that the office will be offering late hours this summer for school required vaccinations. She also complimented Maintenance Director Andy Schafer for making the bathroom facilities Handicap accessible at the South Annex.

Safety – No Report

EMA Director Terry Hedges stated that the County based Homeland Security Grant went active about two weeks ago, and this will be used for upgrades in and around the Courthouse.

EMS Director Jim Allen presented the monthly report. He also stated that he has been working on reducing the costs of some of the utilities. Write offs – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve write offs in the amount of \$70,425.75 for the EMS Department, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Tim Bottoms presented the monthly reports. All positions except for one dispatcher have been filled at the Sheriff's Department. They will take applications for this until 3:00 PM Thursday May 7th, 2015.

Extension – No Report

A monthly report for Animal Services is on file.

Old Business:

- Railroad Crossing Update – Commissioner Bottoms stated that he and County Attorney Jim McDonald met with representatives from Norfolk Southern on Tuesday. He stated that there is some attention being paid to the problem. Attorney Jim McDonald stated that he thought it was a good first step that they actually came down and talked with them. The County has some phone numbers to call if need be and hopefully the problem will be eliminated.

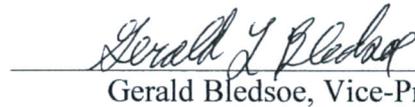
New Business:

- Major Medical for County Highway Employee – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve a major medical for an employee at the Highway Department, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

- Auditor Smith – Annual Report of Congressional, Common School and Permanent Endowment Funds – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve the Annual Report of Congressional Township, Common School and Permanent Endowment Funds for the year ending April 30, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.
- Hopkins Park Property Tax Issue – County Attorney Jim McDonald stated that the County will pay the property taxes due in 2015 for the portion of land that will be donated to the County from the Hopkins Family Trust for a County park.
- Sheriff's Dept. makes Speed Limit Recommendation – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Sheriff's Department to place a speed limit of 30 mph on CR 550 S between Keneipp Road and SR 165, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

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


Stephen E. Bottoms, President


Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-President


Alan Douglas, Commissioner


ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor