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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
October 1, 2013

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on October 1, 2013, at 8:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

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

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

**Minutes:** The minutes from the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

**Claims:**

- County General - \$177,684.56
- Courts - \$8,272.46
- Highway - \$103,779.83
- Sheriff - \$31,952.75
- Payroll - \$274,748.01

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

**Department Reports:**

- Veterans' Service Officer, Barbara Schenks, presented her monthly report to the Commissioners.
- Weights and Measures Inspector, Gary Dawson, presented his monthly report to the Commissioners.
- Highway Superintendent, Jerry Heldt, presented his monthly report. He asked the Commissioners for permission to sell some old equipment on EBAY. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to allow the items to be placed on EBAY, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Bottoms thanked the Highway workers and United Consulting for taking care of a problem on Route 17, out by Lyle Station. Jerry Heldt also thanked the local farmers throughout the County for the mowing that they have done this year.

- Cheri Sweeney, representing the Health Department, presented the monthly report. The Local Health Maintenance Grant has been submitted. The County employee flu shot process has begun.  
The shots will continue to be given on Mondays and Thursdays at the Health Department. The Gibson County Health Department has been approved to be an enrollment site for the Affordable Care Act. The demolition of buildings around the Health Department will start on Wednesday. The Commissioners asked Safety Director, Andy Schaefer, to check on some safety issues surrounding the Health Department, while the demolition is going on. The electrical issue has been fixed.
- EMS Director, Dan Alvey, gave his monthly report to the Commissioners. Director Alvey thanked Peabody Coal for donations for training equipment.
- Safety had no report.
- EMA Director, Terry Hedges, presented his monthly report. The Department of Homeland Security has set October 17<sup>th</sup> for the Earthquake Drill.
- Sheriff had no report.
- County Agent had no report.
- Animal Services – Commissioners' Secretary, Kay Vore, has a copy of the Animal Services monthly report, for anyone that wants to see it.

**Old Business:**

117 E. Washington Street, Oakland City, Sale of Real Estate. No bids were received on the property at 117 E Washington Street, Oakland City. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion for County Attorney, Jim McDonald, to speak with the adjacent property owners about taking ownership of the property, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney, Jim McDonald, stated that there are two bids for the Worker's Compensation Insurance. They are Old National Insurance and Shepherd Insurance Financial Services. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to take the bids under advisement, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0. A decision will be given at the next meeting.

County Highway Engineer, John Umpleby, informed the Commissioners that there is landfill gas leaking at Landfill #1. Commissioner Douglas made a motion for drilling a hole for testing, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0. The results will be sent to IDEM.

Fence on CR 350 W - Commissioner Douglas made a motion to move the fence at CR 350W, back at least four feet from edge of road, depending on utilities, no less than three feet; if not moved within thirty days, the fence will be brought down, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

**New Business:**

Leave of Absence for County Highway Dept. Employee – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve a leave of absence for the Highway Department, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

Johnson Township Library Appointment - Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to reappoint Steve Greubel as a member of the Ft Branch Johnson Township Public Library Board, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

Private Sewer Systems Ordinance 2013-03 – Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to waive the first reading and motion to publish ORDINANCE NO. 2013-3, AMENDED ORDINANCE REGULATING PRIVATE SEWER SYSTEMS LOCATED IN GIBSON COUNTY INDIANA, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0. The Ordinance will be read at three meetings, and is available for inspection. The original Ordinance was passed on September 15, 1997.

Healthcare Act Compliance – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion for County Auditor, Sherri Smith, to mail Notices of Privacy Practices concerning HIPPA regulations to all county employees and letters concerning the Affordable Health Care Act to all non-union employees, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bottoms apologized to the people of the Courts, for the computer problems that they have been having. The problem is being addressed. Also, he talked about a problem at the crossing on CR 1200E, due to mud on the crossing from so much rain. The situation is being addressed.

Mr. Cecil Allen addressed the Commissioner with regard to his fence. County Attorney, Jim McDonald, told Mr. Allen to have his attorney call Attorney McDonald, concerning his fence located at CR 350 W (this item was mentioned above under Old Business). Mr. Allen agreed.

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



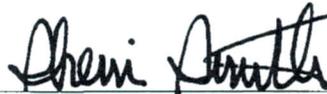
Gerald Bledsoe, President



Alan Douglas, Vice-President



Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor