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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
April 1, 2014

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on April 1, 2014, at 8:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

**Members Present:** President Alan Douglas, Vice-President Gerald Bledsoe, Commissioner Stephen E. Bottoms, 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 Douglas.

**Minutes:** The minutes from March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bledsoe and seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

**Claims:**

- County General - \$143,358.40
- Courts - \$20,429.85
- Highway - \$102,054.57
- Sheriff - \$58,732.60
- Payroll – Payroll not available for this meeting.

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

**Department Reports:**

Veterans Officer - Commissioner Douglas presented the Veteran’s Service Report for March. Mr. Wright was in Indianapolis.

Weights and Measures Inspector Gary Dawson presented his monthly report.

Gibson County Health Administrator Kelly Kelley presented the National County Rankings of the health conditions of the counties populations. Gibson County improved over last year.

EMS Director Dan Alvey stated that he still has three employees off and two trucks being repaired. The monthly report will be presented at the next meeting.

Safety - Commissioner Douglas commented on how nice the floors in the North Annex look after being waxed.

EMA Director Terry Hedges commented about a possible burn ban, and upcoming risk of severe weather. Commissioner Douglas asked that everyone be very cautious if they are doing any burning.

Extension Director Hans Schmitz stated that he will be interviewing for the Health and Human Science position this month. All programs are doing well.

Highway Superintendent Jerry Heldt stated that it will probably take all summer to get all the roads repaired. His Department is working on reports for the worst roads in each Commissioner's district.

### **Old Business:**

- Speed Limit – A speed limit request made at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to change the speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph on CR 325 W between SR 168 and CR 800 S was reviewed by the Sheriff's Department. It was found that it is already posted at 30 mph, at both ends. It will be left at 30 mph.
- Princeton Planning Commission Appointments and Expiration Dates -The appointments of Richard Paul and Helen Hauck were originally stated as ending 12/31/16 and should be 12/31/17. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion for the change, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

### **New Business:**

- Appointment to Princeton Board of Zoning Appeals - Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to reappoint Patty Perkins to the Princeton Board of Zoning Appeals as the Commissioners appointee until 12/31/17, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.
- Major Medical Leave – Recorder's Office - A Major Medical Leave for a Recorder's Office Employee was tabled until the next meeting.
- FMLA – Sheriff's Department  
Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve a FMLA for the Sheriff's Department, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.
- Sheriff George Ballard presented two Proclamations. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to accept the Proclamation for the week of April 13-19, 2014 as National Public Safety Tele Communications Officers Week, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to accept the Proclamation to honor former Gibson County native Officer John Officer that was killed in the line of duty in 1934, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

- Colonial Life Employee Renewals - Ruth Plant and Sandra Englehardt representing Colonial Life Insurance asked the Commissioners for permission to speak with County employees about renewal of their policies, and to explain some new options the company has to offer. Commissioner Bottoms asked that no documents be required to be signed by the employees. Commissioner Douglas told them to schedule with their secretary Kay Vore. The new options will be discussed at the next Commissioners meeting.
- Liberty National Employee Renewals - John Teseman and Dina representing Liberty National requested permission from the Commissioners to do the annual enrollment of the County employees and to schedule times and dates. Commissioner Bottoms again requested that no documents be required to be signed by the employees. Commissioner Douglas told them to speak with Kay Vore for scheduling.

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

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

  
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Alan Douglas, President

  
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Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-President

  
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Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner

  
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ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor