
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
April 15, 2014

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on April 15, 2014, at 6:30 PM 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 Jim McDonald, and 1st Deputy Marilyn Mason

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Welcome were recited and led by President Douglas.

Commissioner Douglas commented on the ceremony held on Sunday April 13th at Lyles Station for Officer John Officer who died in the line of duty eighty years ago and asked for a moment of silence in his honor.

Minutes: The minutes from April 1st, 2014 meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bledsoe, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

County General - \$213,114.54
Courts - \$1,367.29
Highway - \$5,880.64
Payroll – April 4th \$281,721.09 - April 18th \$294,327.68

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

Department Reports:

EMS Director Dan Alvey asked the Commissioners to write off \$63,555.07 for March. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve the March write offs, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0. He also gave an update on the ambulance status.

Old Business:

- Bridge # 45 Update – County Highway Engineer John Umpleby told the Commissioners that Bridge # 45 should be open by the end of next week. This bridge is the one that burned in 2013 on the Gibson Posey County Line, west of 850W.

- Major Medical Leave Request from the Recorder's Office - Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

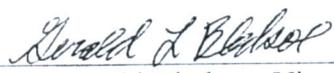
New Business:

- County Attorney Jim McDonald spoke to the Commissioners about the Pike County Bridge Project Easements. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve two roadway easements and a warranty deed for the Pike County Bridge on 1200E over the Patoka River, located on the Pike-Gibson County line, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.
- Gibson County Employee Handbook - Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to accept the new employee handbook, with the new revisions to comply with the law, and distribute the handbook to all non-union employees, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Bottoms wanted it noted that the part time hours had been changed from 23.5 hours to 24 hours.
- Liability Insurance Renewal - Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to advertise for proposals for the County's Liability Insurance that will renew on July 1, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. The bids will need to be turned in by June 2nd at 4 pm. Motion carried 3-0.
- Corrections Officers Proclamation - Commissioner Douglas made a motion to accept a PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 4 -10, 2014, AS NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.
- Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to accept the Gibson County Highway Operational Report for 2013, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.
- A retirement insurance situation for a county highway employee was tabled until the next meeting for some clarification.
- Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to advertise two bridge crew positions, one with a Class A CDL preferably, if not a Class B, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.
- Sheriff George Ballard asked the Commissioners for permission to add Fallen Officer John Officer's name to the Monument on the Courthouse lawn for Officers killed in the line of duty. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to put John Officer's name on the monument, with Colvin's handling the engraving, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Bottoms thanked Sheriff Ballard for the ceremony for John Officer. Sheriff Ballard stated that the Officers and family members received a "care package" with newspapers and other information about the day.

- The Exclusive Pharmaceutical Supply Agreement was tabled until the next meeting, so that each Commissioner can look over the agreement.
- Hazleton resident Carol Taylor asked the Commissioners for \$250.00 in support of the contest the Town of Hazleton is going to have to clean up the town. The money will be used for cleaning supplies. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to pay the \$250.00 out of EDIT, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.
- Gibson County resident Cecil Allen commented on the dangerous situation at the exit off of 41N onto SR 64. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion for County Attorney Jim McDonald to call the Mayor of Princeton and the Princeton Chief of Police and voice the concern of the Commissioners about this situation, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.
- Gibson County Residence Jo Ellen Patterson spoke to the Commissioners about purchasing a small piece of property adjacent to her property, close to the old R J Refinery. The Commissioners will take this under advisement. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion for County Attorney Jim McDonald to look into the environmental issue of this property, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.
- Sheriff George Ballard commented on the good work that has been done on the Work Release Center Ceilings and stated that everything is finished. He thanked the Commissioners on behalf of himself and all concerned.

With no further business, Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.


 Alan Douglas, President


 Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-President


 Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner


 ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor