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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
June 17, 2014

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on June 17, 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 County Auditor Sherri Smith

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

**Minutes:** The minutes from Executive Sessions on May 28<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup> AM, June 9<sup>th</sup> PM, and June 11<sup>th</sup> meetings were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bledsoe and seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve the minutes from June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

**Claims:**

- County General - \$335,467.21
- Courts - \$11,623.02
- Highway - \$12,494.82
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Set of Claims for Highway - \$23,676.22
- Sheriff - \$26,794.58
- Payroll - \$292,326.63 June 13, 2014
- Special Payroll – 1,378.76

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 presented the monthly report. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve the write offs for May in the amount of \$66,281.58, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

**Old Business:**

- County Attorney Jim McDonald opened the fuel bids for July 1-December 31, 2014. The bids were from Wabash Valley Service and SynEnergy. Wabash Valley was the low bid. Commissioner Bledsoe, under the recommendation of the Highway Department, made a

motion to accept the bids of Wabash Valley Service for Fuel, for the second half of 2014, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

- Liability Insurance - Because of some needed clarification, Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to table the Insurance issue until Wednesday morning, and recess the Commissioners meeting until 10:00 AM on Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.
- Old Refinery Property via Jo Ellen Patterson - Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion, due to the County Attorney's opinion and legal costs and liability, to not proceed to transfer the Old Refinery Property, until many tests and forms are completed, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

### New Business:

- Positions for County Highway Bridge Laborers - Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to hire Kevin Mason as a Highway Bridge Laborer, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to hire Mick Douglas as a Highway Bridge Laborer, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.
- Position for County Highway Bookkeeper/Dispatcher - Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to hire Julie Ellsworth as the Highway Bookkeeper/Dispatcher, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.
- Advertise for Position County Highway Supervisor - Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to advertise for a Highway Superintendent, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.
- Major Medical Leave for County Highway Employee - Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve a major medical leave to the Highway Department, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.
- Major Medical Leave for EMS Employee - Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to accept a major medical leave for the EMS Department, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.
- Park Donation - Commissioner Bottoms informed the public that Richard and Gwen Hopkins will donate forty acres to Gibson County for a Park. The property is one mile from the I64-I69 interchange, southeast of Francisco. He wanted to thank the Hopkins family publicly for their generous donation, and thanked the Council for their efforts in obtaining a Parks Board Ordinance. Gibson County has recently passed a new Ordinance for a Parks Board.
- Jim Key to discuss Ditch Drainage - Mr. Jim Key addressed the Commissioners about some drainage issues. The Commissioners told Mr. Key that he needs to bring his

request to the Drainage Board meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup> held after the Commissioners meeting, and then bring the request back to the Commissioners meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Cecil Allen asked if anything had been decided on the situation on CR 50 around the curve near his property. Mr. Allen also questioned the current condition of Saddle Club Road. The coal mine is currently doing some repair on it. It is a coal mine issue to take care of, but it has not been released by the County yet.
- Commissioner Bottoms complimented the Highway Department for the work done on 200 S about two miles east of Denny's restaurant.

Commissioner Bledsoe then made a motion to recess the meeting until 6/18/14 at 10:00 AM, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

**The Gibson County Board of Commissioners reconvened on June 18, 2014, at 10:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.**

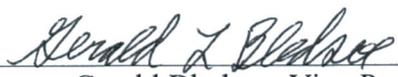
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The June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was recessed till 10:00 a.m. June 18<sup>th</sup> to allow Old National Bank time to determine if the deductible in the earthquake coverage was per total incident or per building.

It was determined that Old National Bank had a deductible on earthquake insurance coverage per building not per incident. Shepard Insurance provided the Commissioners with an email from their underwriter stating their deductible was per incident. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to accept the bid on the County's liability insurance from Shepard Insurance for a premium of \$250,719, with \$20,000,000 earthquake coverage, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

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

  
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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