
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
July 15, 2014

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on July 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 County Auditor Sherri Smith

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

Minutes: The minutes from the June 18th, 2014, Executive Meeting and the July 1st, 2014 Regular Meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bledsoe and seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

County General - \$145,944.61
Courts - \$952.60
Highway - \$254,774.64
Sheriff - \$21,489.30
Payroll - \$286,744.64

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

Department Reports:

No Department Reports were given.

Old Business:

- EMS Write Offs requested in the amount of \$155,432.38. Commissioner Bledsoe made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.
- I69 Engineering Study – Information presented by Bill Stewart with an update on the public/private partnership engineering study. In about a month should have preliminary details and plans to share with Commissioners and he appreciates the support and cooperation from all involved.
- Parks Board Appointment – Through a motion by Commissioner Bottoms, Nancy Gehlhausen was recommended to serve a 2 year term on the Parks Board, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

- Blight Elimination Program BEP – Debbie Bennett-Stearnsman with Southwest Indiana Economic Development presented a detailed program with handouts regarding the elimination of abandoned/foreclosed homes throughout Gibson County and asked if the County would be the lead applicant for the entire county or lead applicant with co-applicants. Gibson County, through the State's population based formula, has \$13,987,500 available to apply for and used for the demolition of homes. Only eligible applicants are Cities, Towns and Counties. Application Deadline is August 18th. Maximum amount for homes with basements would be \$25,000 and homes without basements would be \$15,000 with a 10% match of Cash or In-kind and the State is encouraging an In-kind match. This item has been **tabled** pending further discussion and will be reviewed again at the August 5th Commissioner's Meeting.
- Heritage Days Festival – The Gibson County Chamber of Commerce would like to reserve the Courthouse Lawn for the dates of September 19th, 20th, 21st for the Festival. Commissioner Bledsoe made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.
- Sheriff Department has an Employee FMLA Request – President Douglas made a motion to approve the FMLA request, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.
- IDOC Indiana Dept. of Corrections General Inspection Report – Sheriff Ballard presented report and also explained Item 12 of the report which requires training for the full and part time officers and the training requires 40 hours in a given week which in the case of part time exceeds the 24 hour work week. Exception for this training allowed.
- Sheriff Ballard also gave a technology report in changes regarding Video Visitation which has streamlined staff. Inmate families can visit from home via Skype on Saturday and Sunday while inmates are in the day room and has helped address some manpower issues. They have also automated the commissary program where people can leave money 24/7 through a Kiosk in the booking room and another in the lobby. Every inmate coming through booking that has any cash/coin is immediately put in an account for them and then unused cash/coin is returned when they leave on a debit card eliminating checks. Attorneys and Out of State family members can also utilize the internet for Video visitation and commissary money. Looking into the future, Video Arraignments would eliminate inmate transfers to Court.
- Major Medical Leave for Clerk's Office Employee – Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve the major medical leave, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.
- Weaver Boos Consultants – County Engineer John Umplebee presented the 1 year contract to the Commissioners in the amount \$70,085, this includes monthly well site monitoring on the old landfill. President Douglas requested that the County Engineer

seek out other proposals/quotes to be discussed at the next meeting. This item has been **tabled**.

President Douglas announced an Executive Session for the Commissioners has been scheduled for July 22nd, 8 a.m. and the topic would be Personnel, Reviewing Applications for Highway Superintendent. Another Executive Session was then scheduled for July 23rd 8 a.m. to conduct interviews.

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

Minutes from the July 15th, 2014 Meeting.



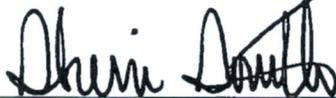
Alan Douglas, President



Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-President



Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor