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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
December 2, 2014  
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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on December 2, 2014, at 8:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

**Members Present:** Included 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 Session November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Regular Session November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and Special Session November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bledsoe, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

**Note a Correction** – Executive Session Minutes from November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 had already been approved at the last November meeting.

**Claims:**

County General - \$214,265.46

Courts - \$8,115.25

Highway - \$180,314.58

Sheriff - \$15,689.12

Payroll – for 11/28/14 \$276,157.14

Payroll Grievance - \$5,713.00

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

**Department Reports:**

Veteran's Service Officer Jerry Wright presented his monthly report.

Weights & Measures Inspector Gary Dawson presented his monthly report.

County Highway Superintendent Chuck Lewis presented his monthly report. He stated that there is a lot of ditch work going on, the fleet is ready to go for winter, and the salt will arrive in the next couple of days. The parts for the brush cutter will be in on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Bottoms stated that he has received a lot of positive calls concerning the ditch work being done.

Gibson County Health Administrator Kelly Kelley stated that John Wood will be leaving the Gibson County Health Board at the end of the year and at the November Board of Health meeting, it was recommended that Nick Ivy serve as his replacement. Kelly also stated that Second Deputy/Bookkeeper Cheryl Sweeney will be retiring at the end of the year and asked the Commissioners for permission to go before the Council for a replacement for Ms. Sweeney. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion for the replacement of Ms. Sweeney, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

Current EMS Director Dan Alvey introduced the new EMS Director Jim Allen. He began training on December 1, 2014 as acting EMS Director in Training. Mr. Allen has been involved with EMS for about twenty five years. Director Alvey will retire December 31, 2014. Commissioner Douglas presented a plaque to Mr. Alvey for his service for the past ten years.

Gibson County Sheriff George Ballard told the Commissioners that there is still an issue in the Community Corrections building. The issue is rust. The shower stalls, sinks, and toilets are rusting. The issue needs to be addressed to prevent any future problems with the inmates. Commissioner Douglas stated that he and Safety Director Andy Schafer will take a look at it.

Extension Office Coordinator Hans Schmitz told the Commissioners that statewide online enrollment for 4H goes until January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. They are currently accepting applications for 4H enrollment, with an earlier deadline than normal. Also, there are a couple of area meetings on the farm bill program. One will be in Dubois County and there will be two meetings on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Vanderburgh County Fairgrounds. Commissioner Bledsoe offered the Commissioners meeting room to the Extension Office if needed.

A monthly report for the Animal Services is on file in the Commissioners' Administrative Assistant's office.

### **Old Business:**

- Sandy Ridge Estates – Gibson County Economic Development Director Todd Mosby spoke to the Commissioners concerning new development in Sandy Ridge Estates. Greg Koberstein also spoke. The Commissioners asked for separate estimates for the water and sewer and Broadband. Commissioner Bottoms asked if there was confirmation from the City of Princeton that the sewer plant could handle whatever might be needed for this development. Commissioner Bledsoe asked to have the estimates as soon as possible. This will be on the agenda for the December 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **New Business:**

- County Highway – County Attorney Jim McDonald opened the bids for the Highway Department for 2015. Commissioner Douglas asked County Highway Superintendent Chuck Lewis and County Highway Engineer John Umpleby to go over the bids and give a recommendation later in the meeting.

- United Minerals Bond Release – Bill Gunn representing United Minerals asked the Commissioner to release the bonds on some of the roads in Barton Township. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to release the bonds on CR950S, 1000E, and 975S, and retain the bond on 950E until the guardrails are put up and a representative of the coal mine comes back to the Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.
- Peabody Coal Company – Krista Lockyear representing Peabody Midwest presented a petition to the Commissioners to relocate two county roads, sections of 850 S and 1300 E. A presentation was made by Howard Kieffer to address the detour routes. A decision on this matter will be tabled to a later date. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to hold a Special Session on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the North Annex meeting room to discuss the Peabody road closings and a landfill situation, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.
- Gibson County Mitigation Plan – EMA Director Terry Hedges stated that the Commodity Flow Study started in 2012 has been finished. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to accept the Resolution of Hazardous Material Incident Response, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0. This will be added to the County Emergency Plan.
- EMA Grant Application – EMA Director Terry Hedges presented the Emergency Management Performance Grant to the Commissioners. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve the 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$8,485.29, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge # 235 – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to have a flagpole erected at Bridge 235 on Coal Mine Road, for a flag to serve as a Memorial to honor Veterans of War, MIAs, and POWs, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Bledsoe is working with the VFW Commander in Ft Branch and the County Veteran's Service Officer.
- County Holidays for 2015 – Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to adopt the State of Indiana's list of Holidays for 2015, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.
- Results of Bidding – After review of all bids, County Highway Superintendent Lewis recommended the bids from Wabash Valley Co-op for on road diesel at \$2.39 per gallon, off road diesel at \$2.456 per gallon, 87 octane gasoline at \$2.154 per gallon and 89 octane gasoline at \$2.354 per gallon. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to accept the fuel bids from Wabash Valley Co-op for 2015, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

After review of all bids, County Highway Superintendent Lewis recommended the bid from CPI Supply for Culverts and Bridge Parts and assorted other materials. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve the bids from CPI Supply for Culverts and etc., seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

After review of all bids, County Highway Superintendent Lewis recommended all the bids for gravel and crushed stone all be accepted so that convenience ways in when supply is needed. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve all of the bids on gravel, crushed stone, sand, and all road materials, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

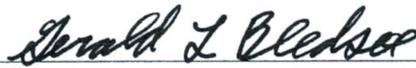
- County Health Insurance – Commissioner Bottoms made a motion for the County Attorney to send a letter to the current non-union health care provider to let them know that the health insurance will be bid out and the new one will be effective March 1, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner President Douglas wanted to let the public know the Christmas lights will not be on the Courthouse this year due to safety issues. He had spoken with the Princeton Patoka Fire Territory Chief and he said that the ladder on the inside of the Courthouse is unsafe and pulling the ropes to the very tip top of the Courthouse is also unsafe. Commissioner Douglas had spoken with the Mayor of Princeton to let him know that the lights will not be put up this year. This problem was discussed when the lights were being put up in 2013. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to form a committee with Commissioner Douglas as the chairperson to evaluate the Courthouse Christmas lighting situation, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

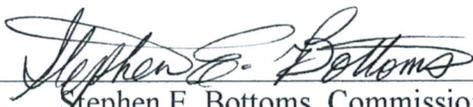
With no further business, Commissioner Bottoms adjourned the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.



Alan Douglas, President



Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-President



Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor