
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
January 6th, 2015

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on January 6th, 2015, 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.

Election of Officers:

Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to nominate Stephen E. Bottoms for President of the Commissioners for the year 2015, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Douglas made a motion to nominate Gerald Bledsoe for Vice President of the Commissioners for the year 2015, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes: The minutes from December 30th, 2014 Regular Meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Douglas with two changes being made to the list of Commissioners' Appointments for 2015, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0. The changes will be for the Princeton Planning Commission, as Richard Paul has declined the position, so that position will be vacant, and the Community Corrections Board member will be Jodi Montgomery in place of Frances Barr.

Claims:

County General - \$47,982.65
Courts - \$289.23
Highway - \$27,357.59
Sheriff - \$10,772.10
Payroll for 01/09/15 - \$288,917.34

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

Department Reports:

- Veterans Service Officer Jerry Wright presented the monthly report.
- Weights and Measures Inspector Gary Dawson presented the monthly report.

- County Highway Supervisor Chuck Lewis informed the Commissioners that the bulk of the road salt was being delivered as he spoke. The employees are working on ditches and culverts. CR 1125W, west of Johnson, had some culverts at the approach of a bridge to wash out. When the weather gets better, repairs will be done. Commissioner Bottoms stated that Peabody is working on 1100E. Hopefully it will be open soon.
- Health Administrator Kelly Kelley informed the Commissioners that there are two new state funded community initiatives that will begin in 2015. One is to protect families and care providers of infants, and the other is to protect adults. This will be promoted on the radio and television in the very near future.
- EMA Director requested the Commissioners approve the 2015 Emergency Management Plan. Commissioner Douglas made a motion to accept the 2015 Emergency Management Plan, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0.
- Sheriff Tim Bottoms presented the end of year reports and requested a 6 week unpaid medical leave for an employee. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve a six week unpaid medical leave, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Douglas welcomed Sheriff Bottoms' to his first official Commissioners meeting.
- Animal Services – A report for the Animal Services is on file in the office of the Commissioners Administrative Assistant.
- EMS Director Jim Allen had to leave the meeting but left his monthly report in a request to write off \$87,983.65. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve the write offs for December in the amount of \$87,983.65, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Douglas introduced Michael Kermode, a freshman at Purdue University, who was job shadowing County Attorney Jim McDonald.

Old Business:

- Princeton Planning Commission Appointment – Tabled and the appointment for the Princeton Planning Commission will be filled at the next Commissioners meeting.

New Business:

- United Consulting Engineers – The following information is not a complete list of bridges recommended for replacement or rehabilitation.

Gibson County Bridge Inventory list:

2014 Bridge Inventory Summary

- **252 total bridges**
- **8 new bridge(s) since last inspection**
- **68 posted bridges**
- **10 scour critical bridges**
- **2 fracture critical bridges**
- **Recommended maintenance items**

Gibson County is in full compliance with State and Federal Requirements

Top 5 Bridges on Replacement List

- **Bridge 16 – Blair Road over McCarty Ditch**
- **Bridge 204 – Sharp Road over Barren Creek**
- **Bridge 341 – Trippet Road over Branch of Robb Creek**
- **Bridge 164 – CR 950 E over East Fork of Keg Creek**
- **Bridge 119 – Osborne Road over Branch of Muddy Fork**

Top 2 Bridges on Rehabilitation List

- **Bridge 354 – Keister Road over Hurricane Creek**
- **Bridge 279 – CR 750 S over Donohue Creek**
- Health Dept. Ordinance – Tabled till next meeting. Ok to take to County Council next week. Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to table the Health Department Ordinance to increase fees until the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. The Ordinance will be taken to the County Council next week.
- Odessa Project from Courts – Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve the Resolution and MOU for Memorandum of Understanding and Request for Participation in the Statewide Case Management System(CMS), seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.
- County Engineer John Umpleby – Commissioner Douglas made a motion to reappoint John Umpleby as the Gibson County Highway Engineer for 2015, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. Motion carried 3-0. There is no contract.
- President Bottoms informed everyone that anyone participating in the Blight Elimination Program needs to have paperwork turned in by January 15th, 2015.
- Weight Limits on Bonding Ordinance – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to have the County Attorney create an ordinance for the bonding on weight limits for the county roads, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.
- January Road Weight Limits – Commissioner Bledsoe made a motion to approve the posting of the freeze/thaw weight limitations on the County Roads, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Minutes from the January 6th Meeting



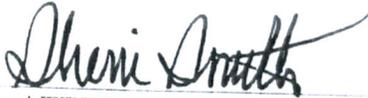
Stephen E. Bottoms, President



Gerald Bledsoe, Vice President



Alan Douglas, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor