
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
December 1st, 2020

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on December 1st, 2020, at 8:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members Present: Included President Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-President Mary Key, Commissioner Stephen E. Bottoms, Administrative Assistant Kay Vore, County Attorney James McDonald III, and 1st Deputy Auditor Kristy York.

County Auditor Sherri Smith is absent.

This meeting is in accordance with the Public Meetings Executive Orders 20-04 and 20-09. This meeting was broadcast using Zoom.

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

Minutes: The minutes from the Special Joint Session November 17th, 2020 and the November 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Key and seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

County General - \$84,905.84
Courts - \$30,235.67
Highway - \$102,387.72
Sheriff - \$22,727.82
ACH - \$7,980.18
CAW-1 - \$4,422.62
CAW-2 - \$21,897.99
CAW-3 - 5,222.99
CAW-4 ACH - 25,000.00

Ditch Claims - \$2,068.85
Ditch Improvement Transfer - \$27,000.00
COVID-19 OCRA GRANT - \$250,000.00
Innkeepers Tax & Tax Refund - \$17,477.11

Payroll for November 20th, 2020 - \$350,825.26
Payroll Deductions - \$168,019.25
Pauper Claims to be allowed on 09/30/2020 for \$9,184.44
Additional Payroll Deductions 11/20/2020 - \$1,281.62

Pauper ACH Claims for 11/19/2020 - \$1,272.35
Correcting Election Checks - \$150.00
Pauper Claims for 11/23/2020 - \$1,627.00

Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve the claims and was seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Presentation of Treasurer's Report

- No Reports Available

Presentation of Clerk's Report

- No Reports Available

Department Reports:

Animal Services no report

Veterans no report

Weights & Measures no report

Highway Dept. Superintendent Lewis is wrapping up projects before inclement weather. They are outfitting trucks with snow equipment. He requested permission to approach the Council to use CARES money to purchase a big screen TV for training. This will allow more people to attend webinars while we all continue to social distance. Councilman Key motioned to allow Mr. Lewis to make this request, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion passed 3-0. Next, Superintendent Lewis had a person resign; he requests permission to replace this employee. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to approve this replacement, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion passed 3-0.

Health Department Director Horny gave the Commissioners a COVID-19 report. November has had a high number of cases. She asked the Community be proactive in order to help combat this disease. The State will be sending Excise and the Fire Marshal to see if they can help prevent the spread. Hospitals are becoming overloaded. She covered isolation and quarantine rules with everyone. She asked that there be no public Santa visitations in order to help combat the disease.

EMA Director Hedges advised the Commissioners the State has added another round of COVID 19 funding. This round is 10% of their original award and is directed toward the Health Department as it deals with awareness and education compliance. He has provided this information to the Health Department. The State has a deadline that must be met.

Flood Plain no report

EMS Director Allen is expecting ambulance delivery in the next 2-3 weeks.

Sheriff Department presented the November Inmate Population Report to Commissioners. The daily average was 98.

Park Board report was given by Engineer Holden. He is finishing the final permits for the lake, bathroom facility, and walkways. He hopes to bid this in 2021.

SWCD Soil & Water no report

County Engineer Holden told Commissioner that he has submitted his Asset Management Plan for County Road Inventory. This plan is necessary to attain Community Crossings Grants. He has purchased a bridge package that will be installed in 2021 in the Oakland City area.

Parrish Consulting no report

Old Business:

- Employee Handbook was tabled. Commissioner Bottoms made the motion to table, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the motion passed 3-0.
- Courthouse Security was tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Key will check with the Judge to see if he would like to attend the next meeting.

New Business:

- 1st Half 2021 Highway Bids - A fuel bid was received from Wabash Valley Fuel for the 1st half of 2021 for various fuels. Superintendent Lewis recommended the Commissioners accept the Wabash Valley Fuel bid. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to accept this bid, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion passed 3-0.

Next Stone and Gravel was bid by both Mulzer's and Rodger's Group for the 1st half of 2021. Superintendent Lewis recommended the Commissioners accept both bids due to product availability and project location. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to accept both bids, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion passed 3-0.

Rogers Group submitted a bid for asphalt materials for the 1st half of 2021. Superintendent Lewis recommended the Commissioners accept this bid. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to accept this bid, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion passed 3-0.

CivilCon provided a bid for culvert and bridge supplies for the 1st half of 2021. Superintendent Lewis recommended the Commissioners accept this bid. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to accept the bid, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion passed 3-0.


- Subdivision roads have been discussed in some of the Commissioners meetings. Lakeview Estates in Owensville, Hunter's Crossing in Haubstadt, Oakridge Estates in Haubstadt, Whispering Hills in Oakland City are still awaiting the Commissioners approval to take their road inventory into the County, however the Commissioner are going to table this issue until the January meetings. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to table this item, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion passed 3-0.
- Gene Gard spoke in favor of Health Department Director Hornby and ways the Community should work to combat COVID-19.

With no further business Commissioner Bottoms motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

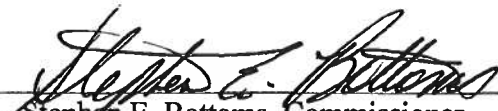
Minutes from the December 1st, 2020 Meeting.



Gerald Bledsoe, President



Mary Key, Vice-President



Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor