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Gibson County Board of Commissioners

Regular Session

December 29, 2020

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on December 29, 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 County Auditor Sherri Smith.

This meeting was broadcast using Zoom, masks and social distancing was observed.

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

**Minutes:** The minutes from December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting and December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bottoms, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

**Claims:**

County General - \$400,310.01

Courts - \$10,704.42

Highway - \$1,510.14

Sheriff - \$3,027.65

ACH - \$40,329.40

CAW-1 - \$115,591.26

CAW-2 - \$12,812.52

Cares Act Claims - \$1,067,096.50

Blair Stormont Ditch Claims - \$25,326.25

Fall Settlement Distributions - \$19,462,479.50

Ditch Claims - \$16,225.00

Innkeepers Distribution - \$13,062.89

Payroll for December 18, 2020 - \$371,171.66

Payroll Deductions - \$179,755.20

Payroll Claim & Allowance - \$120.00

Additional Election Check - \$354.00

Pauper Claims for December 23, 2020 - \$5,631.11

Commissioner Key motioned to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

### **Presentation of Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's Report Month Ending – No report available.

### **Presentation of Clerk's Report**

- Clerk's Report Month Ending - No report available.

### **Department Reports:**

No Reports Given

### **Old Business:**

- Appointments 2021 – There have been two resignations from the Tourism Board with two new recommendations; Charlie Woodruff and Ms. Hopper. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to approve the two recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion passed 3-0.

### **New Business:**

- Mounts Electric – Traffic Control Contract – Rick Will, Mounts Electric Representative explained traffic control has increased, as has the monitoring machinery for this area. Mounts Electric is trying to keep their expenses covered and thereby request an increase of \$850 per month on their contract. This agreement will cover all traffic control lights, including the new lights to be installed with the Lot 4 Improvement Project. Commissioner Bottoms motioned, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to approve the amended Agreement with Mounts Electric, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion passed 3-0.
- Sheriff Bottoms gave a thank you to the Commissioners for their service and support to the Sheriff's Department and to the County.
- Paul Waters extended his appreciation of Commissioners on behalf of the Gibson County Economic Development Coalition.
- Jim McDonald told the Commissioners it had been a great honor and a true privilege to have worked with them. He extended that to Auditor Smith and all County Offices, as he has served the County for the last 12 years. He told the Commissioners he was proud of their accomplishments; he enjoyed the challenges. He commended President Bledsoe and Commissioner Bottoms for their unlimited time and efforts put forth; he feels they were very dedicated to the County.


- Gerald Bledsoe told the Audience about all the phone calls made daily, as well as all the Boards he has served. He hopes the new Commissioners will continue to answer the calls of Gibson County citizens, as it is a 24/7 job.
- Steve Bottoms told everyone it had been an Honor to serve as a County Commissioner, working with all the departments, and especially his fellow Commissioners, past and present.
- Mary Key expressed her gratitude for all service from everybody. She presented James McDonald with a token of recognition for his 12-years of service to Gibson County. Commissioner Key also presented tokens of appreciation to Commissioner Bottoms and Commissioner Bledsoe.
- Auditor Smith thanked everyone for allowing her the privilege and honor of serving as Gibson County Auditor for the last 8-years.


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 29, 2020 Meeting.

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Gerald Bledsoe, President

  
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Mary Key, Vice-President

  
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Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner

  
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ATTEST: ~~Sherri Smith~~, Auditor

Mike Watkins