
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
January 7th, 2020

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on January 7th, 2020, at 8:00 AM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

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

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

Reorganization of Election of Officers: Commissioner Key motioned Commissioner Bledsoe as 2020 President, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Bledsoe motioned Mary Key as Vice President, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes: The minutes from December 17th, 2019 regular meeting and the December 27th Year End Meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Key, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

- County General - \$30,696.19
- Courts - \$944.92
- Highway - \$172,147.20
- Sheriff - \$845.33
- ACH - \$25,620.13
- CAW-1 - \$3,915.62
- CAW-2 - \$15,964.94

- Payroll for 01/03/20 - \$319,037.03
- Payroll Deductions - \$142,547.13
- Additional Payroll for 01/03/20 - \$450.00
- December Insurance Premiums - \$284,759.80

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

Department Reports:

Animal Services reported a total of 46 animals in the shelter; a total of 56 out for 12/19. They will be holding a low-cost clinic for Seniors at Rural King on January 25, 2020.

Veterans provided a written report to the Commissioners.

Weights & Measures provided a written report to the Commissioners.

Highway Department Supervisor reported they are doing standard maintenance on equipment and reviewing the equipment that needs replaced in 2020.

Health Department provided a written report to the Commissioners. Year to date, they have collected \$74,253.22 on vaccines.

Health Board Reappointments for 2020: Commissioner Bottoms motioned to reappoint John Ayers, James Feutz, Ronald Rexing, and Chris Stoffel, seconded by Commissioner Key. One appointment is still in limbo. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

EMA reported that the Pre-Hazard Mitigation Grant has been submitted to FEMA and should finish in March.

Flood Plain reported that the 2020 goal is to educate the public on flood plains.

EMS provided a written report to the Commissioners. The new ambulance is in the shop getting graphic designs applied, it should be delivered soon. A write-off request was made of \$307, a motion was made by Commissioner Bottoms, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff reported there were 107 average incarcerated for December 2019 with 28 of the 107 Level 6 Felons; today's population was 87 in jail and 16 of those in work release; 43 on work release. For 2019 the average jail population was 128 and 43 in work release. Sheriff Bottoms is helping to work on the Courthouse Security Plan; he is taking applications for jailers and dispatchers.

Extension made a report of their recent/upcoming activities.

Park Board report was given by County Engineer Holden. They hope to plant the trees donated by Toyota in the next month; this will be a nice improvement to the land, as it had previously been an open field. He is working on the IDNR Grant and getting ready for construction this year.

SWCD Soil & Water will host their annual meeting on 1/30/2020 at 6:30 p.m.

County Engineer Holden reported that the Community Crossing Grant from 2019 has officially closed. The new 2020 grant has opened, and he hopes to apply in the next couple of days. He is hoping to get a bridge and road paving out for bid in February.

Old Business:

- Broadband Ordinance – This ordinance will align the County with the State and make the County eligible for grants; it will make Gibson County a Broadband Ready Community. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to approve this Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

- GCED - Tami Muckerheide – TIF District Request – In 2019, the Legislature established a new way to create a TIF District for Housing. Reinbrecht Homes has a site in Union Township near Highway 41 and 925 S in which this new TIF District could be established; 71 homes are projected to be built, in two phases. The first phase will consist of 30 homes. Reinbrecht will finance the bond that will be self-funded. There is no risk for the County. This type of TIF must expire no later than 20 years after the date the program is established; the term can be shortened. The Commissioner's approving this to move on to the Redevelopment Commissioner is the first step in the establishment of this TIF. If established, it will be the first Residential TIF District in the State. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to move this idea to RDC, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Mounts Electric Contract for the stop lights at Toyota was approved. These are the only stop lights the County is responsible for. This is not a flat amount contract. Commissioner Bottoms made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Business Communications Maintenance Agreements- Phone Systems and cabling is handled through this contract for the Courthouse, Jail, South & North annexes, and County Highway Department. The Contract is in the amount of \$10,975.19 and \$505.91 for the Highway Department. Commissioner Bottoms made motion to approve the Contract, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Re-Appointments to Community Correction Board: Alan Douglas is replaced by Mary Key. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion for this appointment, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Appointments to Ditch Boards were made as follows: Ken Jochim, Tim Chamberlain, Tim Bigham, Ron Krueger, and Jay Sensmeier. Commissioner Key made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- Resolution & Appointments to Area Planning Commission – Commissioners reinstated the Area Plan Commission by Resolution 2020-01. Commissioner Key made the motion for this reinstatement, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

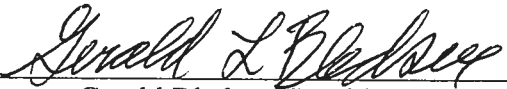
With passage of the Resolution 2020-01, the following members are appointed to this board: Mary Key, Gibson County Commissioner; Mike Stillwell, Gibson County Council; Scott Martin, Gibson County Surveyor; Addie Thornley, Gibson County Agricultural Extension Agent; Ken Beckerman (term expires 1/2021); April Graper (term expires 1/2021); Mike McConnell (term expires 1/2023); Steve Obert (term expires 1/2022); Greg Reising (term expires 1/2024)

Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn contract was reinstated for the Area Plan Commission. Commissioner Bottoms made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

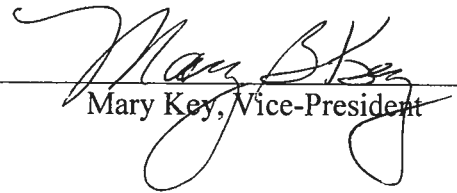
- Two Major Medical Leaves were approved by the Commissioners. Commissioner Bottoms made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- RFQs for Jail Qualifications – County Attorney McDonald suggested a notice be published for this. Commissioner Bottoms made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Additional Magistrate – County Attorney McDonald told the Commissioners they would be taking the 2nd step to get Magistrate in the County.
- Cecil Allen asked the Commissioners how the County expected to pay for the reinstatement of the APC Board and costs. President Bledsoe feels EDIT will probably pay for these expenses. Mr. Allen feels this will take away from road upkeep since EDIT helps fund road maintenance. He also asked when the Commissioners plan on having an actual plan. Commissioner Key says they will not start over on this plan, it will pick up where it left off. The Commissioners told the audience they will be looking at zoning the entire county, not spot zoning. The audience asked why then, was the board not fairly represented; they did not feel the wind turbine area was fairly represented. Mr. McKinney implied that the last time the board was intact, the speaking was restricted. The Commissioners told them to address the APC on this item.
- **Gibson County Economic Development** Commissioner Bledsoe was reappointed to this board. Commissioner Bottoms made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- **Gibson County Holding Corporation Appointments** No changes were made to this appointment. Commissioner Key made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

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


Minutes from the January 7th, 2020 Meeting.



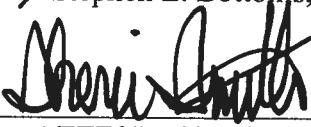
Gerald Bledsoe, President



Mary Key, Vice-President



Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor