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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 5:30 PM at the North Annex Meeting Room.

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

Remote Participant – County Attorney James McDonald, Mary Key

This meeting is in accordance with the Public Meetings Executive Orders 20-04 and 20-09. Seating during this meeting is limited to 25. 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 May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bottoms and seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

**Claims:**

County General - \$62,815.71  
Courts - \$1,171.72  
Highway - \$60,418.98  
Sheriff - \$21,525.47  
ACH - \$49,860.25  
CAW-1 - \$4,137.16  
CAW-2 - \$7,283.81

911 Reimbursement and Ditch Claim - \$8,279.40  
Common School Fund Remittance - \$4,652.00  
Wheel & Surtax Distributions - \$51,749.22  
May 2020 LIT Distributions - \$530,904.66  
Ditch Claim and Fall Excess Refund - \$1,115.00

Payroll for 05/08/2020 - \$327,041.28  
Payroll Deductions - \$147,094.04  
Central States Health Insurance Premium - \$305,838.36  
Pauper ACH Claims for 05/08/2020 - \$10,824.75  
Pauper Paper Check Claims for 05/13/2020 - \$2,775.00  
Pauper ACH Claims for 05/15/2020 - \$4,402.99

Pauper Paper Check Claims for 05/15/2020 - \$2,800.00

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

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

Clerk's Report Month Ending 03/31/2020 was acknowledged.

Commissioner Key reported the Treasurer's office is currently at 78% collection rate on Property Taxes that were due on May 11, 2020.

**Congressional School Fund Report** was submitted to the Commissioners for signature before forwarding on to the State. The report is being filed in the amount of \$31,132.59.

Commissioner Bottoms motioned to approve the filing, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

**School Fund Resolution** was tabled until the next meeting.

### **Department Reports:**

No Reports Given

### **Old Business:**

- New Hire for the Highway Department – President Bledsoe motioned to hire Jay Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0. He will begin work on May 26, 2020.
- Bid Opening for the 2020 Community Crossings Matching Grant is 75% funded with grant money and a 25% match from the County. The County was awarded the maximum amount of \$1,000,000. County Engineer Holden opened bids and read them aloud as follows:  
JH Rudolph \$1,219,269.45  
David Enterprises \$1,339,845.29  
E&B Paving \$1,288,747.33

Commissioner Bottoms motioned to recess to allow County Engineer Holden to review the low bid and ensure all documents are in place, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

- President Bledsoe motioned to reopen the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

- Princeton Mayor Greg Wright – presented a timeline to the Commissioners for review on their water line replacement project. The City has completed a phase of this project in which they were awarded \$1,000,000 in TIF dollars. They are working with EDC of SWI in trying to attain a grant for this project. This project will supply businesses on the south side of the City that are providers to TMMI. President Bledsoe motioned to pass this request on to the RDC in the amount of \$1.2 million to provide the seed money for this grant, with an 18-month timeline, contingent on receiving the grant, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.
- Commissioner Bottoms motioned to reopen the previously recessed bid opening, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.
- County Engineer Holden has reviewed the low bid submitted by J.H. Rudolph, all bid documents are in place; therefore, he recommends the Commissioners accept/award this low bid. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to award this contract to J.H. Rudolph in the amount of \$1,219,269.45, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

**New Business:**

- County Surveyor submitted his 2020 Ditch Certifications, which is due before June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. He has designated which ditches will be vacated, reconstructed, or in need of maintenance. There are 341.20 miles of regulated drains in the County, in which the Surveyor can collect \$4.00 (no increase) per mile of regulated drain. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to approve this Ditch Certification, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion carried 3-0.
- Three Medical Leaves were reviewed by Commissioners, without discussion. Because Commissioner Key was attending the meeting remotely, and not on hand to review the leaves presented, she will abstain from voting. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to approve the 3 medical leaves, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0, with one abstaining.

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 May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting.

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Gerald Bledsoe, President

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Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner

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ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor