
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
May 6th, 2020

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on May 6th, 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, and County Auditor Sherri Smith.

Remote Participant – County Attorney James McDonald

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 April 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting, April 27th Executive Session @ 9:30 a.m. and April 27th Executive Session @ 10:00 a.m. were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bottoms and seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

- County General - \$97,834.68
- Courts - \$68.15
- Highway - \$695,879.57
- Sheriff - \$20,307.20
- ACH - \$29,859.01
- CAW-1 - \$11,065.84
- CAW-2 - \$25,144.43
- CAW-3 - \$6,465.57

Innkeepers Tax Distribution - \$7,644.61

- Payroll for 04/24/2020 – 325,874.93
- Payroll Deductions - \$146,110.43
- Payroll Deductions Teamsters - \$7,900.00
- Pauper Claims for ACH April 27th - \$28,395.00
- Pauper Claims for ACH April 27th - \$15,180.50
- Pauper Claims for ACH April 27th - \$14,143.00
- Pauper Claims for ACH April 27th – \$6,768.91
- Pauper Claims for ACH April 28th - \$6,687.00
- Pauper Checks for April 28th - \$425.00

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

Department Reports:

Animal Services did not report.

Veterans did not report.

Weights & Measures did not report.

Highway Department report was given by Engineer Holden; he reported that they are doing normal work of patching, ditching, and culvert replacement. Engineer Holden asked the Commissioners permission to approach the Council to replace 3 retired/retiring workers to this department. They will begin chip/seal projects in June and would not want to experience delays due to a shortage of workers. Commissioners Bottoms motioned to approve the Highway Department's request to ask Council for retiree replacements, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department submitted a report and discussed the true opening day for Indiana, which is June 14th, not May 24th. Commissioner Bottoms asked about additional testing sites. The Health Nurse says it is opening a bit more, but an order is still required for testing.

EMA Director, Terry Hedges reviewed a request for supplies he made 2 months ago with the Commissioners regarding the COVID-19. To date, these supplies have not been granted to Gibson County. Last week, Indiana Homeland Security notified him that Indiana State Board of Health will be providing 100 N-95 masks; 3000 surgical masks; 1000 pairs of gloves; and 16 gallons of sanitizer. He recognized persons that made and donated masks for those people in the County that are on the front lines fighting this disease.

Flood Plain did not report.

EMS Director, Jim Allen reported that they are still following restrictions due to COVID 19. Director Allen requested permission to pursue the purchase of a new ambulance to replace an existing unit in Owensville that has a good number of miles on it. He plans to finance this ambulance through Republic Finance, the same company he has been using to finance other ambulances. Including discounts, the 2011 trade-in of \$3,500 and graphics, \$182,619 is the total amount for the ambulance. He is requesting the Commissioners pay from their equipment fund for the down payment and the remainder be paid next year. Commissioner Key has reviewed all the paperwork submitted prior to meeting. Commissioner Key motioned to approve this ambulance purchase, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Bottoms provided a report to the Commissioners. They have 73 inmates in jail today. Commissioner Bottoms says they are getting an estimate on repair work to the hot water at the jail that must be done. A 30-mile per hour speed limit is recommended by the Sheriff's Department on the road near Clark Cemetery CR 700 S/ 500 W; there are currently no speed limit signs on this road. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to follow the direction of the Sheriff's Department on this recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Extension did not report.

Park Board report was given by Engineer Holden; he is still working on submission of the reports to DNR for the grant side. This board has a virtual meeting tonight at 6:00 p.m.

SWCD Soil & Water did not report.

County Engineer – County Paving Projects have begun; Bridge 169 on 850 E, just south of SR 64; west of I-69 was replaced with box culvert and the intent is to open it by Friday.

Parrish Consulting did not report.

Presentation of Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report Month Ending 04/30/2020 was acknowledged by the Commissioners.

Old Business:

- Bid Opening – Bridge 004 on CR 250 N on Yellow Creek, just E of 650 E and north of Wheeling. The bids were opened and read as follows:

Blankenberger Brothers - \$432,680.00
Weddle Brothers Highway Group - \$479,700.00
CLR Inc. - \$519,592.35
DK Parker Company - \$346,020.60

Engineer Holden requested a recess to review the bids and ensure all documents are intact. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to table the bids for this review of documents, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

- RFQ - Gibson County Jail Replacement Design Architect – County Attorney McDonald brought everyone up to date on the jail situation. A federal lawsuit has been filed; there is also a court order with scheduled calendar of events and deadlines that must occur to control the jail renovation or jail replacement. The County advertised for RFQ's; five different firms submitted RFQ's. Commissioner Bottoms, after reviewing the RFQ's motions to accept the proposal from American Structure Point for

architectural/engineering services, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

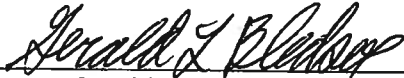
- Commissioner Bottoms motioned to reopen the tabled bid opening of Bridge 004 to allow the Engineer to give recommendation on the bridge bid, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0. Engineer Holden has reviewed the low bid from D.K. Parker; all bid documents seem to be in place. Engineer Holden recommends the Commissioners award Bridge 004 to D.K. Parker Company with low bid of \$346,020.60. Commissioner Bottoms motions to accept the recommendation of Engineer Holden to award the low bid to D.K. Parker Company, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Highway Employee to hire New Employee – interviews were conducted last week; David Kerr has been selected as the new employee. Commissioner Bottoms motions to hire David Kerr, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

- Release Road Bond – Gibson County Coal – The Commissioners would like the County Engineer to review the bonds/roads. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to table this item, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Major Medical Leave was reviewed, however there was no discussion on this item. Commissioner Key motioned to approve the leave, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Major Medical Leave was reviewed, however there was no discussion on this item. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to approve the second leave, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Commissioner Bottoms motioned to reopen the County by following Indiana Governor's Order 20-26; with the amendment for the Courthouse to open according to Indiana Supreme Court ruling, which is currently set for May 18th; the County Highway Department and North/South Annex will remain locked until May 26, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Early Voting will be held at the Courthouse one week prior to the June 2, 2020 Primary Election Day. Beginning on Tuesday, May 26th thru Friday May 29th early voting will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 30th 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.; and Monday, June 1st, from 8 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. You can also apply for a mail ballot by calling the Clerk's office before May 21st. There will be controls for the COVID-19 issue as there are to be more machines; they will be placed so social distancing is practiced; machines will be wiped down after every use.

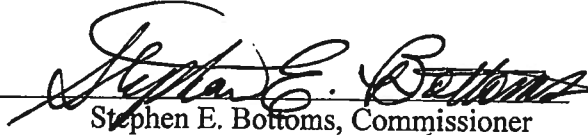
With no further business, Commissioner Bottoms motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes from the May 6th, 2020 Meeting.



Gerald Bledsoe, President

Mary Key, Vice-President



Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor