
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
November 4th, 2020

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on November 4th, 2020, at 8:00 AM 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, Kristy York

Auditor Sherri Smith is absent; Kristy York is in attendance for her absence.

This meeting is in accordance with the Public Meetings. This meeting was broadcast using Zoom.

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

President Bledsoe took a moment to introduce newly elected 2021-2024 Gibson County Auditor, Mike Watkins.

Minutes: The minutes from October 20th, 2020 Executive Session and October 20th, 2020 regular meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Bottoms, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

Claims:

County General - \$54,360.55

Courts - \$3,882.99

Highway - \$20,079.99

Sheriff - \$29,772.74

ACH - \$29,112.79

CAW-1 - \$21,599.27

CAW-2 - \$39,621.00

CAW-3 ACH - \$25,000.00

CAW-4 - \$8,300.49

Ditch Claims and Fines/Forfeitures - \$117,754.50

Wheel/Sur Tax, Innkeepers - \$83,698.37

Payroll for October 23rd, 2020 - \$343,022.65

Payroll Deductions - \$164,927.21

Insurance Claims for 11/2/2020 - \$392,805.28

Pauper Claims for 10/28/2020 - \$1,355.80

Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 2-0.

Presentation of Treasurer's Report

- No Report viewed

Presentation of Clerk's Report

- No Report viewed

Department Reports:

Animal Services did not report.

Veterans did not report.

Weights & Measures did not report.

Highway Department Superintendent Lewis reported the dump truck on order should be delivered soon and will complete the plan of positioning a 10-wheel truck in each of the County's ten townships. They have purchased an additional 150 tons of calcium chloride, which is in storage at a cavern in Louisville until the County is ready for delivery.

Health Department Director Hornby reported they are experiencing some trouble with the state and their contact tracing. The County is following the CDC Guidelines; she explained how they count the days of quarantine when symptoms are experienced, or a positive test result is received. She went on to explain the quarantine parameters for the contact tracing. They are still vaccinating for the flu. Due to COVID-19 overload, a report has not been compiled.

EMA Director Hedges reported they are still receiving Personal Protection Equipment from the State. They are trying to find gloves. They continue to process CARES Act funding for the different departments. EMS is working to try and acquire ventilators for the ambulances.

Flood Plain did not report

EMS Director Allen did not have a monthly report. The new ambulance should be here soon.

Sheriff Bottoms presented the inmate population. The average population for October was 104; today, they had 107. Work release is empty due to COVID-19.

Extension did not report.

Park Board was reported on from Engineer Holden. A car show was recently held at the Park; it is planned as an annual event. The grant funding has been approved by DNR; permits are in the works.

SWCD reported on the Bradford Pear Bounty event. They will award a free tree for every Bradford Pear Tree removed.

County Engineer Holden is working on the Asset Management Plan to submit to LTAP in order to be eligible for the Community Crossings Grant. Culverts, guardrails, and bridge package has been ordered for 2021 repairs from the Cumulative Bridge Fund. They are trying to take advantage of buying millings to build up inventory for next year.

Parrish Consulting did not report.

Old Business:

Jail Project – County Attorney McDonald gave an overview of the important steps taken by the Commissioners, as well as the steps that need to be taken on this project. The Settlement Agreement signed on 8/12/2020 obligates the Commissioners to the terms of that agreement. On 7/2020, Commissioners entered into an agreement with American Structurepoint for a pre-design of the project. These results were shared with the Jail Committee on 9/23/2020. The Commissioners were asked to choose an option in order to continue to meet Settlement Agreement deadlines and completion date of January 2023. On October 6, 2020, the Commissioners agreed to adopt a green field option solution that would be funded by a combination of cash reserves, EDIT, and LIT Correctional Facilities Funds. In order to obtain the necessary financial funding, the Commissioners asked Structurepoint to make the same presentation to the County Council on October 13, 2020. The Council also adopted a resolution endorsing the green field option solution with funding identified as cash reserves, EDIT, and LIT Correctional Facilities Funds. To comply with the Settlement Agreement, County Attorney McDonald presented both resolutions to the Federal Court on October 13, 2020. The Commissioners are bound by the terms and schedule of the Settlement Agreement. Today, the Commissioners will vote on whether to advance the project forward and approve a contract amendment by Structurepoint that will proceed into the design phase of Option I, a twenty-year solution with 288 beds on a green field site. They will have two (2) deduct alternates; 1) to defer 92 beds and 2) defer Community Corrections. The Commissioners will present a funding request of this Contract Amendment to begin jail project design and secure property to the Council on November 10, 2020. Upon the Council approving this funding request for both land purchase and design, the Commissioners will direct American Structurepoint and the County Attorney to secure an option to purchase a preferred green field site and complete the Engineering Evaluation. Upon Council approval for funding of design and land purchase, the Commissioners will begin a selection project for Project Manager, Clerk of the Works, and, or a Construction Manager for the project. This Project Manager, Clerk of the Works, or Construction Manager will work with American Structurepoint to determine construction timelines to be submitted to the Court. A press release was given to the media. Commissioner Bottoms feels the County is under a very tight schedule to fulfil the requests in the Settlement,

therefore, the County must move forward today on some items. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to sign the amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with American Structurepoint, contingent upon funding from the County Council, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

Due to time restraints, Commissioner Bottoms also motioned that Paul Green be hired as the Clerk of the Works for this jail project, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

Subdivision roads being brought into the County's road inventory. The Commissioners are still awaiting data and easements on a couple of subdivisions. Today, Commissioners will bring White Church (west of Princeton); Ricker Lake (west of Owensville); and Water Tower Place (west of Haubstadt) subdivisions into the County's road inventory. Commissioner Bottoms motioned, seconded by President Bottoms. With no further discussion, the motion carried 2-0.

CR 350 S & Hwy 41 intersection is under construction with an anticipated completion of approximately 30 days. This project was passed to the Redevelopment Commission from the Commissioners. They hope the lane closure will end on Friday. This project will allow twice the traffic volume in order to help alleviate congestion on CR 350 S, as well as CR 100 E. Commissioner Bottoms feels this will be a very good project for the County.

New Business:

Diane Hornby – Gibson County Health Department introduced Jenny Gard, a concerned citizen in regard to the importance of wearing masks. Director Hornby request the Commissioners enact a Mask Ordinance as her department is having a hard time enforcing mandatory masks if the business does not have a food license. Also, the Health Department can only make enforcement upon the food permitted businesses, not their customers. Commissioner Bottoms does not feel the Commissioners have authority to enforce this. President Bledsoe invited Director Hornby back to the next meeting as they requested more data on this matter.

Ms. Gard made a presentation to the Commissioners regarding mask wearing, social distancing, and proper hand hygiene.

Direction Hornby informed the Commissioners that the IT Grant thru ISDH is dropped. She would like to use CARES Act money to purchase a new server as well as a new phone system. Her department currently has 2 phone lines and needs more. The Health Department is also requesting a trailer to host Mobile Vaccination Clinics. They would like this purchased from the CARES Act money as well. They request using a part-time employee to help with contact tracing notifications. The Health Department will begin the free test site on 11/16/2020. The hours will be Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday 10-6 and Saturday 10-2.

EMS Bound Tree Licensing Agreement – Director Allen requests the Commissioners approve this agreement. Commissioner Bottoms has discussed this agreement with Director Allen and the County Attorney. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to approve this agreement, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion passed 2-0.

TMMI Lot 4 and Maple Tree Drive Improvements – Tami Muckerheide of Gibson County Economic Development Coalition told everyone that through the pandemic, Toyota has continued to do well. They need traffic solutions and today, Mike Wingo, Senior Maintenance Manager will explain these traffic issues. Mr. Wingo explained TMMI has a total plant investment of approximately \$5.8 Billion; an employee base of 7,200 plus another 1,500-2,000 outside workers; and produce approximately 422,000 vehicles annually. The demand for vehicles is greater than the amount they can produce. Due to the addition of team members and more production, they need to expand Lot 4. Mr. Wingo showed a video depicting the traffic congestion, telling Commissioners it might take TMMI Employees 30 minutes to navigate the congestion. Mr. Wingo introduced Dan Sherman from Beam, Longest, Neff Engineering who will review the proposal to address the issues as well as the cost. Mr. Sherman showed a solution simulation. The solution will expand Lot 4 to 3,100 parking spots and road improvements to support 2 lanes inbound and 2 lanes outbound in 2 different directions. Some of the changes will include addition of signals, widening of CR 100 N, Maple Tree Drive will be relocated to the south to allow for future expansion of Lot 3. The simulation projection cuts the 30-minute congestion navigation down to 9/10-minutes. Highway Superintendent Lewis asked if this, will move the bottlenecked areas onto the 2-lane county roads surrounding the plant. Mr. Sherman says that was studied and they do not feel that will happen. Commissioner Bottoms feels this project has been well vetted. The estimated cost of this improvement is \$13,911,000. This project is in/for the TIF District therefore, Commissioner Bottoms motioned to move this project on to the Redevelopment Commission in the amount of \$13,911,000, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion passed 2-0.

TMMI Lot 4 & Maple Tree Drive Improvements – Commissioner Bottoms would like to approve this agreement With Beam, Longest, Neff Engineering (BLN) contingent upon funding for the project. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to approve the Supplemental Agreement #1 with BLN and the agreement with United Consulting on Project Management and Inspection, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion passed 2-0.

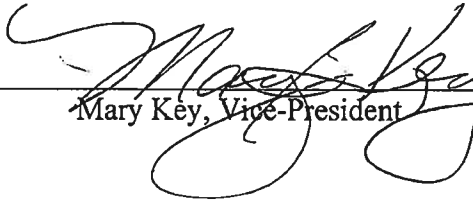
Family Medical Leave was reviewed, but not discussed. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to approve this leave, seconded by President Bledsoe. With no further discussion, the motion passed 2-0.

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

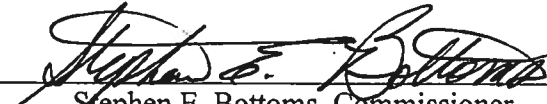
Minutes from the November 4th, 2020 Meeting.



Gerald Bledsoe, President



Mary Key, Vice-President



Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner



ATTEST Sherri Smith, Auditor