
Gibson County Board of Commissioners

Regular Session
October 20th, 2020

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on October 20th, 2020, at 5:30 PM 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.

Masks and Social Distancing were observed during the meeting.

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

Minutes: The minutes from September 22nd, 2020 Special Joint Session; the October 6th Regular Session; and the October 6th, 2020 Executive Meeting were read and approved through a motion by Commissioner Key and seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Claims:

- County General - \$37,214.39
- Courts - \$2,431.26
- Highway - \$30,160.81
- Sheriff - \$7,403.69
- ACH - \$33,364.24
- CAW-1 - \$28,166.01
- CAW-2 - \$13,152.74

Ditch Claims and Delinquent Tax Payments - \$37,241.80
LIT & ED Plate Distributions \$530,315.91

Payroll for October 9th - \$375,657.31
Payroll Deductions - \$173,004.81
Health and Life Insurance Premiums - \$320,030.10

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

Presentation of Clerk's Report

- Clerk's Report was acknowledged by the Commissioners.

Department Reports:

No Reports Given

Old Business:

- Koberstein Agreement - Turn Lane at US 41 and CR350 South, allowing double the amount of people to flow north – The Commissioners had previously voted to send this project to the RDC where RDC voted to fund this project with TIF revenue. Koberstein received the bid award on this project. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to sign the agreement to allow Koberstein to follow through on this project, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- I69/SR64 Sanitary Sewer Project - Sign Notice to Proceed and contract with Midwest Mole allowing the sanitary sewer extension from the sewer plant, east under I-69 over to 950 and south to install sewer at this interchange. Contractor plans to begin work first part of November. Commissioner Bottoms made a motion to sign the Notice to Proceed, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Contract for Administrative Services – OCRA COVID-19 Response Program- Paul Waters, Representative from Economic Development of Gibson County explained that there will be approximately 45 businesses share in a \$250,000 grant. Someone from the crowd asked if any business in the county was eligible. Mr. Waters explained the process and eligibility. Commissioner Bottoms motioned to accept and sign the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.
- Commissioner Bottoms thanked Economic Coalition of Southwest Indiana for helping attain this grant.

New Business:

- Genie Gard, a resident of the Owensville area was present to express her concern in the high number of COVID-19 cases in Gibson County. She is wondering what steps the Commissioners are taking to reduce the positivity rate so all residents can actively participate in their communities. Commissioner Bledsoe invited Ms. Gard back to the November meeting at 8:00a.m. where the Health Department is usually present to give a monthly report. County Attorney McDonald also suggested she attend the Health Department Board Meeting. He stated the Commissioners had been very active since early March including meeting with the 3-school districts to set out a plan. A plan has been instituted at the courthouse in which everyone entering must be screened before entry. Safety precautions have been set up for all county employees, including plexiglass installations at workstations and entry doors. They have taken part in grants to purchase safety mechanisms such as temperature reading machines. They practice masks requirements and social distancing in all meetings and adhere to only allowing so many in the room at one time per CDC guidelines. Early voting stations in the Courthouse are practicing all CDC guidelines, including the sanitation of voting machines and writing


instruments after each use. The County Health Nurse should be commended on her diligent work during this pandemic, as she is working long, hard hours. Ms. Gard does feel the county government offices are being handled well, however she is concerned about businesses not conducting themselves as they should per CDC guidelines.

Unknown Speaker responded his belief comes down to each person doing the right thing. He feels you must stay out of the path of those that choose to not follow CDC guidelines.

- Commissioner Bottoms motioned to hire Richard Ellis for the Highway Department and to start immediately, seconded by Commissioner Key. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

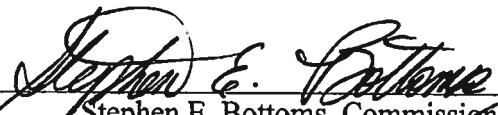
With no further business Commissioner Key motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bottoms. With no further discussion, the Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes from the October 20th, 2020 Meeting.

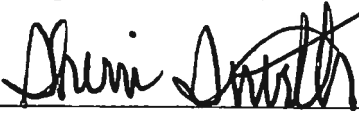


Gerald Bledsoe, President

Mary Key, Vice-President



Stephen E. Bottoms, Commissioner



ATTEST: Sherri Smith, Auditor