
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
November 7, 2007

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on November 7, 2007 at 9 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room

Members present:

N. Sherrell Marginet, Pres. Don Whitehead, VP
Bob Townsend Attorney Jerry Stilwell

Members absent:

The meeting was called to order with all present standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting of October 16, 2007, were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Claims: The following claims were submitted for approval: Payroll, 10/26.07, \$286,028.54; Utilities, \$14,474.32; Sheriff, \$61,195.24; Highway, \$129679.99; County General, \$485,619.44. These claims were approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Department Reports: Veterans Service: Barbara Schencks gave the monthly report and announced that the Veterans Day Ceremony would be on Monday, November 12, 2007 at 11:00 AM on the Courthouse lawn.

Weights & Measures: Gary Dawson gave the monthly report.

Highway: Jerry Heldt asked for permission to advertise for a new motor grader. This was approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0. He handed out the monthly work and project report. He gave a report on the cost of paving and oiling county roads because of the number of calls received to do so.

Safety: Ken Gruebel reported that 2007 has been the best year on the low number of Workman's Comp claims.

Health: Kanda Walden announced that the new prescription cards should be available by the end of the month.

Extension: Cathy Boerste announced the date for 4-H sign-ups and that the annual meeting would be held on Thursday, November 15, 2007.

EMS: Dan Alvey presented a request for a six week medical leave for an employee. This was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Sheriff: Allen Harmon announced that the 911 addressing is complete and that they are now working on some problem areas. He also asked for a date to be set for the Work Release Facility dedication and open house. It was decided to have it on Sunday, December 2, 2007, from 2 to 4 PM. The facility is now in use and the renovation on the old kitchen area is coming along well and should be ready by the end of the month. He spoke of the surplus equipment that was not used in the new facility. It was decided to store it at the Highway Dept. and put on the next surplus auction. One freezer was donated to the Health Dept. with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. Bill Miller asked about a problem he has on his Verizon phone bill concerning the E-911 charge. He asked if it could be looked into by the Sheriff because Verizon has him listed as living in Pike County and won't change it until the Sheriff's Dept. contact them.

Appointment to the Princeton Library Board: A request to appoint Bruce Byers to the library board was approved with a motion by Marginet seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Relocation of CR 525S: Jerry Stilwell spoke on the request from Black Beauty Coal for this relocation. There will be a public hearing on December 4, 9:30 AM, during the regular Commissioners meeting on this matter. The coal company will publish the advertisements for the hearing.

Mr. Stilwell also spoke of a request from the town of Ft. Branch to use the county's right of way along Coal Mine Road to lay a new waste water line. The town attorney has spoken to Stilwell and Jerry Heldt at the Highway Dept. There is a possibility that the town will be annexing this part of the road in the near future. After further discussion it was decided with a motion by Marginet and seconded by Whitehead to take this under advisement and be brought back to a future meeting.

Remodeling of Circuit Court Probation Office: Bob Townsend spoke of the request to remodel the office on behalf of Judge Meade. After discussion in which it was stated that

Circuit Court did have the available money to do so, a motion to allow the remodeling was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Approval of 2008 Holiday Calendar: The holiday calendar was presented for approval. This was done with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. *A copy of the calendar will follow the minutes.*

Black Beauty Coal Company: Dave Yager, representing the company, requested the temporary closing of approximately 3000 feet of Indian Treaty Road east of CR 550E intersection. He informed the Board that there are no houses on this section of the road and the Company owns both sides. They would like to have a 5 year time frame for this closure. After discussion, which included the resolution concerning temporary road and intersection closures that is now in the process of being completed and passed, it was decided to table this until the December 4th meeting with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Road Closure Resolution: Stilwell has given the Commissioners a copy of the redacted resolution based on further research for the procedures for temporary closure of roads and intersections. He gave a brief explanation of the resolution. A motion to table this until the next meeting was made by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

N. Sherrell Marginet, Pres.

Don Whitehead, VP

Bob Townsend

Attested: _____
Mary B. Key, Auditor