
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
July 3, 2007

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 3, 2007, at 9 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

N. Sherrell Marginet, Pres.

Bob Townsend

Don Whitehead, VP

Attorney Jerry Stilwell

Member absent:

The meeting was brought to order with Marginet asking all present to remember all those who have sacrificed, from the founding fathers to the present day soldiers, for this great county in celebration of the Fourth of July. At this time all stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting of June 19, 2007, were approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Approval of Claims: The following claims were presented for approval: Payroll, 6/22/07, \$284,011.96; Sheriff, \$48,006.21; Highway, \$202,363.06; County General, \$675,833.91; Utilities, \$10,992.25. The claims were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Department Reports: Veterans Service: Barbara Schenks gave her monthly report.

EMA: Terry Hedges stated that the County's premitigation disaster plan is in Indianapolis for the final reading and hopefully will have it back in a couple weeks. The plan can then be sent to FEMA to qualify the County for grant money. He also stated that Local Emergency Planning, in coordination with EMA and the Health Department, would be holding a hazardous materials exercise sometime later this year.

Highway: Jerry Heldt announced that the bridge on Thompson Road was now open. He also brought an agreement with Gibson County Coal for the use of refuse material to upgrade Gibson County Roads. The agreement specifies the materials being used and location. This agreement is necessary for the Coal Company to apply for permits from the State. A motion to accept this agreement was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Sheriff: Chief Deputy George Ballard gave a report on the evacuation of the jail last week due to a build up of carbon monoxide in the building. This was due to faulty venting of the hot water heater. A new fan has been added to the chimney to increase the air draw. This has taken care of the problem.

Work Release Building Project Change of Order: During construction of the facility there was a change of order for the amount of \$146,470.95 due to unknown factors during excavating work and changes otherwise necessary. A motion to pay this change of order out of EDIT was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Proposed Settlement: Attorney Jerry Stilwell brought the proposed settlement of a law suit brought against the Sheriff's Department and Gibson County Jail. He explained the terms and that Sheriff Harmon had approved the terms of which several were already in place. The Board approved the settlement with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Health Dept.: Kanda Walden asked the Commissioners to approve an ordinance setting the fees charged for different services provided by the County Health Department. After discussion a motion to suspend the second reading of the ordinance was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Medical Leave: A medical leave for an employee was presented for approval. There was discussion that it had been signed by a nurse practitioner and not the physician. The County policy states it must be signed by a physician. This matter was tabled until the next meeting with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0. This would give the individual time to acquire the proper signature.

Old Business: Mrs. Bob Haase asked if a decision had been made on who would maintain River Road in the Wabash bottoms. Jerry Heldt stated he had talked to Duke Energy and that they were helping with getting it back in shape. He is still in contact with Duke Energy working on an agreement on the continued maintenance of the road.

New Business: Glen Morris asked about maintenance on the Blair Ditch. He said that there had been none around where his tile entered the ditch. Marginet and Whitehead said that this is an issue for the Blair Ditch Commission. A citizen stated his concerns

about the possibility of a new county tax and asked about parking some of the take home vehicle that county employees have as a means of cutting budget. Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

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Mary B. Key, Auditor