
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
January 2, 2008

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 2, 2008, 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.

Board Reorganization: Townsend made a motion to nominate Marginet as president which was seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0. Townsend made a motion to nominate Whitehead which was seconded by Marginet and passed 3-0.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 18, 2007, meeting were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Marginet and passed 2-0-1. Townsend abstained because he was absent for the December 18th meeting.

Claims: The following claim was submitted for approval: Payroll, 1/4/2008, \$296,347.54. This was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Dept. Reports: Weights & Measures: Gary Dawson gave the final report for 2007. Marginet commended him on the job he has been doing.

Safety: Ken Greubel reported that 2007 had been a good year.

EMA: Terry Hedges stated he is working on three grants which are carrying over from 2007. He is very hopeful on a grant that will allow him to purchase more 800 MHZ radios that are badly needed with in the county and another which could possibly be worth up to \$1.3 million for disaster preparedness.

Health: Kanda Walden reported that the prescription cards have been distributed throughout the County.

EMS: Dan Alvey stated the ambulance that the engine has been replaced should be back by the end of the week if all testing continued to going well.

Sheriff: Allen Harmon distributed the jail population reports; stated that the E-911 address change request would need to be done by the town board of Mackey. After doing some inquiring, they found that the property was with in the town limits even though they were rural route addresses. He reported that the communications radio control board had been down over the weekend-again. He is inquiring about prices for a new one, either purchase or lease to purchase. Parts for the present system are no longer manufactured. Marginet asked about the procedure for closing or restricting traffic on county roads incase of bad weather. Harmon said that he would inspect the roads and if he felt that closure or restrictions were needed he would then contact the Commissioners with the request. He stated part of the problem with road closures was the travel through the county from other areas. If restrictions were put on travel, they would notify the radio station, WRAY and he would put all available 4-wheel drive vehicles on the road to enforce the restrictions. Whitehead asked which vehicles were the oldest in the fleet. Harmon said that the three Crown Victoria were the oldest and he thought they were 2001 and 2002.

Highway: Jerry Heldt distributed the end of 2007 financial report. He requested permission to post the 10 ton weight limit on county roads which usually runs from January 1 to April 1 each year. Townsend made the motion to do the posting and after discussion concerning enforceability of the limit, what exemptions there would be etc. Townsend then retracted the motion until some of the legalities and other possible time frames be looked into.

EDIT Plan: The EDIT Plan for 2008 and 2009 were presented for approval. A motion to approve the plan was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Commissioners Old Business: Marginet stated that the Zoning Commission for Johnson Township had a resignation and that position needed to be filled. It was decided to ask the town board for a recommendation. Road Closure Ordinance: Stilwell said that the original number, 2007-5, would need to be changed to, 2008-1, because of the change of the year in which it is to be passed. The passage could be accomplished at this meeting if the Commissioners agreed to and voted on not requiring two readings. Bill Miller asked that the Commissioners not do this so that people would have time to read and study the

revised version of the ordinance. This was agreed upon and a motion to approve the ordinance for the first reading was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. It will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. *Councilman Cecil R. Allen* asked about the haul road being put in just north of TISA and if there wasn't a time limit for completion and if there were any penalties if it was not completed. The agreement does have a time limit for completion date however Townsend pointed out that the area had had seven inches of rain within that time frame. Whitehead stated the he thought the work is progressing and should be completed within the time frame.

Commissioners New Business: The Phase I for Warrenton Place South was presented for approval. It has been before all necessary persons and/or boards. The Surveyor has not signed it as of yet but said he would once one concern was taken care of to his satisfaction. A motion to approve and sign the plat once it met the necessary change was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. *Bill Miller* asked again about the HWY 64 E address he has for E-911 and the problems he is having with Verizon. Verizon has him listed in Pike County instead of Gibson County. Sheriff Harmon assured him that within the E-911 grid of Gibson County that his house is in the correct place. The department has been working with Verizon to try and get these few addresses corrected with in their system but really can't do anything about it other than that. Harmon asked Miller to keep trying and maybe between the two of them the problem will be corrected.

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