
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
January 15, 2008

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 15, 2008 at 9AM 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.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of December 27, 2007 and January 2, 2008, were approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Line of Credit: A motion to approve a payment of \$1,525.00 to Fifth-Third Bank for a line of credit for insurance guarantee was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Tax Anticipation Time Warrant: A tax anticipation time warrant was needed for the guarantee of the loan to the County General Fund for Regions Bank. This was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. The warrant was signed by the Commissioners.

Covered Bridge Certification: Auditor Key presented the Covered Bridge Certification certificate received from the State. The County's two covered bridges were certified with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Board of Finance: Jim Kolb read the minutes of the last Board of Finance past meeting. Townsend made the correction of Board member Hoover had resigned prior to that meeting. Correction was made. Approval of the minutes with the correction motion was made by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0. Kolb then gave the annual financial report. He asked for voided warrants be accepted to be placed back into county general. A motion to approve was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Road Closure Ordinance: Jerry Stilwell announced that this was the second reading of the ordinance with the number 2008-1. Steve Bottoms asked if the ordinance was enforceable because of problems they have had in Barton Township with such things as debris at the intersections and along the roads, mud on the roads and such. This is a big concern of those that live within the areas of the coal mines. Townsend read the portion of the ordinance to the meeting. The fact that this ordinance only applies to new agreements was pointed out. After further discussion a roll call vote was taken. The ordinance was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Black Beauty Coal: Dave Yeager, representing the coal company, requested two extensions on presently closed roads, CR 850E and 125S, for 2 additional years. Bill Miller asked if this extension not be accepted but make new agreements that would put this under the new ordinance. Stilwell said that he wasn't sure this was possible because of a law about doing so after the fact. Dave Yeager pointed out that the original agreements included 2 year extensions. After further discussion, a motion to approve the extensions was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. Yeager presented one more extension for a 2 year time frame on CR 50N from 725E for a mile with an existing crossing for approval. A motion to approve this was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Road Weight Limits: Stilwell presented Ordinance 2008-2 on weight limits for county roads. This ordinance is to enable the Sheriff to enforce the weight limits set by the commissioners to protect the roads. A motion to accept this as the first reading of this ordinance was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Haubstadt Planning Commission: Oscar Ross was recommended to be appointed to the Haubstadt Planning Commission. This was done with a motion by Marginet seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

CASA Office: Judge Meade asked that they be allowed to remodel the CASA office in the courthouse. He has grant money to be used for this purpose. A motion to approve this was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Medical Leave: A request from EMS for an employee to have up to six weeks medical leave was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Tourism Commission: The request to reappoint Stanley Madison, Kelly Dillon and Todd Moseby to the tourism commission of approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Old Business: Dan Alvey gave October report for EMS and requested the approval of write offs in the amount of \$56,835.28. This was approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Steve Bottoms asked about the ordinance and agreements with the coal companies about keeping the roads and intersections clean and was stations for the trucks before they enter county roads. Jerry Heldt stated that he thought the companies tried hard to work with the Highway Department in keeping the roads free of debris.

New Business: Sheriff: Chief Deputy George Ballard presented the medical contracts for the jail for 2008. The contracts are the same as in the past and salaries are in accordance to the salary ordinance. The contracts were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Claims: Payroll was presented at this time for approval in the amount of \$274,143.85. This claim was approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

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