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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
February 5, 2008

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 5, 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 brought to order by all standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Marginet thanked the Highway and Sheriff's Department for "a job well done" during and after the storms of January 29, 2008.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting of January 15, 2008, were approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Approval of Claims: The following claims were submitted for approval: Payroll, 2/1/08, \$297,260.43; Utilities, \$10,600.17 and \$31,841.15; Highway, \$144,496.41; Sheriff, \$227,754.56; County General, \$763,473.82. The claims were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Department Reports: Highway: Jerry Heldt handed out the monthly reports. Sheriff Harmon thanked the department for all the help and hard work clearing after the storm.

Weights & Measures: Gary Dawson gave the monthly report.

EMA: Terry Hedges reported of a conference call with Home Land Security about a possible storm that could be worse than the last one. He stated that a study is being done to determine the amount of damage due to storms in 42 Indiana counties and if the amount is at least \$7 million then there will be the possibility of receiving FEMA help.

Clerk: Becky Woodburn asked for a change in polling location for Union township, precinct 3 and 4 from the Community Center to the Fire Department. This change was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Sheriff: Allen Harmon asked that if anyone noticed that a storm warning siren did not function to let them know so that it can be fixed. He gave a report on the storm damage and problems during the storms of the previous week. He gave the Board bids on the replacement cars for the department. He also had a report and figures for the new radio console which he hoped could be pay for through the E-911 budget. The estimates are in the range of \$85,000 to \$110,000.

EMS: Dan Alvey said he would have the monthly report for the next meeting. He reported that the ambulance base in Ft. Branch was damaged in the storm. Approximately \$650 damage was done to the roof. He had gotten bids and repairs were under way. He stated that one of the paramedics was resigning at the end of the month.

Surveyor: Michael Stevenson gave his annual report for the year 2007.

Treasurer: A written request for an employee to have up to six weeks medical leave was presented for approval. Approval was granted with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

A letter from County Assessor, Juanita Beadle, requesting that Pam Morrison, Republican, and Sandy Greubel, Democrat, be appointed to the PTABOA Board was presented to the Board. This appointment was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Road Weight Limit Ordinance: Jerry Stilwell stated that the ordinance as previously read was modified by changing the limit to a gross weight per axle weight, 8000 lbs/axle. A motion to approve the ordinance with the modification was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.\*(copy follows minutes)

Colonial Life: Harold (Buddy) Swift, representing the company, requested to be able to offer County employees the benefits offered by his company. After discussion a motion to allow this was made by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

I69 Project: Jerry Heldt introduced John Myers from INDOT to present a memorandum of understanding for the detour route for the beginning of the I69 project. Heldt and Attorney Stilwell have been in communication with INDOT about possible action to be taken on the project. Myers presented the memorandum to Stilwell to read and Heldt said that he had looked over and agreed with the detour route. It was agreed that the memorandum was in order and would be fine to sign. The Board agreed to sign the memorandum of understanding with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

EDIT Plan: A change of the original EDIT plan was submitted for approval. This change was to add \$50,000.00 for a State reimbursement for property purchased during road construction. This change was approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Old Business: Steve Bottoms asked about a reported law suit by Vectren against the County. Stilwell stated that in his opinion the suit would be dismissed due to Vectren not using the proper procedure.

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