
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
April 1, 2008

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 1, 2008, at 9 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

N. Sherrell Marginet, Pres. Don Whitehead, VP
Bob Townsend

Member absent:

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

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting, March 18, 2008, were approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Claims: The following claims were submitted for approval: Payroll, 3/28/08, \$287,366.30; Sheriff, \$62,234.54; Highway, \$97,610.20; County General, \$178,708.80. The claims were approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Department Reports: Sheriff: Allen Harmon reported that the number of prisoners is down at the jail but increased in Work Release Program. The number of State prisoners is also up which will help with the funds from the State for the Misdemeanant Fund. Sheriff Harmon asked for a speed limit reduction on CR 950 W from 40 MPH to 20 MPH due to construction work near the power plant. This was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. He asked if the Commissioners would consider advertising for bids for the dispatch control board. After discussion it was decided that he should first talk to the Council to request additional funding for this. He hopes to have enough in the E-911 fund but does not have enough at this time.

EMS: Dan Alvey reported that all the ambulances were back in service.

Health: Whitehead asked Kanda Walden if the department had anything to do with the Tulip Tree Office. She stated that the Health Dept. officially did not have any jurisdiction but has helped them with matters in the past because they do health care work. Whitehead asked if she could help them with a matter that was brought to his attention. She said she would look into the matter.

Highway: Jerry Heldt asked the Commissioners to sign the annual operations report that has to be sent into the State, they are checking roads as the flood water resides and keeping strict records so that if the County qualifies for any FEMA money the records will be there and so far this year, with all the storm damage, highway personnel has already put in 652 hours of overtime.

Precinct Relocation: Becky Woodburn, County Clerk, asked on behalf of the Election Board to move Precincts Patoka 1 & 6 to the South Annex due to the water problems at the North Annex and the changes being made there to accommodate the Prosecutor's Office. The request was granted with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Medical Leaves: Rob Krieg, Prosecutor, ask for up to six week medical leave for an employee in his office. He asked that it be allowed to be split because the employee would need two surgeries and a little time after each one to recover. This request was granted with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. Krieg took this opportunity to thank the Commissioners for giving up their offices and meeting room in order for his office staff to move up from the basement due to the water problems. Treasurer Jim Kolb sent a letter requesting a six week medical leave for an employee that would be having knee surgery. This request was granted with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0. The Commissioners had a request for an employee to a six week medical leave for hip surgery. This was granted with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Old Business: Steve Bottoms asked if there had been any road acceptances back from the coal mines in recent times. Townsend said that none had been accepted in the past year and a half. He said that the coal company had requested a couple be accepted back by the county but after inspection they were turned down until they came up to the necessary specs. Mr. Bottoms asked the Commissioners not to approve any more closures until some of the roads are accepted back by the county. Councilman Pflug asked if a reopening date was ever included in the road closure agreements and that it should be

considered in the future. Bill Miller stated that he thought a temporary road should be completed before the coal company is allowed to close any roads. Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

N. Sherrell Marginet, Pres.

Don Whitehead, VP

Bob Townsend

Attested: _____
Mary B. Key