
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
May 7, 2008

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 7, 2008, at 9 AM in the Princeton Council Chambers.

Members present:

N. Sherrell Marginet, Pres.

Bob Townsend

Members absent:

Don Whitehead, VP

Jerry Stilwell, Attorney

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

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

Claims: The following claims were submitted for approval: Payroll, 4/25/08, \$277,205.98; Highway, \$166,422.75; County General, \$244,626.53; Sheriff, \$75,683.22. All claims were approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Department Reports: EMS: Dan Alvey presented the February monthly report and requested the approval of write-offs in the amount of \$36,202.97. The write-offs were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Highway: Jerry Heldt distributed the monthly work report, financial statement and investment report. He stated that the new generator is in place and working.

EMA: Terry Hedges reported on the flood damage in East Mt. Carmel was \$6,500 which is not enough for assistance from the State or FEMA. With the new bridge work being done over the Wabash River different alternatives are being study for flood protection for East Mt. Carmel such as levee work or a permanent pump. He also reported that figures have been sent to Homeland Security for the ice storm damage and flooding expenses prior to the water receding. He has spoken to the new Homeland Security Director about the needs of Gibson County, reported on the earthquake preparedness meeting in Jasper a couple weeks ago and also that the total damage due to the earthquake was not enough within the County to receive any State aid.

EMS: Ambulance donation and sponsoring hospitals: Dan Alvey asked that the old ambulance that has just been replaced be donated to the Columbia Township Fire Department. A motion was made by Townsend to approve this donation and seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0. He spoke on the agreements being drawn up for Gibson General, Deaconess and St. Mary's hospitals to be sponsors of the ambulance service. What this does is allows ambulance personnel to acquire education and experience training within the hospitals. These agreements would be brought before the Commissioners at a later date. The District 10 Ambulance Group met and agreed to make an agreement statement that each service will provide mutual aid when needed with the first two hours free of charge but the remainder of aid time would have a charge yet to be determined. He also asked that the week of May 18 – 24 be proclaimed EMS week. Marginet read the proclamation and a motion to approve the proclamation was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

EMA: Maddison Seib, administrative assistant for District 10 presented papers to explain what the new divisions for the administration of the District. The divisions are District 10 Planning Council, District 10 Task Force and District 10 Executive Committee.

School Fund Report: Auditor Mary Key presented the report on school funds to be approved and signed by the Commissioners to be sent to the State Education Board. A motion to approve the report was made by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Toyota Boshoku Road Bids: Jerry Stilwell announced that the bids had been studied and E&B Paving was the low bid at \$557,495.00. Discussion followed on the financing of the road. A motion was made that; The County Commissioners accept the low bid on the Toyota Boshoku project from E&B Paving of \$557,495.00 subject to completion of the financing by the Redevelopment Commission; the successful bidder should be authorized to commence construction upon being advised by a representative of the Redevelopment Commission; the County Commissioners submit to the Redevelopment Commission a bill for prior payments made on the project; all future claims on the project be processed through the Gibson County Redevelopment Commission; and to the extent required by law and after acceptance by the County Commissioners, the contract for the road project

be assigned to the Gibson County Redevelopment Commission. The motion was made by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Jerry Stilwell stated the need to have approval for the President of the Board to sign the Indiana Finance Authority Petroleum Remediation Grant Agreement for Phase II of the RJ Refinery sight. A motion to approve this was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Old Business: Whitehead stated that the work on the Annex North basement would be started in June.

New Business: A request by Black Beauty Coal for an extension of the road crossing on CR 1200E just north of CR 450S was presented by Townsend.

A sight for a Solid Waste collection center has been donated to the County by Black Beauty Coal. The paper work is still in process for the acceptance of the sight.

A motion to adjourn was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

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Attested: _____
Mary B. Key, Auditor