
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
August 5, 2008

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 5, 2008, at 9 AM in the Princeton City Council Chambers.

Members present:

N. Sherrell Marginet, Pres.

Bob Townsend

Don Whitehead, VP

Attorney Jerry Stilwell

Members absent:

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

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

Claims: The following claims were presented for approval: Payroll, 7/18/08, \$280,048.24; Payroll, 8/1/08, \$292,500.47; Highway, \$139,081.78; Sheriff, \$65,349.99; Co. General, \$183,290.71. These claims were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Dept. Reports: EMS: Dan Alvey gave the monthly reports for June and July and asked for the approval of write-offs: June, \$84,660.61; July, \$87,837.02. He explained that the figures were so high due to accounts that are approximately two years old and unable to collect. The June amount was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. The July amount was approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0. Alvey requested that an agreement with St. Mary's Hospital of Evansville for training be signed by the Commissioners. After discussion the agreement was signed.

Highway: Jerry Heldt gave a monthly report on road, bridge work, the Maumee Ditch and working with FEMA for reimbursement for storm and flood damage.

Sheriff: Allen Harmon gave the jail and general report. He asked permission to post a stop sign on CR 650W at the intersection of CR 200N, where the new mine shaft access will be. A motion to grant permission was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. He also asked that a speed limit sign of 35 mph be posted on the old Princeton Rd.

Grant Application: Debbie Bennett representing Regional Economic Development introduced Lisa Gehlhausen, executive director for Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission. They spoke of a possible grant that the southwestern part of Indiana could get due to the recent flooding in the area. Gehlhausen asked that the Commissioners sign a resolution teaming Gibson County with District 15 to apply for the grant. She explained the grant structure, what it can be used for and money available. After discussion a motion to approve and sign a resolution teaming the county with District 15 and in support of the grant application was made by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Mileage rate: A motion stating that the County mileage rate would always be the same as the rate set by the State of Indiana was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

EMA: Terry Hedges gave a report on a table top disaster exercise held in Jasper, working with FEMA, requested to ask for quotes to remove sand bags in Hazleton, funding for 800 Mhz radios and a buy out program from FEMA for private citizens wanting to sale property within the flooded areas. He explained that the funding for the buy out would be 75% federal and 25% county with county maintaining ownership for all time. There was discussion concerning the buy out program. Jerry Stilwell stated that he didn't think this would happen at this time due to the money concerns of the county. Hedges introduced Madison Seib, Homeland Security District 10 representative. She gave a report on the status of District 10 and stated that the Commissioners need to appoint a representative to the District Council.

Bid Opening: Jerry Stilwell opened the radio equipment bids. There were four bid packets and all were in order with necessary documentation. The base bids were: Tri-State Communications, \$90,360.00; Don's Mobile Radio Inc., \$91,262.00; Vincennes Electronics, \$85,868.50; Advance Radio Communications, \$52,703.90. Sheriff Harmon asked that the bids be tabled until the next meeting to have time to study the bids. It was agreed to table the bids until the next meeting with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

United Minerals: Bill Gunn, representing United Minerals, asked for approval of the proposal presented at the June 17, 2008, meeting with the revision of withdrawing the request for CR 350S closure. The request is for heavy equipment crossing on CR 250S, temporary closure of CR 1000E for approximately 2,800 feet and CR 350S for haulage for approximately 1,600 feet, making improvements before hauling is started. There were question from the public concerning spillage, mud and dirt clean up on the crossings and roads. After discussion, a motion by Whitehead to approve the agreement with the addition of language providing for the clean up to be discussed and approved by County Attorney Stilwell seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Tulip Tree Health Care Facility: Nora Nixon presented a short program on what the health care facility does, who it services and how these services are provided. It is a non for profit organization and services individuals that have little or no health insurance for a minimal fee, according to a sliding scale for affordability. The facility can get equipment and supplies through grant money and has a great facility but it is in need of personnel which cannot be paid for by grant money. She requested that the county consider giving the clinic some funding in 2009 to allow for personnel; doctors, dentists, nurses, etc. Discussion followed.

Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

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Attested: _____
Mary B. Key, Auditor