
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
April 20, 2010

The Gibson County Commissioners met in regular session on April 20, 2010, at 6:00 PM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

Bob Townsend, Pres. Gerald Bledsoe, VP
Don Whitehead Attorney James McDonald

Members absent:

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

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were not available at this time.

Special Guest: Todd Mosby introduced a group of visitor from the County's Sister City of Tahara City, Japan. Bob Townsend welcomed them and presented them with a gift. In turn, Townsend was presented with a gift from Bessho Jyunji, representing the group and a statement of appreciation for the welcome they have received.

Claims: The following claims were presented for approval: Payroll, 4/9, \$289,781.46, 4/23, \$275,956.85; County General, \$75,633.34; Courts, \$1,185.89; Highway, \$115,985.11; Sheriff, \$58,324.57. The claims were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Old Business: Resolution for County Credit Card Use 2010-2: McDonald stated that the resolution had been read and published. Whitehead stated that he did have mixed thoughts on this but after research can see the need for such. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Request for Closure of 350 S: Townsend stated that this request had need of being addressed. Jim Kolb stated as a candidate for Commissioner he has been asked about this closure. He said that it is a difficult decision and that he didn't have enough information to make a statement at this time. Whitehead asked a couple questions to the mine representative then made a motion to allow the closure of 350 S. The motion was seconded by Townsend and passed 2-1. Bledsoe was the nay vote which was based on past road conditions and the lack of getting the roads back into condition for travel and the maintenance on other roads used by the coal trucks. The citizens of the County deserve better treatment and cooperation without having to have the Commissioners step in and make request to maintain safe conditions on the roads in the mine area. There was some discussion before the motion was voted on. Steve Bottoms stated a number of roads that are closed at this time and some for as long as 11 to 12 years. He had the question of when are these roads going to be reopened and giving back to the County. Councilman Cecil R. Allen asked how many roads are actually closed and/or under the Coal Company's control.

Approval of Union Contracts: Whitehead made a motion to accept and sign the contract. Bledsoe seconded the motion and it passed 2-1 with Townsend casting the nay vote.

Sale of County Property: Bids on advertised owned property were opened at a previous meeting and a Mr. Burns had the high bid on 608 N. Harrison, Princeton. This was accepted with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Distressed Road Bids: Bids for these road repairs were opened at the previous meeting and after study of the bids by the County Engineer and Highway Superintendent the bid from JH Rudolph, low bid, was the recommendation. The financing is provided by a loan from the State interest free for a 10 year period with additional funds need, approximately \$200,000 from the EDIT fund to complete the project. A motion to accept the bid from JH Rudolph was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

EMS: Dan Alvey asked for approval of March write offs in the amount of \$50,901.36. A motion to approve was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Highway: Jerry Heldt asked about setting the speed limit on CR350 S to CR100E and be posted at 45MPH. The paving at the new bridge is to be completed within the week. Bledsoe stated he would like to see the completion and drive it before raising the speed limit at this time. It was agreed to table the speed limit request until next meeting. Heldt stated that the public need to have permission from the County to oil any roads and to please contact the highway department before doing so.

Community Corrections Grant Approval: Allen Harmon stated that the annual grant from the State Department of Corrections for \$220,786.00 needs to be approved and signed at this time. A motion to approve the grant agreement between the County and the Department of Corrections was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Medical Leave for Veterans Services: A motion to approve was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

E911 Computer System Upgrade: Allen Harmon explained he has been looking into and talking to a company about a new system; hardware, software, server, etc. The approximate cost will be \$860,000 with a maintenance fee of \$30,000 per year for a six year period. Discussion and explanation of the

system followed. The Commissioners agreed to take a look at this possibility. E911 funds would be used to pay for the system.

PTABOA Board Appointment: Assessor Juanita Beadle requested the appointment of Cathy Williams and Kim Minkler to the 2010 the County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. A motion to approve these appointments was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Councilman Allen stated that at a previous meeting it was stated that the County could do work for a private individual. He wanted to know how this was billed. The State has a list for materials and rate for labor by the hour which they bill directly to the individual and is paid to Highway General fund. *Allen* also stated he had some questions concerning road maintenance in the river bottoms. *Heldt* said that these are county roads and are problematic due to flood waters, hunters, four-wheelers, etc. They are difficult to maintain all the time but they do try to get to them as soon as possible after getting notice from anyone or during inspection.

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



Bob Townsend, Pres.



Gerald Bledsoe, VP



Don Whitehead

Attested:



Mary B. Key, Auditor