
Gibson County Board of Commissioners

Regular Session

April 21, 2009

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 21, 2009, at 6:00 PM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

Bob Townsend, Pres.

Don Whitehead

Gerald Bledsoe, VP

Attorney, James McDonald

Members absent:

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

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were not ready for approval.

Claims: The following claims were presented for approval: Payroll, 4/24/09, \$274,171.06; County General, \$93,317.57; Highway, \$172,772.85; Sheriff, \$71,352.42. The claims were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Animal Control Ordinance 2009-1: The ordinance was read for the second time and a motion to publish the ordinance was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Sheriff Sale Fee Ordinance 2009-2: The ordinance was read for the second time and a motion to publish the ordinance was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

New Business: Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Reimbursement Public Hearing:

The public hearing concerning possible grant money for entities within the county was called to order, Debbie Bennett-Stearsman presiding. Ms. Bennett-Stearsman stated that the hearing was being held in accordance to law by the Office of Rural and Community Affairs. The County is seeking the amount of \$50,920.02 of re-imbusement for expenses of matching money for the disaster of June, 2008. There are no matching funds required for this grant. After asking for questions or comments from the public and having none she stated that the minutes of the hearing would be available in the Commissioners' office on June 30, 2009. She asked for a motion to allow the necessary documents to be signed. A motion to allow this was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0. The public hearing was closed.

Grant Sponsorship for White River and Columbia Townships: Ms. Bennett-Stearsman representing both townships asked that the Commissioners sponsor request for the townships to acquire grants to help purchase fire equipment under Disaster 2 of 2008. A motion to sponsor the grant applications was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Design Criteria agreement concerning County Roads affected by I-69: John Umpleby, County Engineer, presented the agreement request from the State.



**Evansville to Indianapolis
Final Design and Right-of-Way**

Section 1: I-64 north of Evansville to SR 64 near Oakland City

**County Road Speed Limits Requiring Executive Action
Through a Speed Ordinance**

Construction Package #1: I-64 to SR 68

- Due to the hilly terrain and winding condition of the existing Nobles Chapel Road and the similar nature of the relocated Nobles Chapel Road, the relocated Nobles Chapel Road was designed at a 30 mph speed limit. Gibson County will need to implement a speed ordinance posting Nobles Chapel Road at 30 mph.

Construction Package #2: Pigeon Creek Bridges

- No executive action regarding speed ordinances is necessary in this package

Construction Package #3: SR 68 to Pigeon Creek Bridges

- No executive action regarding speed ordinances is necessary in this package

Construction Package #4: Pigeon Creek Bridges to SR 168

- The CR 825S/CR 600E connector road will be designed at a 30 mph speed limit. Gibson County will need to implement a speed ordinance posting CR 600E at 30 mph and posting CR 825S at 30 mph.

Construction Package #5: SR 168 to SR 64

- The CR 600S/CR 800E connector road was designed at 35 mph to account for the curvature of the road and to accommodate traffic flow from existing CR 800E which is posted at 35 mph. CR 600S is not currently posted, thus Gibson County will need to implement a speed ordinance posting CR 600S at 35 mph.



Evansville to Indianapolis
Final Design and Right-of-Way

Section 1: I-64 north of Evansville to SR 64 near Oakland City

County Road Speed Limits

Construction Package #1: I-64 to SR 68

- Nobles Chapel Road – design speed 30 mph
- Wheatonville Road Cul-De-Sac – design speed 20 mph
- CR 1250 South (West of I-69) – design Speed 30 mph [Cul-De-Sac – 20 mph]
- CR 950 North (Hammer Head, east of I-69) – design speed 20 mph
- Old SR 57 – design speed 25 mph [Cul-De-Sac – 20 mph]

Construction Package #2: Pigeon Creek Bridges (Not Applicable)

Construction Package #3: SR 68 to Pigeon Creek Bridges

- Tepe Road – design speed 55 mph [not posted]
- New CR 550 East – design speed 45 mph [posted 40 mph]
- Old CR 550 East – design speed 25 mph

Construction Package #4: Pigeon Creek Bridges to SR 168

- All Cul-De-Sacs – design speed 20 mph
- *CR 825 S / CR 600 E Connector – design speed 30 mph [CR 825 S and CAR 600 E are not currently posted]

Construction Package #5: SR 168 to SR 64

- * CR 600 S – design speed 35 mph [not posted 55 mph]
- * CR 800 E – design speed 35 mph [posted at 35 mph]
- CR 550 S – design speed 40 mph [posted at 40 mph]
- CR 875 E (Cul-De-Sac) – design speed 20 mph
- CR 450 S (Cul-De-Sac) – design speed 20 mph
- CR 350 S – design speed 35 mph [posted at 30 mph]
- CR 300 S (Cul-De-Sac) – design speed 20 mph
- CR 250 S (Cul-De-Sac) – design speed 20 mph

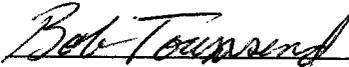
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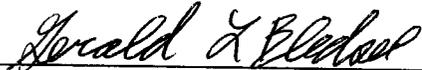
* In order to consider a roadway connecting CR 825 S and CR 600 E, the county will need to post both roads at 30 mph.

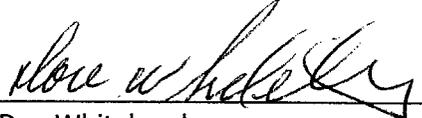
** In order for the roadway connecting CR 600 S & CR 800 E to be designed for 35 mph speed limit. County approval is needed for posting CR 600 S, which is currently not posted, at 35 mph.

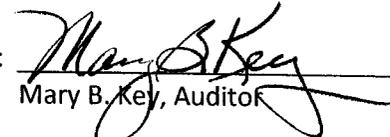
Farmers Market: The Purdue Extension Service requested the use of the west parking lot at the courthouse for a farmers market on Saturdays from June through early September. This was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

The regular session of the Board of Commissioners was adjourned to immediately to into a finance committee meeting with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

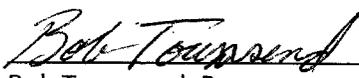

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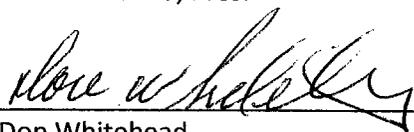

Don Whitehead

Attested: 
Mary B. Key, Auditor

Finance Committee: Jim Kolb, Treasurer, spoke about the need for the County to borrow money for cash flow until property taxes are collected and distributed. The past several years it has been cheaper for the County to borrow money from a bank than from itself. This was due to the interest rates on the loan being lower than what the County could invest its funds. However, this year that is not the case. The Council has allowed the borrowing of funds controlled by the Council. The Commissioners discussed and then made a motion to allow the Auditor's office to use funds from the EDIT and EDIT/TIF excess funds, which are usually invested, for cash flow purposes. The motion allowing this was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.


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