
Gibson County Board of Commissions
Regular Session
April 6, 2010

The Gibson County Commissioners met in regular session on April 6, 2010, at 8:30 AM 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: The minutes of the previous meeting of March 16, 2010 were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Claims: The following claims were presented for approval: Payroll, 3/26/10, \$276,740.38; County General, \$234,469.71; Courts, \$6,849.88; Highway, \$155,912.88; Sheriff, \$51,202.19. The claims were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Department Reports: Veterans Services: Barbara Schenks gave the monthly report.

Weights & Measurers: Gary Dawson gave the monthly report.

Health: Kanda Walden announced that the department would be holding a "Baby Bonanza" at the Fairgrounds activity building on Saturday, April 10 from 9 AM to Noon. Also, the prescription discount cards are still available at a number of locations throughout the County.

EMA: Terry Hedges stated that the radios for the first responders had been checked and are in working order.

Sheriff: George Ballard reported that the new jail control panels installation was almost complete and should be fully on line within a couple days.

Highway: Jerry Heldt distributed the monthly reports and reported that the replacement bridge on 450S was complete except for the approaches had yet to be paved.

GIS: John Howe reported on his first four months; drainage ditches, work with Assessor's office, town and city limits for the census and working on street maps with the fire departments.

Townsend spoke on the progress of the Census and the need to return the forms.

Old Business: Distressed Road Bid Opening: Attorney McDonald opened the bids, checked for the necessary paper work and stated the bids. The bids are for CR350S, CR 100W and CR400S: Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc., \$136,040, \$83,773, \$823,013; J. H. Rudolph and Co., Inc., total \$942,990.95 (\$123,186.00, \$82,566.25, \$737m238.20); Gohmann Asphalt and Construction, \$129,050.50, \$77,840.90, \$791,008.50; E&B Paving, Inc., \$130,460.00, \$80,872.00, \$850,402.00. Bids were taken under advisement with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Union Contract: Whitehead requested to table this until the next meeting to have time to go over the contract. The Commissioners had only received their official copy this day and had not had time to review the document. The vote was held over until the next meeting.

CR 350 S Closure Request: Bill Gunn, representing the coal company, spoke about some changes to the original agreement upon closing CR 350 S, presented at the March 2, 2010, to mine around and through and taking into consideration of public input during the March 16, 2010, meeting. A company representative visited 22 owners of properties around the area of the closure and receiving 34 signatures in favor of the closing. Some of the change to the original agreement are: upgrade and widen to 18 feet, where possible, CR 450 S from Hwy 57 to CR 950 E using a 6 inch base where widened, repair damage and a 4 inch overlay for the full length; continue the overlay up 950 E from 450 S to the intersection of 350 S; providing funding for resurfacing CR 350 S when complete and change the chip and seal on CR 250 S to a 4 inch overlay with repair to damaged areas. He spoke on the economic advantage to the County; property taxes paid (\$200,000 on equipment only), employment (25-30 from the county). Whitehead stated having just received the new proposal, he would like time to study it and bring it back to the next meeting. Townsend stated that he agreed to give the Commissioners and public time to see and study the new proposal. A motion to table until next meeting was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Bridge bids: Bids were opened last meeting. After study by the County Engineer and Superintendent, the bid by D K Parker Construction was recommended. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

New Business: Grant Application for Windsor Machine Group: Debbie Bennett-Steersman and Todd Mosby spoke of this. This company makes head rest for Toyota and now have a contract with Ford Motor Company and want to expand the business. They want to apply for a grant, \$500,000 (for equipment); to help with a guarantee of 26 of the 50 jobs will be given to low to moderate income persons. Public hearing was held the previous week. A motion to approve and sign necessary documentation was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0. A motion to approve and sign the jobs agreement with Windsor was made Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Selection of Regional Workforce Development Board member: Following the guidelines of the by-laws of the group, Townsends has agreed to the appointment. A motion to approve the appointment was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Medical Leave: A motion to approve the medical leave for up to 6 weeks was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Memorandum of Understanding for Ride Solutions: Townsend read the memorandum and a motion was made to approve by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Advertise a Listing Contract for County Owned Property for Sale: Attorney McDonald explained the need to advertise and to sign a listing contract for the sale of County owned property (208 S. Oak Street, Owensville). A motion to approve was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Question of Road Right of Way: A request was received to build a grain bin without a possibility of a suit from the county on a possible county road right of way. A search the right of way of CR 600 W by the County Surveyor's office did not reveal any variance from the normal county road right of way which is 30 feet from the center of the road. A motion to approve the structure to be built was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Todd Mosby stated that a group of representatives from Tahara City, Japan, (the County's Sister City) would be visiting April 19-21 and would be visiting many County sights and would be coming to the Commissioners meeting also. They will also be taking a group of students from the County to Tahara City this summer for a visit.

A citizen asked about the possibility of the highway department fixing a water problem coming off a county road and across his field. Jerry Heldt, Highway Superintendent, stated that there is a problem there, however it is a natural waterway and the problem is not caused by the road. Bledsoe asked if Heldt could possible work up a cost of trying to help with this problem. There was discussion of the problem and past history.

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