
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
August 4, 2009

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 4, 2009, at 9 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

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

Members absent:

Don Whitehead

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

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting of July 14, 2009, were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Townsend and passed 2-0.

Claims: The following claims were submitted for approval: Payroll, 7/31/09, \$276,129.26; County General, \$389,090.22; Highway, \$40,566.57; Sheriff, \$34,113.03; Courts, \$7,655.29. The claims were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Townsend and passed 2-0.

Department Reports: Weights & Measures: Gary Dawson gave the monthly report.

EMS: Dan Alvey stated that he would have the monthly report completed for the next meeting.

Safety: Ken Greuble gave a report and stated that there would be a meeting and inspection by the new insurance company at the highway department.

EMA: Terry Hedges introduced the District 10 coordinator, Terry Height, and stated that the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is ready for review. He also presented a proposal from WTH to apply for a grant from Home Land Security which would work with central dispatch to update services for handling hazardous spills with instructions and tracking. This would be of no cost to the County. He asked for approval and signature to apply for the grant. A motion to approve the application and signature was made by Bledsoe seconded by Townsend and passed 2-0.

Sheriff: Allen Harmon gave the monthly reports for the jail. He stated that a notification service is available to the public, NIXLE. This service can be received by phone, cell phone or e-mail and it is for notification of such things as road closures, school information such as closings. It is a free service which a government entity can add or subtract information as it changes and anyone can sign up for it on line. It is indorsed by the Sheriff's Association and the department now utilizes the service. An example of the use is if there were an accident blocking a highway, it could be posted on this sight, notification would go out and when the road is reopened that would be posted.

Highway: Jerry Heldt stated that the department would be receiving \$212,068.75 from FEMA for the ice storm this past winter. He distributed the monthly work reports.

Health: Kanda Walden stated that the county will be receiving the H1N1 flu vaccine. There have been no reported cases in the county.

Old Business: Jail Controls: Tim Henning, representing the Architecture Plus, stated that two bids had been received at the time of opening of bids on July 31, 2009. The companies submitting bids were South Western Communications and Stanley Convergent Security. The base bids were as follows: South Western Communications, \$284,000.00; Stanley Convergent Security, \$251,860.00. There were several options that could be added on if deemed necessary at the time of installation. Mr. Henning, after reviewing the bids, recommended the acceptance of the low bid by Stanley Convergent Security. A motion to accept the recommended bid was made by Bledsoe seconded by Townsend and passed 2-0.

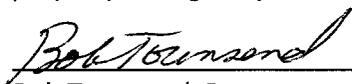
Landfill Bid: County Engineer, John Umpleby, recommended the bid from Weaver Boos Consultants, LLC, of \$75,400.00. A total of four bids were received: Weaver Boos Consultants, LLC, \$75,400.00; Astbury Environmental Engineer, \$75,005.75; Environmental Management Consultants, Inc., \$65,400.00; Summit Environmental Services, Inc., \$179,030.00. A motion to accept the recommended bid was made by Bledsoe seconded by Townsend and passed 2-0.

Handbook Revision: Concerning driving restrictions, Ken Greuble reported that due to conflicts in scheduling meetings for research and discussion that there was not a recommendation of change at this time. He hoped to have the revision for the next meeting.

New Business: Speed Limit: Sheriff Harmon asked that a 35 MPH speed limit be posted on CR 850S behind Gibson Southern High School. A motion to approve posting the 35 MPH speed limit on CR 850S was made by Bledsoe seconded by Townsend and passed 2-0.

Contract with Economic Development Coalition of Southwestern Indiana: Debbie Bennett Searsman presented the contract for grant work with the Coalition for Board approval. A motion to approve the contract was mad by Bledsoe seconded by Townsend and passed 2-0.

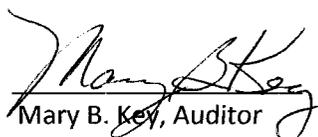
John Adams: Mr. Adams asked if it were possible for the Highway department and Commissioners to take a look at a problem with a culvert that seems to be plugged which allows water to back up on his property during rainy weather. Jerry Heldt said that this will be looked into in the near future.


Bob Townsend, Pres.


Gerald Bledsoe, VP


Don Whitehead

Attested:


Mary B. Key, Auditor