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Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
February 3, 2009

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 3, 2009, at 9 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present: Members absent:

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

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

Approval of Claims: The following claims were submitted for approval: Payroll, 1/30/09, $280,440.13; County General, $276,154.24; Highway, $125,627.67; Sheriff, $61,570.62. The claims were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Department Reports: Weights & Measures: Gary Dawson gave his January report.

Health: Kanda Walden announced that there would be a full scale pandemic exercise for District 10 on April 22 in Washington, IN. She also reported that the roof had a leak during the ice storm and hopefully it is fixed.

EMS: Dan Alvey reported that an ambulance had a minor mishap during the bad weather by backing into a fence. He stated he would have the monthly report for the next meeting.

Safety: Ken Greubel reported that there had only been two minor incidents during the ice and snow storm, both were slice offs.

Highway: Jerry Heldt distributed the report on the storm damage/clean-up and overtime required. He also gave the monthly report. He received a change order from INDOT on Bridge 17 for environmental concerns due to an oil well near the site that has had a leak. The cost of this change order, approximately $14.000, is to be paid by the County because it is not part of the construction cost therefore not to be included in the federal grant for construction. A motion to approve this change order expense and proceed with project was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe. John Dyer asked if the owner of the well has insurance to cover this expense and the need for the County to inquire so that the expense might not have to be incurred by the County. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Extension Service: Cathy Boerste reported that they had a leak in the roof in the office and also that bats are back in the attic.

Sheriff: Allen Harmon gave the jail population report, gave a report on ice storm response, asked about the possibility of getting a spreader for salt to put on the courthouse and annex parking lots and sidewalks which would help a lot when trying to clear these facilities after such storms.

Old Business: Flashpoint HR Study proposal, Andrea Cranfill presented a three step proposal: 1. Full assessment of human resources procedure, create a report to identify needed improvement 2. Update employee handbook 3. Full compensation and benefits study and help develop a structure. The time table to do this would be approximately 6 months.

Apex Health Insurance: Amy Carpenter presented an overall view of the company and what they propose to do to help with cost and program for the County health insurance. She distributed a packet for the Commissioners to be able to study. There was discussion following her presentation. It was agreed that the Commissioner would like to receive a proposal from Apex if possible with the deadline being March 1, 2009.

Regional Economic Development Board: Townsend presented the name of Marlene Obert to fill the Commissioner seat on the board. A motion to do so was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Jail Controls: Townsend stated that the bid process needs to be started to replace the jail control board. Harmon is working with Attorney McDonald to write the specifications in proper form. Harmon is doing research and hopes to visit some jails that have used the different companies. He is also going to ask the Sheriffs Association for help in preparing the specks. This matter was tabled until this work is completed.

County Vehicle Memorandum: McDonald read and explained the new policy concerning use of county vehicles with an amended policy to be approved at the next meeting. These changes are due to IRS regulations on use and possible taxable income to employees. Gary Dawson, Weights and Measures, spoke of his lose of being able to take the Weights and Measures truck home and storing the equipment in a building on his property. He now will have to come into town everyday to get the necessary equipment and the truck to start his rounds. There was much discussion after which a motion to keep the vehicle and equipment at the Sheriff's Department at night was made by Bledsoe seconded by Townsend and passed 2-1. Dawson requested that all Weights and Measures business be done with all three Commissioners at a public forum. Harmon discussed the fact that he was running out of room to part vehicle and there was no indoor parting. The Highway Department was asked if there was room

there and Jerry Heldt stated that he was getting low on space but he would check and see if the equipment would fit inside the shed.

New Business: Terry Hedges, EMA director, asked for the Commissioners to sign a request for a $4,500 CERT Grant for training of emergency response personnel. He asked that the Commissioners for final adoption the Multi hazard Mitigation Plan which has been in process for a couple years with approval from the State. This plan adoption is necessary for the County to fulfill an obligation to receive money from FEMA. Resolution 2009-1, acceptance of Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan, was passed with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and a vote of 3-0. (insert document) Hedges presented a request to donate $5,000 to the Southwest Indiana Disaster Assistance Corp., which helps with training of local people for disasters. He stated that a number of the counties have reduced their contributions due to county funds decline. This money is used for materials and other expenses for volunteers to come help with the training. After discussion a motion to approve $2,500 contribution to the Southwest Indiana Disaster Assistance Corp. was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

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

Bob Townsend

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Gerald L Bledsoe

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Don Whitehead

Attested: Mary B Key

Mary B. Key, Auditor