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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
January 20, 2009  
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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 20, 2009, at 6:00 PM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

Bob Townsend, Pres.  
Don Whitehead

Members absent:

Gerald Bledsoe, VP  
Attorney James McDonald

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting of January 6, 2009, were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Approval of Claims: The following claims were presented: Payroll, 1/16/02, \$291,183.00; Utilities, \$17,434.12 and \$4,545.45. The claims were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

EMS: Townsend gave the monthly report for Dan Alvey, who was unable to attend the meeting. The request to approve write offs in the amount of \$70,902.93 was approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Old Business: Medical program for Jail: D. J. Kreal of Correctional Risk Services presented a program on their services available to correctional institutions for medical and prescriptions for inmates.  
(insert document)

Human Resources Study: Kent Irwin, of Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates, Inc., presented their proposal for a study for County departments, policies, etc.  
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After the presentation there was discussion of cost, need for study, what would be gained by such a study and other concerns. Townsend said that they would be getting proposals from other companies and all things would be considered before a decision is made.

United Minerals-temporary road closure: Bill Gunn, representing United Minerals, asked for approximately one half mile of road to be temporarily closed on CR 350 S. (insert document)

Townsend spoke on the problems of maintaining crossings and roads due to mud and coal falling from the hauling trucks. Bledsoe stated that even in the short time he has been a commissioner he has received so many phone calls and went to inspect the problems concerning this problem. Townsend explained a new supplement to the temporary closure agreement concerning the crossing and road maintenance. (insert document)

After the explanation, there was general discussion concerning crossings, roads and past history with the Coal Companies and the County from the public and commissioners. One concern spoken of the most was the non-compliance of the Coal Companies with past agreements. Townsend explained that is supplement had stronger language in it that includes a time frame for compliance and the County's ability to enforce compliance. A motion to approve the supplement was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0. A motion to approve the temporary closure presented by United Minerals was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 2-1 with Bledsoe casting the nay vote.

Sheriff Harmon: Harmon asked that the Commissioners consider allowing the amount of \$75,000 be allowed from the EDIT Funds to replace three patrol cars. He stated as of February 1, 2009, he had parked three cars from the fleet which he would also use to trade in along with the three patrol cars. The three parked car are old cars and not of much value. Discussion followed and a motion to approve the purchase of three new cars, a total of \$75,000, was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0. Harmon also requested a 4-6 week medical leave for an employee of the jail. This leave was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Harmon asked for a 4 – 6 weeks medical leave for surgery for a jail employee, he presented all the necessary documentation. The leave was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

He also presented the annual contracts with the coroner, nurse, dentists with the Sheriff's Department and the jail. The doctor's contract is being reviewed by Attorney McDonald at this time. The contracts were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Harmon presented an equipment maintenance contract for the detention center. It is very similar to the jail contract and will cost approximately \$7000 per year. Bledsoe stated that he would like to see other bids on such a contract and postpone the decision on this until this fall and do both at the same time. It was decided to table this until a later date for further study.

He stated that the Jail Commander Mark Dove was working on the specks for the jail control board so Attorney McDonald can check them so they can be put out for bids.

Bridge 68: Townsend stated that this bridge project needs to be decided upon which is on CR 350E.

Whitehead stated that the project should proceed since it is needed and is a federal aid project. After

discussion Whitehead made a motion to continue with the project and Bledsoe seconded. The motion passed with a 2-0-1 vote with Townsend abstained because this bridge affects his farm ground.

New Business: Health Dept.: Kanda Walden sent a request for a major medical leave for an employee. This was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

INDOT, Highway 64 improvements on West Broadway: At the cost of \$21,050, INDOT wants to purchase some temporary and permanent right away needed for said improvements from the center of town west towards Spring Street intersection. This was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

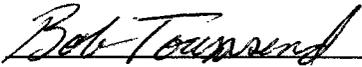
SRI, internet auction of surplus equipment: Townsend explained that SRI is a company that manages internet auction of surplus equipment. They are presently under contract with the County to do Property Tax Sales. After discussion a motion to approve hiring SRI to conduct the auction after Attorney McDonald to review and approve the contract was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Roy Lynch asked about the possibility of putting a gate on the road, mud road used mostly by farmers, that connects CR 300N to CR 350N which has become a track that kids go out to do "mudding" which tares of the road. Townsend said that they would have Highway Superintendent Jerry Heldt to look into this possibility.

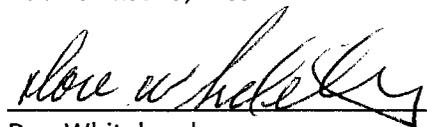
Finance Board Meeting: Treasurer Jim Kolb read the minutes of the 2008 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0. Reorganization of Board of Finance: nominations open for Chairman, Gerald Bledsoe was nominated, motion to close nominations was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. Acceptance of to be voided two year old warrants: The warrants are two years old in the total of \$1,309.41. Whitehead made a motion to void these warrants and Townsend seconded and passed 3-0. Kolb gave a report of interest earned on investments, \$392,995.87, and taxes collected, \$55,919,472.33 of which is divided among all entities within the County. After discussion a motion to adjourn was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

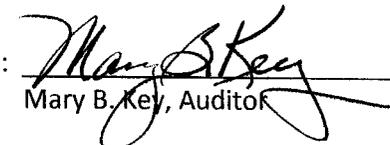
Attorney McDonald explained the new policies on uniform allowance and personal use of vehicles due to IRS regulations.

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

  
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Bob Townsend, Pres.

  
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Gerald Bledsoe, VP

  
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Don Whitehead

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Mary B. Key, Auditor