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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
January 5, 2010  
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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 5, 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.

Reorganization of Officers: A motion to nominate Townsend for President was made by Bledsoe seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. A motion to nominate Bledsoe for Vice President was made by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of December 29, 2009, was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Department Reports: Veterans Services: Barbara Schenks gave the monthly and annual reports.

Weights & Measures: Gary Dawson stated that he was beginning his annual checks.

Health: Kanda Walden stated they were still having the H1N1 vaccine clinics.

EMS: Dan Alvey presented the December monthly report and the end of year report for 2009. He asked for approval of the write offs for December in the amount of \$63,986.41. This was approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

EMA: Terry Hedges stated that a trailer for a mobile hospital was being purchased for District 10 with grant money. This will be used for counties that do not have a hospital in the district and also when and where needed in other counties. This and other equipment, such as tents to create a MASH unit, will be purchased in the future through the District because more money is available for the District and some of these purchases can and will be for individual counties.

Sheriff: Allen Harmon distributed the jail population report and stated that her was hoping the Commissioners would give him money to purchase two new cars to replace two he had to park for the department. Whitehead stated he thought that they may be able to give him \$75,000. Bledsoe stated at this time he was hesitant to do so because of the decline in money coming into the EDIT fund and that this is truly a Council matter because car replacement should be in the budget. Harmon stated that the fleet needed to be kept up to date so that the county won't face a greater expense in the future with having to replace a large number of vehicles at one time.

Highway: Jerry Heldt distributed the end of 2009 reports and projects for 2010.

Old Business: Amend Two Appointments: Townsend stated that a revision for the Visitor and Tourism Board was necessary, Todd Mosby would be removed and Beverly Knight would replace him. This was done with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0. Townsend also stated that since it was not required to have a Commissioner appointed to the Wabash Heritage Commission. He would nominate Bill Knowles to replace Gerald Bledsoe on the Commission. This was done with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Authorize Bids for Advertisement for Demolition of the Firebird Saloon building in Oakland City:

Townsend stated that after much discussion and investigation that it was now possible to advertize for the demolition. Discussion had been held with the Eagles Club who owns the building connected to the county property. Two specifications for bids will be taken, one for the demolition of just the county property and the other for the demolition of both buildings. Whichever is the most cost effective will be accepted as per the agreement with the Eagles Club. It was approved to advertize with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

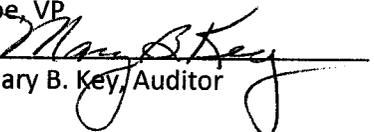
New Business: Distressed Road Fund Agreement: John Umpleby explained that the State has a fund that allows qualified counties to borrow up to a million dollars for road work to be paid back in ten years. The Highway department applied and received the approval of \$661,283.00. A motion to approve the borrowing of these funds was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Covered Bridge Certification: Gibson County has two (2) covered bridges and this was certified to the State with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0. The form was completed and signed by the Commissioners.

Building Demolition in Francisco: Townsend stated that an older home owned by the County in the town of Francisco needs to be torn down. It has been decided that the Highway Department can tear the house down after all has been cleared of any asbestos concern. This was allowed with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

  
Bob Townsend, Pres.  
  
Don Whitehead

  
Gerald Bledsoe, VP  
Attested:   
Mary B. Key, Auditor