
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
June 2, 2009

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 2, 2009, at 8:30 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

Bob Townsend, Pres.

Don Whitehead

Members absent:

Gerald Bledsoe, VP

Attorney James McDonald

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting, May 19, 2009, were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Approval of Claims: The following claims were presented for approval: Payroll, 6/5/09, \$275,918.40; County General, \$70,938.76; Highway, \$66,391.30; Sheriff, \$5201.45. The claims were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Department Reports: EMS: Dan Alvey gave the monthly report for April and asked for approval of write offs in the amount of \$58,129.39. The write offs were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Safety: Ken Greubel stated that there had been no major issues and that the final settlement with SRI concerning the on line auction of surplus supplies has been completed. However, for the items that were not sold, a decision needs to be made on the disposal. He spoke of the need to upgrade the security system for the North Annex due to the addition of the storage building in the back. There needs to be a camera added to cover the back of the building and the recording system needs to be replaced due to age. The cost is estimated at approximately \$2-4,000.

EMA: Terry Hedges stated that he is still working with the Office of Rural Affairs to recover the 25% that the County had to assume of the 2008 flood that was not paid by FEMA. He is working on a grant with the EMS and Sheriff.

Sheriff: Allen Harmon gave the population report for the jail. He stated that he was working with Dan Alvey, EMS, on the on board computers to correct the address problem. The FCC has ordered that the bands for the radio transmitter had to be narrowed by the last of October. This will mean replacing the transmitter.

Old Business: Jail Control System: Tim Henning spoke on the specifications for the new jail control system which is approximately 80% complete. They will be going over the specifications with the jail personnel and sheriff in the near future to be ready for the June 16th Commissioners meeting at which they will ask for permission to publish the notice for bids. The hope is to have bid forms picked up by June 21, receive bids at the July 7th meeting and award the bid at the July 21st meeting. This time schedule would allow the work to be completed by November 1st.

Steve Bottoms asked if there was any information available as to when the section of CR 1100E between CR 700S and 450S would be reopened to the public. Townsend stated that he had been in communication with Dave Yeager of Black Beauty Coal and hoped to have an answer by the next meeting.

Highway: Jerry Heldt gave a road work report. John Umpleby, County engineer, ask to be allowed to request quotes for the monitoring of the old land fill sites. Permission was give to do so.

New Business: SWCD: Debbie Wolfe presented the request for the 2010 budget which is within the Commissioners' budget. The request is for \$8225 which included the rent payment for the office space.

Ditch Certification: Michael Stevenson, County Surveyor, presented the annual ditch certification which he has priorities the top 20 ditches that need maintenance. After discussion a motion to approve the 2009 certification was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Major Medical Leave: Clerk's Office: A major medical leave of an employee of the Clerk's Office was requested. A motion to approve the leave was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Commissioners' Budget 2010: Gerald Bledsoe spoke on the fact that the budget includes the Commissioners and Council's salary. Because of the concerns and known short falls in the general fund for 2010, he did research on the salaries in the state for counties of our size. He recommended that the salaries be cut to the average; for commissioners, \$21,000 and council \$7550 which is approximately 11% cut. He spoke on the discussion the commissioners have had concerning the budget and possibilities of laying employees off. He stated that this is a place the budget could be cut. Bledsoe made a motion to reduce the Commissioners' salaries to \$21,000 and Council salaries to \$7550 for the budget year 2010. This motion was seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Councilman Allen stated the council recommend and set the budget for wages but it is the Commissioners duty to lay anyone off.

Landfill Monitoring Contract Bid request: County Engineer, John Umpleby, asked to ask for bids to monitor the old landfill sites. He feels it is possible to get a better bid to safe the county money on this

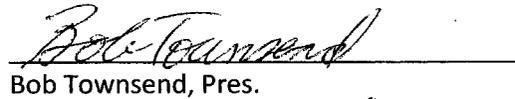
ongoing project. A motion to request bids for this project was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

PTBOA Board: County Assessor, Juanita Beadle, asked that Ellen Miller, Democrat, and Shantel McKee, Republican, be appointed to the Property Tax Board of Appeals. This was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Tom White asked about the Comprehensive Plan meetings that have been referenced in the news paper. He was assured that the Comprehensive Plan and these meetings will not be the first steps in establishing county wide zoning. Both Commissioner Whitehead and Commissioner Bledsoe told White that they were against zoning. These meetings are part of the process to write a comprehensive plan for the County, paid for by a grant from the State. This grant was part of the I-69 project. Bernardin, Lochmueller, & Associates and are in charge of the meetings.

Judge Earl Penrod thanked the Commissioners for the use of the meeting room for training for court personnel. He also spoke about the changes he would like to make within the Superior Court Room. The prisoners have always sat on the front row of the public sector and he wants to make adjustments to the room to take the prisoners from this section. He stated that the expense for this will be paid for using funds from the user fees the court collects.

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



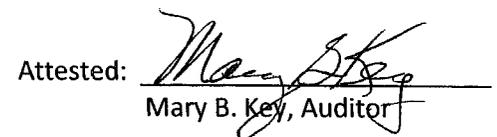
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Attested: 

Mary B. Key, Auditor