
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
March 17, 2009

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 17, 2009 at 6:00 P. M. in the Meeting Room at the North Annex.

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.

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

Claims: The following claims were presented for approval: Payroll, 3/13/09, \$317,571.07; County General, \$122,560.15; Highway, \$62,736.98; Sheriff, \$4,410.34. The claims were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Old Business: Jail Controls: Townsend stated that specifications for the bids are yet to be complete with the help of Tim Henning. Mr. Henning has been in touch with different engineering firms that have worked with jail and security controls. He has just contacted a design firm from Louisville that was recommended. He has spoken to them and will be setting up a meeting date for the Sheriff to discuss the needs of the jail.

CEDS: [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy report] Debbie Bennet-Stearsman, representing the Economic Development Coalition consisting of Gibson, Warrick, Posey and Vanderburgh, spoke on the report which is an update from the last one of 2005. This report is necessary to comply with the regulation of the Economic Development Administration of the federal government which administers monies pertaining to project specific funding for job creation, retention and expansion. The report has to be approved by the four counties by resolution to enable the funding to be procured.

Resolution2009-2 approving the CEDS report was accepted with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-2

**TO THE GIBSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APPROVING THE
2009 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) requires the submission of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Update from counties wishing to maintain eligibility for Economic Development Administration grant and loan programs:

WHEREAS, the 2009 CEDS Annual Update of the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana may serve as said report for counties within its service area with each counties' concurrence; and

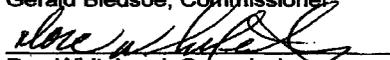
WHEREAS, the Gibson County Commissioners have reviewed the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana 2009 CEDS Annual Update and finds that it reflects the development needs of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana 2009 CEDS Annual Update be approved to meet the eligibility requirements for the grant and loan program administered by the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

Adopted this 17th day of March, 2009.

GIBSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:


Bob Townsend, Commission President

Gerald Bledsoe, Commissioner

Don Whitehead, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Mary Key, Auditor

She also stated that a work shop was being held on Wednesday, March 18th at IVY Tech in Vectren Auditorium from 1:30 to 3:30 to discuss the federal stimulus package and all Commissioners, Council, office holder and department heads are invited. There is no cost for anyone.

EMS: Dan Alvey asked for approval of the write offs for the month of January in the amount of \$43,693.40. These were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

New Business: Michael Stevenson spoke on a software program by Schneider Engineering titled RIPPLE which can be used by the Auditor, Assessor and Surveyors office concerning information shared for the GIS program to make sure all record information is the same in all offices. It will mark parcels that have different information and needs to be clarified or corrected. Whitehead asked if there was any possibility to get another quote. The program was developed by Schneider so therefore available only through them. Councilman Allen asked if updates would be included and Stevenson said yes they would. The price for the program is \$5500 onetime cost which includes program, installation, set-up and education. A motion to approve the purchase of the program was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Animal Shelter Contract: After reviewing the contract, it was decided that there was a need for the contract to be up dated. The County pays \$8333.33 per month to the EMME, which is the corporation that runs the Shelter. Councilman Allen said that he has had several calls from individuals that have had trouble getting a response from the shelter. Bledsoe stated that he would like to table this to look into it further. After discussion it was decided by consensus, the contract will be tabled until next meeting.

Black Beauty Coal: Black Beauty has a bond release for a crossing which has been taken out several months ago. A motion to release the bond was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

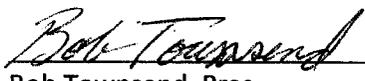
FMLA: A request for a FMLA leave for an employee in the Voter Registration Office was presented for approval. The leave was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

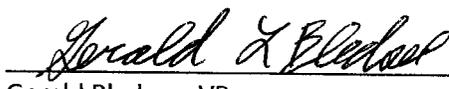
County Engineer: After interviewing prospective candidates for the position of county engineer, the decision to hire John W. Umpleby, Jr was made. A motion to approve the contract hiring Mr. Umpleby was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0. Umpleby will be starting on March 24, 2009, and will be working out of an office at the Highway Garage.

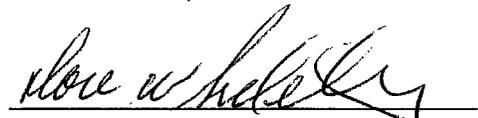
Highway Dept: Jerry Heldt reported that due to the construction of I69 INDOT will be closing a section of IN Hwy 168, changing the original detour, and will use CR 1050 from CR 450 to connect to IN Hwy 57. INDOT will be sending all necessary paper work in the near future.

EMS: Dan Alvey presented a draft of a proposal for the department's preparedness plan for District 10. Townsend stated that there will be a storage facility built on the back of the North Annex to store such equipment as lawn mowers, leaf blowers, etc.

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


Bob Townsend, Pres.


Gerald Bledsoe, VP


Don Whitehead

Attested: 
Mary B. Key, Auditor