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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
February 16, 2010

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 16, 2010, at 6:00 PM 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.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting of February 2, 2010, were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Approval of Claims: The following claims were submitted for approval: Payroll, 2/12/10, \$290,058.66; County General, \$115,244.39; Courts, \$561.06; Highway, \$50,248.11; Sheriff, \$53,595.80. The claims were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Old Business: Resolution to Authorize Credit Card Use by Elected Officials and Department Heads: McDonald read the Resolution. There was some discussion. A motion to table and publish was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Registered Mail Change within the Clerk's Office: There had been a request from the Clerk's office to allow changes on how certain mailings were handled due to the large expense for some mailings. This is still being worked on by the Clerk and the County Attorney.

Discontinue Bids for the Freebird Saloon Building in Oakland City: Bids had been advertised to tear this building down. Upon discovering that there is possible grant money available to do this, a motion to discontinue the bid process was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehouse and passed 3-0.

Intersection of Highway 64 and Tichenor Road: A request for a possible flashing light or improvements of this intersection had been brought by members of the public. Highway Superintendent, Jerry Heldt, has been in contact with the Indiana Department of Transportation about this. Since it concerns a State highway it would not be in the County's jurisdiction to make a decision. Heldt stated that the State will be in the process of doing a survey and will be in communication with him.

EMS: Dan Alvey requested the approval of \$50,604.07 as write offs for the month of January. This was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

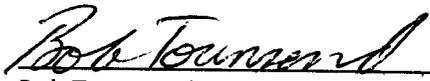
New Business: Grant to Clear Jams on Pigeon Creek: Debbie Bennett-Stearnsman explained that there is grant money available for projects such as this from Federal Disaster #2. There is approximately \$15,000,000 available but it is being distributed on a first come first serve basis. This would be a joint project between Gibson, Vanderburgh-Evansville and Warrick counties. One county would have to be the sponsor county. She has not spoken to all counties yet but would be within the week. The Commissioners decided that if necessary Gibson would be willing to be the sponsor county but the most work would need to be done in Vanderburgh so they felt that should be the sponsor. Ms. Bennett-Stearnsman stated she would stay in contact with updates on this matter.

Change of Precinct Locations: County Clerk Becky Woodburn requested the change of location for Patoka #11 from River Oaks to the Fairgrounds, Barton #1 from the Lion's Club building to the newer Barton Township Fire Station and Montgomery #1 from the Community Center to the Town Hall Building. This was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

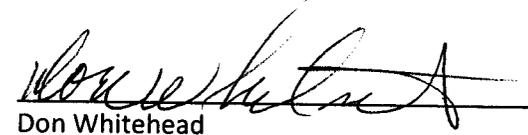
Medical Leave Request: A request for a six week medical leave was received from the Highway Department. After reviewing the request a motion to approve was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

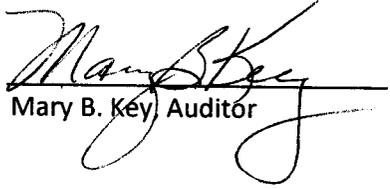
County Surveyor Michael Stevenson introduced the new GIS director, John Howe, and discussed some of the projects he has been working on.

Having no further business 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