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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
January 4, 2011

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on January 4, 2011 at 8:30 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

Bob Townsend, President    Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-Pres.  
Allen Douglas, Member

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

Bob Townsend recognized two new members being, C.T. Montgomery as the new Auditor and Allen Douglas as the newly elected District 1 County Commissioner.

Allen Douglas made a motion to approve the minutes of the 29 December, 2010 meeting and seconded by Gerald Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Department reports were heard next; Veteran Affairs Barb Schenks - report was filed. Weights and Measures Gary Dawson filed his report. EMS Dan Alvey furnished his report as of December 2009. Year to date billed \$1,978,195.95 with total year to date collected \$1,172,381.93. Percent collected was only 59.26%.

Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to approve the \$49,148.54 write off asked by Dan Alvey and the motion was seconded by Allen Douglas and passed 3-0.

Sheriff George Ballard was seeking permission to sell the 1988 armored truck.

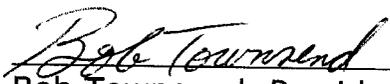
Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to approve the Sheriff's request to seek potential buyers for the armored truck. Allen Douglas seconded and passed 3-0. County Highway Superintendent Jerry Heldt reported Bridge 163 is open to traffic now. County Extension Educator Cathy Boerste reported the county received a \$500 award for participating in the 4-H National Experiment. The Extension has started the farmer's winter workshops at Gibson Southern High School.

Old Business: Ft Branch Town Board representative, Todd Wallace explained the dilemma the town is in. The owner of the old Emge plant has not cleaned up the mess and is now dumping glass, by the semi load, on the property. A steel salvage company has been reclaiming the steel and stirring up asbestos in the air and the asbestos is going on the runoff when it rains. The town board is asking the commissioners if they can do anything to get the owner to clean up this mess. The county attorney, Jim McDonald, explained that it will take time to remedy the problem. He is researching the problem and remedies to help come up with a plan.

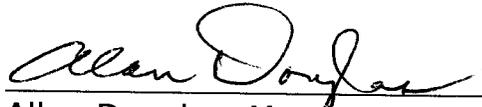
Bob Townsend explained that an appointment was overlooked on the 29 December, 2010 appointment meeting. Glenn Dickenson is appointed to the Owensville Fire District. Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to appoint Glenn Dickenson to the Owensville Fire District. Allen Douglas seconded and passed 3-0.

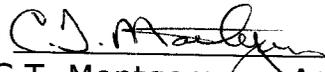
New Business: Harley Heath representing Pitney Bowes presented a digital mailing system for the commissioners to consider. He explained the cost saving alone would more than pay for the system. Also each office would have their own account number and the system could print out how much postage was used by each office. Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to accept the proposal by Pitney Bowes. The motion was seconded by Allen Douglas and passed 3-0. Triad Mining representative Scott Partenhiemer asked the commissioners to close about ½ mile of CR75N for 2-4 years beginning next spring. Commissioners will table this issue until next meeting. Gerald Bledsoe asked all in attendance to encourage everyone to come to the next meeting, January 18, 2011 at 6:00 PM to talk about the closing and how it will affect them. Allen Douglas made a motion to approve the new contract with ECOTEC, Inc. to provide professional services to the Gibson County Commissioners with a salary of \$57,325.00. Gerald Bledsoe seconded and passed 3-0.

Contractor Weaver Boos Consultants are making a recommendation to install 21 Gas Monitoring Wells on the old landfill property #1 and #2. John Umpleby explained it is required by the State and suggested prevention is the best weapon. John Umpleby recommended that the county buy back a parcel of ground, about 6 acres, located on the SE portion of landfill #1. Allen Douglas made a motion to approve the proposal by Weaver Boos to install 17 gas well monitors on landfill #1 and 4 gas well monitors on landfill #2 at a cost of \$40,901.00. Gerald Bledsoe seconded and passed 3-0. Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to approach the County Council on purchasing the 6 acres of the landfill #1 back so a consumer won't be saddled with a possible problem of gas migration. Allen Douglas seconded and passed 3-0. Bob Townsend declared that nominations were now open of election of officers for the year 2011. Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to keep the current officers in place for 2011, Bob Townsend, President and Gerald Bledsoe, Vice-President. Allen Douglas seconded and passed 3-0. C.T. Montgomery asked the commissioners to sign the covered bridge certification. Gerald Bledsoe made a motion to approve the signing and Allen Douglas seconded and passed 3-0. With no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Gerald Bledsoe and seconded by Allen Douglas and passed 3-0.

  
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Bob Townsend, President

  
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Gerald Bledsoe, VP

  
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Allen Douglas, Member

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C.T. Montgomery, Auditor