
Gibson County Board of Commissioners

Regular Session

July 20, 2010

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 20, 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.

Minutes: The minutes of June 15 and July 6, 2010 were approved with a motion from Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Claims: The following claims were presented for approval: Payroll, 7/16/10, \$290,060.37; County General, \$114,213.22; Courts, \$1713.44; Highway, \$264,294.29; Sheriff, \$45,978.22. The claims were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Old Business: Report on Student Trip to Japan: Gibson Economic Development sponsored a student trip to visit our sister city of Tahara, Japan. Marlene Obert one of the chaperons spoke of the trip which involved 7 students, 2 teachers and members of the Economic Development organization. Two students spoke of their experiences which included living with a family, going to school with a member of the family and joining in the activities throughout the days. There was a power point program on many of the activities and sights that were seen.

Cooling/Heating Unit for Jail: Andy Schafer presented three quotes for the replacement of the unit: Seasons 4, Inc. - \$62,686.00; Indiana Thermal Solutions, \$72,300.00; Carrier, \$74,750.00. He recommended the low bid from Seasons 4, Inc. This is just the quote for the unit not installation. Midwest Mechanical, the present maintenance provider, will do the installation for a minimal cost, warranty of 4 yrs. on compressor, 10 yrs. on heater and 15 yrs. on cabinet with an average life on 25 years. There was discussion on the bids and the need for a new unit. A motion to approve the purchase and installation recommended by Schafer to be paid from EDIT Fund was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Sheriff: Allen Harmon presented the documentation and request for a three week medical leave for an employee. This was allowed with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

New Business: Debbie Bennett-Steirsman presented a request for sponsorship for a grant from the White River Fire Department to do a feasibility study to relocate the fire department building. No monetary obligation is necessary for the sponsorship. It was agreed to sponsor this grant and a motion to allow the signing of the sponsorship letter was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Request for Use of Court House by the D.A.R. in July 2011: This request is to allow the D.A.R. the use of the Courthouse to give a tour, have a small reception in the hallway and possible tour of the courtrooms. It would be a Sunday afternoon but the date is yet to be set. This was approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Bridge 163: County Engineer presented a need to replace a bridge which is going to be necessary due to the I69 project. The State is going to pay for the bridge and the County will be doing the project. This was authorized with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Demonstration of New Voting Machines & Clerk's request to Approve the Contract for New Machines: Representatives of the manufacturer and maintenance companies demonstrated the use and functions of the HAVA and paper ballot machines. County Clerk Woodburn stated that the present machines will no longer be company maintained after this year. After research, she and the Election Board recommend the purchase of these machines. After the demonstration and discussion, a motion to approve the purchase of the new voting machines with the approval of the contract by Clerk Woodburn and County Attorney McDonald was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Steve Bottoms stated that the town of Somerville wanted to thank the Sheriff's Department and a road crew for all the help they provided to the town. He also asked if there had been any roads accepted back by the county from the coal mine company. Townsend told him no there had not been.

Jim Kolb: Mr. Kolb, representing the Gibson General Hospital as a board member, stated that they hope to have the negotiations concerning the ambulance base, presently located at the hospital, completed within the month. Townsend stated that he appreciated the hospital board for their considerations and negotiations.

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 *clerk for*