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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
October 20, 2009

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session 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:

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting on October 6, 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, 10/9/09, \$277,323.53 and 10/23/09, \$274,872.90; County General, \$193,800.86; Courts, \$45,725.30; Highway, \$77,934.00; Sheriff, \$55,321.66. All claims were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Steve Bottoms asked about the claims not having to be published anymore and how the public would have access to them. Commissioner Townsend said they could go on the web site and he would make sure they were included from now on.

Old Business: Advertise to sell Real Estate: Attorney McDonald stated he would like permission to advertise the sale of the real estate that was previously discussed at the September 1, 2009, meeting. This was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

New Business: Domestic Violence Display: Sharon Werne asked for permission to place a display in the hall at the Courthouse and North and South Annexes for domestic violence awareness week. Permission was give with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Lake Road Addressing: Bud Turpin reported that there was a need to discuss road name for Lake Road do to the road having both town and county addresses. After discussion, it was decided to change the name at the point it becomes a county road to Outer Lake Road with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

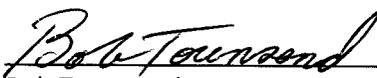
Red Ribbon Week Proclamation: Deputy Sheriff Jeff Hill asked that the Commissioner proclaim the week of October 18th. Townsend read the proclamation and a motion to approve was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Advertise for the Demolition of Property: County engineer, John Umpleby asked to advertise for the demolition of the "Land End" building. A motion to advertise was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

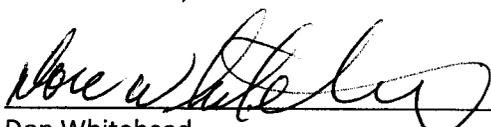
Medical Leaves: Sheriff Harmon requested a six (6) weeks medical leave for an employee in the Sheriff's Department. This was approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0. He also requested a six (6) weeks medical leave for an employee in Community Corrections. This was approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

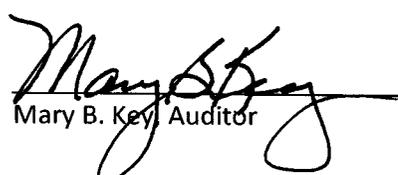
Speed Limit: Sheriff Harmon asked for a posted speed limit of 30 MPH on CR 1200E north of CR200S and a yield sign be placed on the north and south sections of the intersection of CR 450E and CR 450S. Steve Bottoms asked about the status of CR 450S being up to grade and returned to the county from the coal mine. Heldt stated that it was being worked on and should be turned back to the county soon in proper condition.

Public Forum: A number of concerned employees and citizens appeared to express their concerns of the possible changes in the days, holidays and other benefits given to the employees in past years. The question was asked, "How is the county going to save money by taking away days off?" Townsend stated that he did not feel they could explain and comment at this time since negotiations will be getting under way soon. Commissioner Whitehead stated "I agree with all of you" in support of the employees. Bledsoe stated he was appalled at the concessions asked for and that he would look long and hard at all proposals before making any kind of decision. After a long period of hearing public concerns the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

  
Bob Townsend, Pres.

  
Gerald Bledsoe, VP

  
Don Whitehead

Attested:   
Mary B. Key, Auditor