
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
September 7, 2010

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 9, 2010, at 8:30 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

Bob Townsend, Pres. Gerald Bledsoe, VP
Don Whitehead

Members absent:

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

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting of August 17, 2010, were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Claims: The following claims were presented for approval: Payroll, 8/27/10, \$287,404.99; County General, \$455,662.03; Courts, \$11,533.32; Highway, \$132,155.49, Sheriff, \$28,626.14. The claims were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Department Reports: Veterans Service: Barbara Schenks gave the monthly report.

Weights & Measures: Gary Dawson gave the monthly report.

EMS: Dan Alvey gave the monthly report and requested the approval of write offs in the amount of \$50,510.94. The write offs were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

EMA: Terry Hedges reported that there was to be a table top exercise for earthquake preparedness on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 in Lynnville.

Highway: Jerry Heldt distributed the monthly jobs reports.

Extension: Cathy Boerste announced that they had hired an ag. educator, Hans Schmitz. He will be starting on September 20.

Old Business: Mutual Aid Agreement for District 10 – Homeland Security: A resolution was requested by EMA Director Terry Hedges to come into compliance with Homeland Security requirements. James McDonald stated that the agreement presented by District 10 Board could stand as Resolution – 2010-3, District Mutual Aid Inter-Local Government Agreement. The resolution was approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Weaver Boos proposal for Methane Wells on Landfill 2 and proposal for Ground Probes on Landfill 1: Townsend explained that the proposal came as a result of taking action due to a requirement by IDEM for monitoring the old landfills for methane gas and ground water contamination. The proposals were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Engineering Contract for Court House Renovations: Tim Henning with Architecture Plus has been working with F & G Engineering on renovations for the electrical and heating/cooling systems for the Court House and Jail. He presented the proposals and cost: base price of \$92,000 for engineering design to completion, an additional of \$23,000 on construction and \$16,000 for a possible sprinkler system in the Courthouse. Henning recommended looking into cost of the sprinkler system and get bids on variable refrigerant flow system for hear/air electric heat pump system and look into a gas system. Whitehead asked about warranties. Henning reported the engineering work would have one year and the equipment would vary with the manufacturer. A motion to accept the engineering contract for the base of \$92,000, construction of \$23,000, sprinkler system of \$16,000 and decline the additional design was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Contract for Environmental Assessment of Court House in Preparation for Renovations: This is to do an evaluation of possible asbestos and lead base paint within the Courthouse. The report would include location, plot map and methods of removal. Four bids were received: \$8422, \$7800, \$6000, \$1275. The low bid is from ECI of Louisville, KY and would be the recommended company based on experience with said company. A motion to accept the bid from ECI – was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Engineering Contract for Jail Renovation: The study for the jail would include flushing system, replacement of air conditioning in three small room in the lower level, hot water heater and if the present generator has a high enough capacity to carry all necessary equipment during a power failure. The proposal has a cost of \$8,750. This was accepted with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Contract for signature for Voting Machines: James McDonald presented the contract for the voting machines to be used for the first time in 2011. There had been a demonstration and vote accepting the machines. The contract has now been completed and reviewed and ready for acceptance. A motion to accept the contract and authorize the signing was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

New Business: New Transmitter for E 911 to be paid from Edit: Sheriff Harmon stated that one of the transmitters broke down and had an estimate on repair which was within approximately \$1000 of a new one. New transmitters are going to be required to be in compliance with the 2013 law. He spoke to

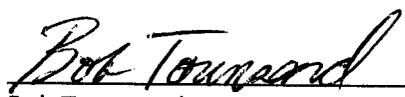
Townsend who contacted the Council about payment for the new transmitter. It was decided to take the funds from the EDIT fund. A motion to approve this expenditure from building improvement line in the EDIT budget in the amount of \$7,100 was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0. Stop Sign on Taft Town Road at intersection with 350E: This is a T intersection and presently has a stop sign on the north bound lane of 350E. The sign will be removed from its present location and placed on Taft Town Road and allow the through traffic on 350E the right away. This was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Whitehead told the Sheriff about a problem reported of racing on the newly paved road near the Texas Eastern Plant. The Department is studying the problem and on other newly completed roads also and come with recommendations. Harmon also had a request for a posted speed limit on 50E from Hwy 68 to CR 1250S of 40 MPH. This was granted with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Whitehead asked if the Highway Dept. had gotten the picnic table out of the Patoka River at the old Severens Bridge.

Larry Turpin asked if the Highway Dept. could take a look at 175E off of Bammer Hill to see if it could be a little wider due to it being down to one lane because of erosion etc. Highway will look into it.

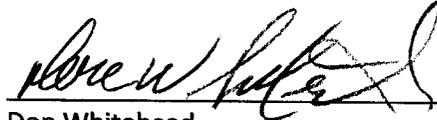
Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.



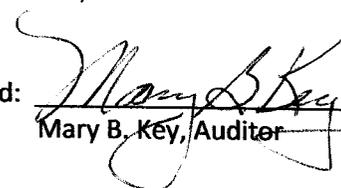
Bob Townsend, Pres.



Gerald Bledsoe, VP



Don Whitehead

Attested: 

Mary B. Key, Auditor