
Gibson County Commissioners
Executive Session
September 1, 2009

The Gibson County Commissioners met in executive session on September 1, 2009, at 7:45 AM in the North Annex Conference Room.

Members present:

Bob Townsend, Pres. Gerald Bledsoe, VP
Don Whitehead Attorney James McDonald

Members absent:

The Commissioners met to discuss the possible purchase of property and the disposal of surplus property owned by the County. There was also discussion of personnel matters.

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 1, 2009, 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 the July 31, 2009, Jail control bid opening meeting and regular session meeting of August 18, 2009, were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and approved with a 3-0 vote.

Claims: The following claims were presented for approval: Payroll, 8/28/09, \$270,694.92; County General, \$133,155.15; Court, \$5,562.19; Highway, \$57,251.95; Sheriff, \$85,155.31. The claims were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Department Reports: Health: Kanda Walden stated that there would be two public informational meeting with time for questions on the H1N1 flu. The meetings will be September. 14 at 6:00 PM in the North Annex meeting room in Princeton and on September. 16 at 12:00 noon at the Oakland City Library. Seasonal flu shots will be available the first week of October and the H1N1 flu shots should be available hopefully by the end of October. The age range for these shots will be those 24 years of age and younger.

EMS: Dan Alvey requested a six week medical leave for an employee. The medical leave was approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

EMA: Terry Hedges informed all present that there would be an informational meeting, September 10 at 6:30 PM at the Red Cross Office concerning Homeland Security CERT program. This is a volunteer program, persons 18 years or older, to be on response teams during disasters. They will have to attend classes and continuing education classes once they are certified.

Sheriff: George Ballard asked for an Ordinance to be passed for a \$50 fee for registering sex and violent crime offender. They are required by law to register with the Sheriff's Department. This will be brought back to a future meeting for consideration. A report on the new jail control project stated that they are in process of instillation and all is going well. Hopefully the controls will be fully on line shortly.

Highway: Jerry Heldt reported that the part needed for the chip spreader should be ready in about a week. He distributed the monthly work report. He will be giving the Board a report on equipment that will need replacement in the near future. He had a request for a 6 week medical leave. The leave was approved with a motion by Bledsoe and seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Morley and Associates: John DiDomizio stated that his organization is representing a group that is interested in applying for a Tiger Grant which is part of the federal stimulus program for transportation. The group is interested in reopening railroad service into Owensville. This grant has to have county or state support in name only. The full extent of this could be as much as 20-30 million dollars depending on how extensive the project. There was discussion on the possibilities of the project. The sponsorship was approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Old Business: Advertise for a bid for an ambulance. Whitehead made a motion to advertise, Bledsoe seconded and motion passed 3-0.

New Business: Re-plat Water Tower Place: Joe Kiesel representing the group asked that the re-plat be approved which includes the easements which were not included when original plat was approved in 1997. All necessary paper work has been completed. Discussion followed. The County Surveyor has reviewed the plat. Kiesel asked about the possibility for the County to take over the maintenance of the

roads. This matter will have to be taken up with the Highway Superintendent and Drainage Board. All matters will be taken under advisement at this time.

Subdivision and Storm Water Control Ordinances: There is a need to select a company to advise to assist in developing the ordinances. There are two quotes: Bernard and Lockmueller and Assoc., \$29,700; Schneider Engineering, \$32,400. A motion to approve Bernard and Lockmueller and Assoc. and take the funds from Fund 245 was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Courthouse/Annexes maintenance: There is a need for extra funds, up to \$7,500, to do maintenance and repairs to the Courthouse and Annexes. A motion to approve the funds needed for this and to be taken out of Fund 245 was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Jail and Detention Center Maintenance Contract: Townsend stated that it had been discussed in the past that when the contract for maintenance was up for renewal on the jail. The County Engineer will help complete the specifications needed and let for bid after discussion at the next meeting.

Advertise for Installation of Bridge 137 and material for Bridge 188: John Umpleby asked for this to be advertised for bids. After discussion a motion to approve the advertisements for the bridges was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Bridge 235 and 356 contracts: John Umpleby requested that the contracts on these bridges be canceled at this time because it will be quite a while before these could be completed. Bridge 235 has been reclassified and qualifies for partial federal funding. Bridge 356 could be taken care of with a bridge kit similar to the ones being for the bridges that the county is using for present projects. A motion to approve cancellation of the contracts was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Hire Consultant for Bridge Scour Plan of Action: John Umpleby spoke on the need to have a plan in place for bridge inspections on 51 bridges throughout the County required by the Federal Government. These bridges are susceptible to erosion damage during flooding and high water incidents and have to be inspected before, during and after any such incident. This needs to be done to be able to qualify for future federal funding. After discussion a motion to approve Bernard and Lockmueller and Assoc., present inspectors, to help develop a plan at the approximate cost of \$60,000 was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Appropriate funds to complete Chip and Sealing projects: There is a need for extra funding to complete the chip and seal projects scheduled to be completed this year. After discussion a motion to approve \$300,000 from Fund 245 for this was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

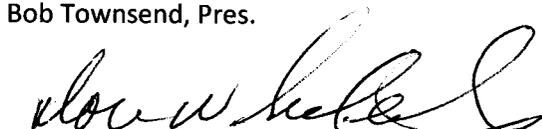
County owned Properties: The County owns 14 properties only worth approximately a total of \$14,000 need to be dispersed. A motion to allow Attorney McDonald to arrange an auction of the properties was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0. There is one property in Owensville that is worth considerable more money than all the others. It is presently occupied and tenants will need to be evicted. A motion to allow Attorney McDonald to move forward with this and arrange for the sale of the property was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

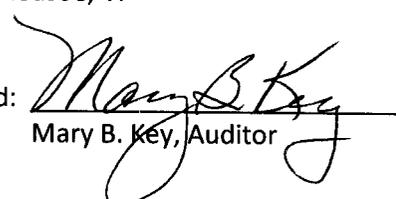
Dentist for Jail: Allen Harmon stated that the dentist that was contracted for the jail retired and he requested a contract with the same terms be approved with Dr. Jerry Graber, who has bought Dr. Beckerman's practice, be approved. The contract was approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

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