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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
October 5, 2010

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 5, 2010, at 8:30 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

Bob Townsend, Pres.  
Don Whitehead

Members absent:

Gerald Bledsoe, VP  
Attorney James McDonald

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

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting of September 21, 2010, were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Claims: The following claims were presented for approval: Payroll, 9/24/10, \$282,576.09, 9/24/10, \$310.50 (this amount was voted on later in the meeting due to forgetting to mention in time for the vote on claims{the motion and vote were the same as below}); County General, \$189,197.25; Courts, \$1,721.28; Highway, \$76,880.01; Sheriff, \$28,648.23. The claims were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

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

Weights & Measures: Gary Dawson gave the monthly report.

EMS: Dan Alvey gave the monthly report. He distributed the monthly report. He presented the one year agreement with Gibson General Hospital for the ambulance base located there and an agreement for all repairs and renovations to the facility. It had been reviewed by Attorney McDonald. The agreements with Gibson General Hospital was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Alvey requested approval of write offs in the amount of \$66,742.20. The write offs were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Bledsoe asked if a person could ask to be taken to another hospital when being transported by the Gibson County Ambulance Service. Alvey said that yes they can however if they are in critical condition they tell them that they should go to Gibson General Hospital to be stabilized then transported elsewhere. If the person or family insists then they are transported elsewhere.

EMA: Terry Hedges presented a map on the counties that had enacted burn bans. This included about half of the State.

Sheriff: George Ballard reported on the jail and work release populations.

Highway: Jerry Heldt distributed the monthly reports. He also said that Bridge 85 in Washington Township is completed and open for traffic. He asked if the Sheriff's department could keep an eye on CR 850S and 1150E because of reports of excessive speeding.

Old Business: Bridge 163: The bids were reviewed by the County Engineer and Superintendent and they recommended the bid from CLR be accepted. A motion to accept the bid from CLR was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Courthouse Assessment: Tim Henning, Architecture Plus, reported that the environmental evaluation has been completed. There is asbestos and lead base paint. He recommended that a company be hired to remove the asbestos before other work is started. The lead paint issue can be taken care of at the time. The paint will only be disturbed when it is necessary to drill through a wall. A motion to have Mr. Henning to draw up the specifications and advertise for removal of the asbestos and lead paint was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Landfill #1: John Umpleby stated that the State required the drilling of ground around old landfills and this has been completed. Landfill #1 does show that there is gas in a couple locations at the landfill. There is one property, 3 to4 acres, to the Southeast that he is recommending be purchased to be able to monitor the area. This ground would allow the monitoring and dissipation of any gas that may be produced. A motion to look into purchasing the property was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

New Business: Maximus Contract: Maximus is a company that investigates claims for possible cost allocations to recover money for the county. There were two contracts presented: a one year for the cost of \$5,600 or a three year contract at the cost of \$3,400 per year. The three year contract was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Extension of Agreement on CR 850E with Triad Coal: Scott Partenheimer presented a two year agreement for said road which has been inspected by the Highway Superintendent. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Request for FMLA: The Prosecutor requested that an employee be granted FMLA leave. This request was granted with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Dogwood Lane: Terry Hedges, as a property representing his neighborhood, stated that the road, Dogwood Lane, use to be known as Gach Road. Due to renaming with E911 the road was renamed to Dogwood Lane however there is now a Gach Road at the Toyota complex and the neighborhood is now

having trouble with semi-tractor trailers are coming on this road trying to find Toyota due to the use of GPS systems having the old road name. The neighborhood is requesting the Commissioners notifying the trucking firm and the GPS companies and possible signs on the highway. Jerry Heldt stated he has notified the trucking company to notify their drivers of this change. A motion to have the County Attorney write a letter to the trucking firm and GPS companies of this change was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Bathroom Renovation in Courthouse: Andy Schafer requested that he would like permission to pursue quotes to move the present public women's bathroom to another location. The new location would be at the base of the inside stairs. At present this is the men's bathroom, however, there is plenty of room to divide this room to accommodate the women's bathroom. A motion to pursue quotes was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Aerial Photographs for GIS: Townsend stated that a request had been presented to and approved by the Council for funding for new aerial photography which has not been done since 2005. To have accurate information for the GIS system this should be done every 2-3 years. The Assessor is now doing reassessing and could use this rather than go out to all property for review and save a lot of time and money. It was approved to pursue pricing for the aerial photograph with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Councilman Allen asked how road paving and resurfacing is prioritized. Heldt stated that it is done by condition and traffic on the road. There are some roads that were presented to the State for possible distressed road funding which had to meet certain criteria.

Bill Miller asked about the problem he and his neighbors have incurred because of the E911 readdressing. According to Gibson County he lives on Hwy 64 E but companies get confused because they live west of Oakland City but address being east. He would like to know if there is a way to address this problem.

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

  
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Mary B. Key, Auditor