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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
December 15, 2009

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 15, 2009, at 6 P.M. in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

Members absent:

Bob Townsend, Pres.

Gerald Bledsoe, VP

Don Whitehead

Attorney James McDonald

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of meeting held on November 17, 2009 and December 1, 2009 were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Amend Minutes of April 21, 2009: The minutes of April 21, 2009, were amended to reflect a motion to approve the change of speed limit on county roads discussed at the meeting in the area of the I 69 project.

Approval of Claims: The following claims were submitted for approval: Payroll, 12/4.09, \$279,876.82; County General, \$111,301.06; Courts, \$1,714.33; Highway, \$105,102.18; Sheriff, \$38,757.20. The claims were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Old Business: EDC – Debbie Bennett-Stearsman (Resolution 2009-4): Debbie Bennett-Stearsman introduced Mike Cummings, representing District 15 of Homeland Security for Disaster Preparedness. Mr. Cummings explained about the need for the Disaster Recovery Plan to meet federal guidelines in order to comply to receive reimbursement funds and funding for project to help prevent flooding in the future. A motion to adopt Resolution 2009-4, Gibson County Disaster Recovery Plan, was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. ~~2009-4~~

GIBSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
APPROVING THE  
GIBSON COUNTY DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN

WHEREAS, the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) recognizes the need to provide a strategy for disaster recovery and long-term economic development in Gibson County; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), in partnership with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) have provided grant funding to develop a Disaster Recovery Plan for Gibson County; and,

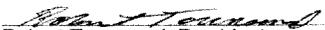
WHEREAS, Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission and the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana partnered to assist the Gibson County Commissioners to develop said Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Gibson County Commissioners have reviewed the final Gibson County Disaster Recovery Plan and finds that it reflects the needs of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gibson County Commissioners approve the Gibson County Disaster Recovery Plan prepared by Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission and further find that it meets the requirements for the grants administered by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

Adopted this 15 day of December, 2009.

GIBSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

  
Robert Townsend, President

  
Gerald Bledsoe, Commissioner

  
Don Whitehead, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
  
Mary Key, Auditor

Open Bids to Demolish Land's Inn Building: Attorney McDonald opened the bids and read the quotes: Kerry Wilhite Excavating: bid A - \$27,125, B - \$24,275, C - \$19,775; JSE Excavating: bid A - \$25,500, B - \$21,200, C - 20,000. The bids are based on what medium is used to backfill the basement area. A motion to table the bids for review was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Maintenance Contract for Jail and Detention Center: The bids had been opened and tabled for study at a previous meeting. Four bids were received: Midwest - \$9,842, JE Shekel - \$17,590, Messmer - \$14,825 and A&AMechan - \$10,378. Sheriff Harmon had a couple concerns being that he was not involved in the review of the bids. After discussion, a motion was made to accept the low bid from Midwest by Bledsoe seconded Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Accept Highway Department Bids: The annual bids for the Highway Department supplies had be opened at a previous meeting and tabled for review. Jerry Heldt, highway superintendent, gave his

recommendations to the Board: Bituminous Materials - Asphalt Materials, Inc.; Sand and Gravel - Rogers Group, Inc. and Mulzer Crushed Stone Inc.; Sewer - CPI Supply; Stone - Rogers Group, Inc. and Mulzer Crushed Stone Inc. A motion to accept the recommendations was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Open Bids for County Owned Real Estate: Attorney McDonald opened and read the bids. A motion to table and review the bids was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Steve Bottoms asked again about the position in the assessor's office being part time when the individual was working maximum hours allowed which is just under full time and having no benefits. Townsend stated that the Council has control of the employee's positions and pay. Bill Miller stated that it is the Council's position but it is the position of the Commissioners to go to the Council with the recommendation to make it full time if it is necessary.

New Business: Memorandum of Agreement for Transfer of Superseded SR 57: The memorandum is for road speed limits and changes made due to the I 69 construction which would be permanent when construction is completed: Description: request for speed limit (30 MPH) ordinance on CR 925 E reconstruction and request for concurrence on proposed design exceptions. A motion to approve the memorandum of agreement was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Clerk's Office charge for certified mailings: Becky Woodburn asked the Commissioners to pass a resolution to change the policy for certified mailings when papers are filed by an attorney which need to be sent. The minimum expense is \$5.84 and can go much higher depending on the amount of pages in the document. She has done research on how other counties handle the situation and has also discussed this with the County attorney. After discussion, a motion to have Mrs. Woodburn work with Attorney McDonald to proceed with a resolution to be brought before the Commissioners was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

ESG Proposal: Darrin Hawkins representing the company described and discussed the project and how the savings would pay for the improvements. A grant has been applied for to help with the project but it will be a while before it is known if the grant will be received or not. This was tabled for further study.

Dave Yeager, Black Beauty Coal Co.: Yeager presented a road closing extension for CR 850E & 125 S and a road crossing extension 50 S & 725 S. This was taken under advisement for study until the December 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Advertise for Demolition of the Freebird Solon: The County Engineer requested permission to advertise for the demolition of property in Oakland City owned by County. Permission was granted with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Phase II Software Certification Contract: The Assessor, Auditor and Treasurer asked permission and approval to enter into a contract with Chris Broughton & Associates to complete the State required certification of software. This was approved with a motion by Townsend seconded Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

RC&D: Mark Cambron introduced himself as the new coordinator and distributed information on projects.

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

  
Bob Townsend, Pres.

  
Don Whitehead

  
Gerald Bledsoe, VP

Attested:   
Mary B. Key, Auditor