
Gibson County Commissioners
Regular Session
January 19, 2010

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 19, 2010, at 6 PM 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 previous meeting of January 5, 2010, were approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Claims: The following claim were presented for approval: Payroll, 1/15/10, \$316,382.87. This was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Old Business: Storm Water Control Ordinance Contract: This is concerning the ordinance which was passed earlier in 2009 dealing with storm water and subdivisions. Contract language had to be worked out which was done by County Attorney James McDonald. A contract with Bernard and Lochmueller was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Appoint Director of Maintenance, Safety and ADA Compliance: Townsend stated that due to the retirement of the Custodial Supervisor it was decided to combine this position with the Safety Director position giving it the title mentioned above with some change in job duties. There had been a large number of applications and interviews. The decision was to hire Andy Schafer for this position which was approved with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0. He was introduced at this time and Townsend stated that his beginning date would be January 25, 2010.

E911 Protocol: Sherry Smith asked if the County has a protocol for the speed with in the city limit at which a deputy can respond to a call. Sheriff Harmon stated that they did have a protocol in place. After checking because the protocol had just been changed, he stated that they cannot exceed the speed limit. However, with the lights and/or the siren on a patrol car is asking permission to have the right of way if traffic and/or weather conditions permit.

New Business: Health Insurance Renewal: Townsend stated that John Dyer, representative of insurance company, could not attend the meeting but had spoken previously to each of the Commissioners to review the bids. The recommendation was to stay with the present carrier for the non-union employees and the renewal date is March 1, 2010. The renewal was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

County Engineer Contract: Townsend stated that the contract for the County Engineer is an annual contract and even though Mr. Umpleby wasn't hired until mid year in 2009 that the position was to be kept on a year beginning time frame. At this time there would be a \$1,200 increase in the contract. The contract was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0. There was discussion of benefits allowed for the county engineer.

Renewal of Contract with Mounts Electric for Maintenance for Traffic Lights: The lights on the perimeter road at Toyota have been under a maintenance contract at all times and this is the time for renewal. A motion to approve the contract was made by Whitehead with the stipulation that this contract will be let for bids before renewal time. Bledsoe seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Request for Medical Leave: The recorder requested a six week medical leave for an employee. After reviewing the necessary paper work, the leave was allowed with a motion by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Census Bureau Questionnaire and Assistance Center: The Census Bureau requested use of a facility to open a center where the public can come for assistance in filling out the census form. A motion to have the use of one of the rooms at the North Annex for this purpose from the hours of 4 to 9 PM, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from March 1 to April 30, 2010 was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Sheriff Harmon asked permission to do feasibility study on CR 1250 W at the truck stops for a stop sign at the exits. He had received several phone calls about trucks not stopping to let oncoming traffic the right of way. By consensus the Commissioners agree to the study.

Steve Bottoms announced that the town of Somerville is having a town meeting on January 26th at 6:30 PM with the coal company about the slurry problem and invited anyone to come.

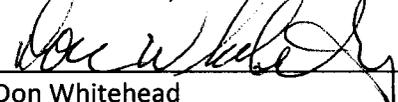
A motion to adjourn was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.



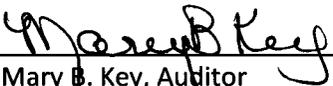
Bob Townsend, Pres.



Gerald Bledsoe, VP



Don Whitehead

Attested: 

Mary B. Key, Auditor