
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
July 15, 2008

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met on July 15, 2008, at 9 AM in the Princeton City Council Chambers.

Members present:

N. Sherrell Marginet, Pres. Don Whitehead, VP
Attorney Jerry Stilwell

Members absent:

Bob Townsend

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting of July 1, 2008, were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Marginet and passed 2-0.

Approval of Claims: The following claims were presented for approval: County General, \$171,943.16; Highway, \$16,424.21; Sheriff, \$32,028.88; Payroll, 7/4/08, \$310,017.60; Supplemental Pay, \$142,952.00. The claims were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Marginet and passed 2-0.

Commissioners New and Old Business: *Bill Gunn* with United Minerals requested an extension on the closure agreement for CR 1125 E. A motion to approve the extension was made by Whitehead seconded by Marginet and passed 2-0. *Steve Bottoms* and *Chuck Strunk* posed several questions concerning the mining and road closures in the East Gibson area. The question of the blasting Marginet stated that this was controlled by the DNR. *Jerry Heldt*, Hwy Superintendent, and *Steve Jones*, a representative for United Engineering, presented reports on three county bridges (15, 16, 22) that need to be replaced. A motion to approve the contracts for the bridge work was made by Whitehead seconded by Marginet and passed 2-0. A report was given on the work being done to replace Bridge 68, which is an historical bridge. This bridge will have to be removed and stored for a designated amount of time by law. The funding for this bridge was received at the same time as the funding for Bridge 398 (Severens Bridge). Heldt also reported that he would be meeting with FEMA representatives to discuss possible reimbursements from the flooding. Sheriff Harmon asked about the radio equipment request for bids. Stilwell informed him that the final draft had been completed, the notice published and the bids would be opened at the next meeting. *Councilman Memmer* spoke of all the changes in county financing with the passage of House Bill 1001 and the effect overall to county government. He presented a proposal to hire an outside firm to do a study to try and get possible number for the next years so that the Board and Council will have a better handle on how the deal with the budgets. They had gotten three quotes and recommended using Umbaugh, costing \$45,000. After discussion a motion by Marginet to approve Umbaugh for the study was seconded by Whitehead and passed 2-0. *Whitehead* mentioned that he would like to discuss a 4 day 10 hour work week to save money at the next meeting. There was some discussion at this time. Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Whitehead seconded by Marginet and passed 2-0.

N. Sherrell Marginet, Pres.

Don Whitehead, VP

Bob Townsend (absent)

Attested: _____
Mary B. Key, Auditor