
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
October 21, 2008

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 21, 2008, at 9 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

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

Members absent:

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

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting, October 7, 2008, were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Claims: The following claims were presented for approval: Payroll, 10/10/08, \$273,863.78; County General, \$329,218.66; Highway, \$53,282.50; Sheriff, \$57,056.08. These claims were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Tom Memmer: Memmer on behalf of the County Council, as president, brought to the Commissioners a two year contract setting the salary for the Sheriff. He also presented a resolution for said contract which needs to be passed by both the Commissioners and Council. After discussion, a motion to approve both was made by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Oakland City-Columbia Twp. Library Board Appointment: Jeff Mullen was appointed to the library board with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Major Medical Leave: A request from the Custodial Dept. for a major medical leave was present for approval. This was granted with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

EMS: EMS monthly report was read by Marginet with a request for write-offs in the amount of \$57,719.53. This was approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Old Business: Sheriff Harmon distributed the monthly jail population report, requested the hiring of a new jail nurse, the previous one resigned, and had a health insurance question. The hiring of a new nurse was approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. The matter of the health insurance problem was not discussed because Stilwell stated due to HEPA laws this matter should not be discussed at an open meeting. Sheriff Harmon asked if the medical insurance for the jail inmates had been discussed further. John Dyer, insurance company representative, said that more information was needed. Memmer asked that a County Council member be present at any discussions of the inmate insurance discussion since they will have to approve the funding.

New Business: Terry Hedges, EMA director, stated that the State and Federal governments have had more meetings on the earthquake preparedness and that the Governor has asked that a total of 18 counties be declared disaster areas due to the wind storms caused by Hurricane Ike. Michael Stevenson announced that the GIS web site would now be open to the public without a pass word. Todd Mosby, Gibson County Economic Development, announced that VUTEQ was considering expanding its operation here. Eric Heidenreich, Visitor and Tourism Bureau, asked for permission on erect an information kiosk on the Courthouse lawn. He presented pictures of the kiosk and discussion followed. A motion by Whitehead to allow the placement with final approval of on the placement spot by the Commissioners was seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. John Dyer recommended that the County renew the Workman's Compensation plan with the same carrier as now for renewal on 11-1-08. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the renewal was made by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

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

N. Sherrell Marginet, Pres.

Don Whitehead, VP

Bob Townsend

Attested: _____
Mary B. Key, Auditor