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Gibson County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Session  
June 19, 2007

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The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 19, 2007, at 9 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

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

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, June 5, 2007, were approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Claims: The following claims were submitted for approval: Utilities, \$22,601.42. The claims were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Highway Fuel Bids: Jerry Heldt was on vacation and there were no fuel bids to open. It was agreed to table this until the meeting is reconvened on June 28, 2007.

Medical Leaves: Highway Dept: a request was made for a six week medical leave for one employee. Health Dept.: a request was made for a six week medical leave for an employee. The two request were approved with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Health Dept: Kanda Walden distributed information to the Board on a prescription card program being offered to the County through the National Organization of Counties. The card is available to anyone living in the County at no cost. This was tabled to the next meeting to allow time to review the material.

David Haase: Mr. Haase asked if there was anything the Board could do to get River Road and Road 1150W graded. He reported that it is in terrible shape and when he called the Highway Dept. they said it is in an agreement with Duke Energy that the company would maintain the road after construction of the power plant facility. Duke Energy said that they only had to maintain it during the construction period of the plant and that it went back to the County years ago. It was agreed to be looked into and hopefully could be resolved in a timely manner.

Old Business: None

New Business: *Jerry Stilwell* asked to have the settlement agreement on a lawsuit involving the jail be put on next months agenda.

*John Dyer* brought to the Commissioners five (5) quotes for the property and liability insurance for the County. These were taken under advisement and would be brought back to the reconvened meeting of June 28, 2007.

Road Closure Policy: There was a discussion on a road closure policy especially concerning the coal mining in the County. Bob Townsend had a copy of one adopted by Sullivan County which he gave to Jerry Stilwell. Stilwell is studying this policy and will draft one for Gibson County which will be given to the Commissioners at a future date. Townsend announced that the joint meeting between the Commissioners and the Council will be on June 28 because of a conflict in schedules with the tentative date set by the Council of June 26. This meeting is to discuss County financing.

Having no further business a motion to reconvene the meeting on June 28, 2007, at 9 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room to consider fuel bids and insurance quotes and the joint meeting with the Council was made by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Reconvened meeting June 28, 2007, 9 AM

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.

The County Council called their meeting to order at this time.

Fuel Bids: There were bids from one company, Superior AG CO-OP: Diesel Fuel; #1 fuel oil, \$2.715/gal; off-road premium, \$2.524/gal; premium road, \$2.680/gal: Gasoline; unleaded regular (89 octane), \$2.555/gal; unleaded regular (87 octane), \$2.465. The term

of these bid agreements are from July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. Stilwell reviewed the bids finding all in order. The bids were accepted with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Insurance Quotes: John Dyer, ONB Insurance, at the previous presented 5 quotes for liability and property coverage. These were tabled for review and the lowest bid containing all necessary coverage was from Employers Mutual Insurance Co. for \$229,291. This bid was accepted with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0.

Joint Informational meeting with Commissioners and Council: All members of Commissioners and Council were present. Also present were State Senator Bob Deig and State Representative Kreg Battles. At this time the meeting was given over to Councilman Tony Wolfe. He presented a power-point program explaining property tax issues and the possible need to add a local option income tax for the County in the future. He discussed many aspects of property tax, new changes with in the structure of property taxes, reduction of funds from the State and the possible need to enact local option taxes available to the County. After his presentation Wolfe asked if Senator Deig or Rep. Battles would like to speak. Each gave a synopsis of their understanding and reasoning for the changes that the Counties are facing due to the changes in state legislation. At this time the meeting was opened to questions from the floor. Discussion continued. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Townsend seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

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N. Sherrell Margenet, Pres.

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Don Whitehead, VP

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Bob Townsend

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Mary B. Key, Auditor