
Gibson County Board of Commissioners

Regular Session

January 6, 2009

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 6, 2009, at 9 AM in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

Bob Townsend Gerald Bledsoe
Don Whitehead Attorney James McDonald

Members absent:

The meeting was called to order with all present standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Whitehead began the meeting by introducing newly elected Commissioner Gerald Bledsoe and new County Attorney James McDonald.

Reorganization: Bledsoe made a motion to nominate Bob Townsend as President of the Board. This was seconded by Townsend and passed 3-0. Townsend made a motion to nominate Gerald Bledsoe as Vice President of the Board. This was seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Minutes: The minutes of the 12/16/08 and 12/30/08 meetings were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Claims: The following claims were submitted for approval: Payroll, 1/2/08, \$187,157.36; Jail, \$13,576.56. These claims were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Dept. Reports: Veterans Service: Barb Schencks gave the monthly report.

Weights and Measures: Gary Dawson gave the beginning of the year report and pending schedule.

EMS: Dan Alvey distributed a summary of activities for 2008. He also stated that starting January 1, 2009, the ambulance service would no longer provide transportation services to doctor offices. The explanation was due to the fact that such calls tied the ambulance up for too long of a time which would take it out of service in case of an emergency.

Health: Kanda Walden explained that there is a change in the immunization clinic time and day. It would now be by appointment every Thursday. Walk ins are welcome but appointment will be taken at the allotted time.

Safety: Ken Greubel reported that he would have a 2008 end of year report at the next meeting.

Sheriff: Allen Harmon stated he had three issues to discuss. First is the issue of the jail controls which he discussed at the last meeting. He said that it will take time to do this because a study will need to be done on what is needed and best suited for our building, the money source needs to be identified and bids let. He has five companies that would like to have a chance to bid on the project. He hopes the controls will last another two years but also that they could go at anytime. He does have a plan in place if the controls go down and can't be brought back up within a short period of time. Second, he asked about a maintenance contract on the equipment, such as air conditioning, kitchen equipment, furnace, etc., in the new work release facility. There is a present contract on the jail with J E Shekell Heating and Air Conditioning at the cost of \$7700/year. Townsend said he would like to read and see what is covered and other conditions of the contract before making a decision. Third concern is car replacement. The Council took all car replacement money from the budgets for the department. The plan for replacing cars is set on replacing three cars every year to avoid having to replace a large number in a single year. The cars scheduled to be replaced in 2009 have somewhere between 95,000 and 120,000 miles on them. After discussion, it was decided to table this for further study until a future date. This was done with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Highway: Jerry Heldt handed out the 2008 end of year reports. He also asked about the funds needed to pay to close the east end of the garage building. The Council would make that decision.

EMA: Terry Hedges stated that there would be a training workshop by Homeland Security for project in 2009 on Thursday, January 8, 2009. On Thursday, January 15, 2009, at 1:00 there will be a meeting of the Emergency Council to organize for 2009. Today, January 6, 2009, at 1:00 there will be a meeting of the District 10 Council to do a "code red" exercise to demonstrate an emergency notification system, similar to reverse 911, to see if there is an interest in putting this into place for District 10. The cost is approximately \$7,500 based on the purchase of minutes. He explained the program and how it would work. There are several counties around here that do have this system. This program is not a grant.

Extension: Cathy Boerste gave a report on the program set for 2009.

Old Business: Commissioners' appointments to various boards were made last month with the exception of three. The recommendations are for the Owensville/Montgomery Township Fire Territory, Darren McClellan; LEPC, Gerald Bledsoe; Four Rivers RC&D, Larry Osborn. The appointments were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Jerry Heldt handed out pictures of the road to Northgate Crossing which is west of US 41 coming off of CR 1250S. There is a question of it having been accepted by the County into the County road system. No record of this can be found in the Commissioners minutes. Heldt did state that there is quite a bit of work that would need to be done before this road would be considered to be accepted into the system.

Lee McClellan, with Morley and Associates, representing the subdivision, was present to answer questions. After discussion it was decided there is a need to study the necessary work and as to whether it would even be considered for acceptance.

New Business: Townsend stated that the Highway budget has included an engineer for several years and there is a need to possibly filling that position. Whitehead said that he agreed and that one of the specifications needs to be able to do bridge inspections. Bledsoe stated that the advertising and interview process needs to be started and made a motion to do so. Whitehead seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Townsend said that he would contact LTAP for help with specifications and contract information.

EDIT Plan 2009-2010: Jim McDonald read the 2009 EDIT plan. Sheriff Harmon stated that there was no mention of finances needed for new cars for the department in any budget and wondered if the Commissioners would possibly adjust the 2009 plan to include cars. Townsend said this would be looked into and adjustment can be made in the future. A motion to approve the 2009-2010 EDIT Plan was made by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Human Resources Study: Townsend stated that he would like to consider seeing proposals from companies to do a job "numbers" study for the County. Example: time @ job. After discussion a motion to seek proposals was made by Bledsoe seconded by Townsends and passed 2-1 with Whitehead casting the nay vote.

Covered Bridge Certification: The certification of two covered bridges within Gibson County was made approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Bledsoe and passed 3-0.

Water Flood Unit: In the oil well fields in Wabash Township asked by the producer for the county to participate in a water flood unit. The County does own interest in this area. A motion to belong to the water flood unit was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Safety Director Contract: A need to approve the contract with Ken Greubel as Safety Director for the sum of \$20,000 annually. A motion to approve the contract was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

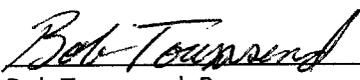
County Attorney agreement: The agreement with James McDonald for the position of County Attorney was presented for approval. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.

Sheriff Harmon asked to make sure that the contract with the new jail nurse was approved and signed at one of the December meeting.

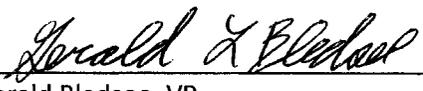
Townsend stated that the Drainage Board meeting would be held after a fifteen minute break in the meeting room.

He also reminded everyone that the Commissioners meetings were now scheduled for 8:30 AM on the first Tuesday of the month and at 6:00PM on the third Tuesday of the month. All will be held in the North Annex Meeting Room. Drainage Board will meet at 9:30 after the first Tuesday meeting or immediately after if the regular meeting goes longer.

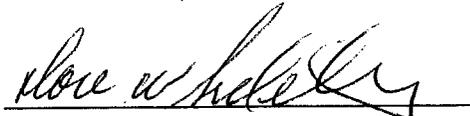
A motion to adjourn was made by Bledsoe seconded by Whitehead and passed 3-0.



Bob Townsend, Pres.



Gerald Bledsoe, VP



Don Whitehead

Attested: 

Mary B. Key, Auditor