

NOBLE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY December 5, 2022
1:00pm NOBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOBLE COUNTY NEW ANNEX

PRESENT:

Bernie Lawson
Jerry Jansen
Tom Janes
George Bennett
Denise Lemmon
Mary Wysong
Doug Harp

ALSO PRESENT:

Gary Leatherman, Noble County Commissioners
Jackie Knafel, Noble County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, County Attorney
Matt Getts, KPC Media
Zack Smith Highway Engineer
Richard Rogers, Highway Supervisor

Denise Lemmon, Council President, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 PM

Correspondence - 1782 Notices were received and the 2023 budgets were approved as submitted

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from George Bennett and a second from Tom Janes. Motion carried 7-0.

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, was present to update the council on the construction at the highway department:

- The department continues culvert work in preparation for spring construction.
- Work was done on 1000 E and the road was shut down for about 3 ½ days
- Work will begin on 100 N to correct the drainage work in that area.
- Brush cutting in the northern four townships will continue as long as the weather holds.
- The crews continue patching work

Zack Smith Highway Engineer, was present for the engineering update for the commissioners:

- The council discussed the additional for the highway department that were coming before them today:
 1. 1176-22100-104 Gas Oil Lube \$100,000.00
Additional was approved with a motion from Mary Wysong and a second from Jerry Jansen. Motion carried 7-0.
 2. 1173-36101-116 Repair Maint. Rds. \$112,000.00
This was approved with a motion from George Bennett. Tom Janes seconded and the motion carried 7-0.
- Zack indicated that the department has two openings - one for a driver and the other for brush clearing. To date, no applications have been received.
- CCMG – Zack has still not heard if the county was awarded any of this money. He is hoping to hear soon.
- Baseline Road / 600 E – this project should be wrapping up soon.
- 400 N – this project is a little ahead of schedule and set for letting in January
- Bridge 136 – Bridge replacement letting is set for February on this project.
- Culvert inspection – with this being new the department has increased the cost in the 2023 budget from \$100,000.00 in 2022 to \$250,000.00 in 2023.

ANNEX

- There are still some furniture pieces that need to be received for the prosecutor's office and also for the main lobby
- Zack is waiting for quotes for the acoustic paneling. This came in quite high from the first source.
- Zack is working on a water softening system for the cold water. No quotes have been received at this time.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

Zack Smith, Project Manager, shared the cost estimate of the courthouse renovation with the council members. This was much more than anticipated and the commissioners and Zack will be meeting with American StructurePoint on the 19th of December to discuss the mechanical and electrical expenses.

CORONER

Lisa Strebig, Noble County Coroner, came before the ^{Council} ~~commissioners~~ to answer questions that they had concerning some delinquent bills that was received for autopsies. Lisa indicated that they were not received by her and that she has given this vendor address changes to ensure that the bills were received. Lisa had received some of the billings but did not receive the ones in question. These bills totaled almost \$35000.00 and the council did not want this happening again. Jackie suggested that maybe Lisa should start a spread sheet and indicate the bills she might expect for the services provided. Council members also shared their thoughts on how to prevent this from happening again. There was an additional on the table for this payment and it was approved with a motion from Jerry Jansen. Doug Harp seconded and the motion carried 7-0. The additional was for 1000-31503-009 Autopsies in the amount of \$35,000.00

ADDITIONALS

In other additional, the following were approved

- Public Defender 1000-14702-040 Pauper Attorney \$5,508.00
Motion to approve came from Mary Wysong. Bernie Lawson seconded and the motion carried 7-0.
- Circuit Court 1000-14703-037 Special Appts \$4,000.00
- Circuit Court 1000-14704-037 Pauper Transcripts \$5,000.00
Motion to approve both additional for Circuit Court came from Doug Harp. Jerry Jansen seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- Commissioners 1000-13300-031 Health Insurance \$50,000.00
Tom Janes moved to approve this additional. Doug Harp seconded and the motion carried 7-0.
- Courthouse 1000-35000-032 Utilities \$60,000.00
Doug Harp moved to approve. Mary Wysong seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

CCD CLAIMS

The Sheriff's department has submitted the following claims to be paid from the CCD Fund:

1. Kendall Electric \$263.76
 2. Commercial Filter Serv \$229.24
 3. Equiparts \$130.18
- Total \$623.18

Motion to approve the CCD claims came from Doug Harp. Tom Janes seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFERS

The following transfers were requested by the following departments:

- General Fund Superior Ct I Decrease – 1000-31202-038 Physicians \$3,000.00
 Increase 1000-14703-038 Spec Appts \$3,000.00
 Decrease 1000-31202-038 Physicians \$2,000.00
 Increase 1000-14702-038 pauper atty \$2,000.00
Motion to approve was from Jerry Jansen. Bernie Lawson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- LEPC - Decrease 1152-32101-254 Cont Prof \$2,000.00
 Decrease 1152-32400-254 Comm Serv \$200.00
 Increase 1152-44202-254 Responder equipment \$2,200.00

Motion to approve this transfer came from Tom Janes. Doug Harp seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

- Prosecutor Decrease 1000-12203-010 deputy pros \$1,500.00
- Increase 1000-12800-010 Victim Adv \$1,500.00

Motion to approve came from Doug Harp. George Bennett seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

- Prosecutor Decrease 1000-13301-010 Ed & training \$100.00
- Increase 1000-39100-010 Dues & Sub \$100.00

George Bennett moved to approve. Tom Janes seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

SALARY ORDINANCE

The 2023 Noble County Salary Ordinance was reviewed by the council and signed with a motion from George Bennett and a second from Doug Harp. Motion carried 7-0.

In Memory

There was discussion about doing something from the Council in memory of Noble County Commissioners Dave Dolezal. Gary Leatherman was present and indicated that there were talks about dedicating a room at the new annex to Dave. Discussions continue.

LAST MEETING

This being the last meeting for three of the council members, many best wishes were shared and thank yous were shared to Bernie Lawson Jerry Jansen and Denise Lemmon. George presented each with a card and token of their appreciation for the years of dedicated service that each of them had given. A small reception followed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Noble County Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council being Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Dated this 3 day of January, 2023

ABSTAIN
Trey Forbes

ABSTAIN
Max Franklin

Mary Wysong
Mary Wysong

ABSTAIN
Brandon Chordas

Tom Janes
Tom Janes

[Signature]
George Bennett

Doug Harp
Doug Harp

ATTEST: Tonya L Jones
Tonya L Jones, Noble County Auditor