

**NOBLE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY December 6, 2021**  
**1:00pm NOBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**NOBLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**PRESENT:**

Bernie Lawson  
Mary Wysong  
Denise Lemmon  
Doug Harp  
Tom Janes

**ABSENT:**

Jerry Jansen  
George Bennett

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

Dennis Graft, County Attorney  
Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator  
Matt Getts, KPC Media  
Richard Rogers, Highway  
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- A letter has been received from Jerry Jansen concerning hiring an outside consultant for the solar agreements – duly entered
- Also, Lisa Strebig has sent a letter explaining the need for the additional grants granted last meeting. The estimated coroner case for 2021 was at 50 and to date there have been over 61 cases which indicated the need for additional funding.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved as written with a motion from Doug Harp. Tom Janes seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**HIGHWAY**

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, was present and had the following update for the Council:

- ARP Funding – The county has involved Ice Miller as well as Peters Consulting to pursue ARP funding projects. This is still to be determined.
- Community Crossings – Zack reported that he has been notified that the county has been awarded the \$500,000.00 for the HMA -02 project.
- Draft Ordinance for Wheel & Sur Tax – Zack again went over the funding for roads and explained his need for additional funding. The one place to get those funds would be from the Wheel & SurTax. The draft ordinance would have the funding go to \$30.00 for excise sur tax. Doug Harp moved to advertise the ordinance for public hearing. Bernie Lawson seconded and the motion carried 5-0.
- LPA Projects - Zack reported that the Baseline Road project was complete and open to traffic. All of the other LPA projects are tracking on schedule
- Zack reported that he will be submitting 3 projects in February / March when the new round of the LPA projects opens up.

**ANNEX**

- The Annex is moving along as scheduled. The finishes and furniture are nearing completion.
- May 11, 2022 is tentatively set for move in day. This will be done in phases to allow a smooth transition.
- Courthouse renovation – American StructurePoint was here at the last commissioners meeting for a walk through of the courthouse to start the design phase of this project. This will hopefully begin once the departments move from this building to the Annex.

#### ADDITIONALS

- Highway – \$45,000.00 is requested by the highway department for 1176-36100-104 Building Maintenance. Motion to approve came from Tom Janes and was seconded by Mary Wysong. Motion carried 5-0.

#### SHERIFF

Max Weber, Noble County Sheriff, was present to answer any questions about the CCD claims or other question pertaining to his department.

- CCD Claims – 3 claims were submitted all for Equiparts and totaled \$790.52. Motion to approve the claims came from Doug Harp and were seconded by Tom Janes. Motion carried 5-0.
- Max also reported that there were around 165 inmates in the jail at this point.

#### ABATEMENT

Gary Gatman and Lori Gagen, from the Noble County EDC, were present along with David Bolton and Russ Moir from United Surgical to request an abatement from the county council for both real and personal property. This will be a warehouse type situation in the LaOtto area and will bring the current 4 warehouses under one roof. The personal property abatement is in the amount of \$150,000.00 and is granted for a 3-year period with a motion from Doug Harp and a second from Bernie Lawson. Motion carried 5-0.

On the real estate side of things, this request is for \$1,000,000.00 worth of improvements to the existing building for a 5-year span. Motion to approve this abatement came from Mary Wysong and was seconded by Tom Janes. Motion carried 5-0.

#### ADDITIONALS

Additional were also approved for the following:

- Local Health Maintenance 1168-32400-210 communication services \$7,000.00. This was approved with a motion from Tom Janes and a second from Bernie Lawson. Motion carried 5-0.
- Tobacco Master – 1206-44000-701 Computer Hardware/software \$12,500.00. This also was approved with a motion from Tom Janes and a second from Bernie Lawson. Motion carried 5-0.
- EMA – 1000-11230-035 Director \$4,100.00 and 1000-11231-035 asst director \$2,800.00. These were approved with a motion from Doug Harp and a second from Tom Janes. Motion carries 5-0.
- Commissioners – 1000-13300-031 Group Insurance – the original request was for \$100,000.00 however dollars were received from the stop loss carrier and so the request was lessened to \$50,000.00. Tom Janes moved to approve the \$50,000.00 request with a second coming from Bernie Lawson. Motion carried 5-0.
- Public Defender – 1000-14702-040 pauper attorney \$10,000.00. This request was approved with a motion from Bernie Lawson and a second from Mary Wysong. Motion carried 5-0.

#### TRANSFERS

- The Extension office requested a transfer from 1000-31101-026 Computer Software into 1000-21200-026 Official Record and books in the amount of \$404.51. Motion to approve the transfer came from Bernie Lawson. Mary Wysong seconded and the motion carried 5-0.
- The health department is requesting a decrease in 1159-11251-208 clinic asst and an increase in the following:
  1. 1159-11131-208 septic sanitarian \$0.48
  2. 1159-11171-208 deputy health officer \$384.94
  3. 1159-11252-208 Admin Asst \$20.40
  4. 1159-11170-208 Food Sanitarian \$364.65 these were approved with a motion from Mary Wysong and a second from Doug Harp. Motion carried 5-0.
- The health department is also requesting that there be a decrease in the attorney line 1159-15400-208 in the amount of \$3,100.84 and increase 1159-11170-208 food sanitarian by that amount. Motion to approve came from Doug Harp and was seconded by Bernie Lawson. Motion carried 5-0.
- The final request was also from the health department, asking that
  1. 1159-21200-208 official records and books be decreased by \$1,000.00
  2. 1159-30100-208 Update of system be decreased by \$1,500.00

3. And 1159-44100-208 Furniture and Equipment be decreased by \$1,311.66 and this will increase – 1159-11160-208 Nurse by \$3,811.66. Motion to approve this came from Tom Janes and was seconded by Mary Wysong. Motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Noble County Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 approximately until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council being Monday January 3 2022

Dated this 3 day of January, 2022

Bernie Lawson  
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ABSTAINED - Not Present At LAST Meeting  
Jerry Jansen

Mary Wysong  
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Denise Lemmon  
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Tom Janes  
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ATTEST: Tonya L Jones  
Tonya L Jones, Noble County Auditor