

**NOBLE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY September 6.2022**  
**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  
Steve Garbacz, KPC Media  
Zack Smith Highway Engineer  
Richard Rogers, Highway Supervisor

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

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from Tom Janes. George Bennett seconded and the motion carried 6-0 with Doug Harp, who was not present at the last meeting, abstaining.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The question arose as to who would be paying for the rent of the building where the drug court was moving. This building is being rented at \$4,300.00 a month. Jerry Jansen moved to pay the rent from the CEDIT budget for a period of 16 months. Tom Janes seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

**HIGHWAY**

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, had the following construction update for the council:

- 79 miles of Chip and Seal work was done by the end of August
- Richard also reported that the HMA project that Pulver's are doing is about half done.
- The department started the lift work on Arthur Drive
- Ditching and Berming work will start next week

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, has the following engineering business to bring to the council:

- Community Crossing - Zack reported that he had submitted two projects and that the application process closed at the end of August. He is hoping to hear whether or not Noble County got the awards sometime in October or November.
- Bridge 73 – this will be a winter build and construction will begin soon
- LPA projects are all going well and all on schedule. 2023 will be a big year with a large road project as well as Bridge 136.
- Zack is hoping that funding will work out but may need some supplemental funding.
- If extra money is available after the 2 big projects in 2023, Zack will plan some gravel conversions.

**NEW ANNEX**

Zack Smith, Project Manager, went over some "punch list" items for the new annex. He indicated that there are 26 items missing all of which are on back order and as much as 6 weeks out for delivery. The lobby feature is now complete and all department are now moved into the new building.

## COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

Zack reported that design work was continuing with the plans for a west entrance into the courthouse, the clerk's office being on first floor with probation and one court sharing 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The environmental study is done with no major issues. Plans are to start on 1<sup>st</sup> floor then move the clerk down and then start on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Zack is hoping that we can get the plans finalized so that material can be ordered so that there are no delays when construction begins.

## B & J ABATEMENT

Gary Gatman, EDC Director and Kerry Leitch from B & J Medical were present to request a personal property abatement for the company. This addition will add 8 more jobs to the companies 143 workforce with earnings exceeding \$41,000.00. The personal property added will include a lathe for bone screws, and an X-ray machine that will x-ray the parts which total just under 7,600,000.00. Tom Janes moved to approve the \$7,592,000.00 10-year abatement along with the resolution for B & J Medical. Mary Wysong seconded and the motion carries 7-0.

## CCD Fund

Max Weber, Noble County Sheriff, is requesting that a claim for Building Temperature Solutions in the amount of \$2,884.00 for jail repair be paid from the CCD Fund. Motion to approve the claim came from Jerry Jansen and was seconded by Mary Wysong. Motion carried 7-0.

## JAIL

Max Weber, Sheriff, reported that there were 229 inmates this morning at the jail. They have hired two new jail employees and are looking at hiring a new deputy.

## ADDITIONALS

The following additional appropriations were approved as requested:

- Circuit Court - 1000-31202-037 for physicians \$3,000.00 Motion to approve the additional came from Mary Wysong and was seconded by Doug Harp. Motion carries 7-0.
- Superior Court II – 1000-31202-039 Physicians \$800.00 Motion to approve this additional was made by Tom Janes and seconded by Jerry Jansen. Motion carried 7-0.
- Building Department – 1000-22100-028 Gas Oil and Lube \$4,000.00. Doug Harp moved to approve this additional with a second coming from Mary Wysong. Motion carried 7-0.

## TRANSFERS

The Noble County Surveyor is requesting a transfer in his perpetuation fund:

- Decrease 1202-24601-249 Harrison Markers \$6,000.00
- Decrease 1202-31500-249 Professional services \$8,000.00
- Increase 1202-44100-249 furniture & equipment \$14,000.00

The transfer was allowed with a motion from George Bennett and a second from Doug Harp. Motion carried 7-0.

The Noble County Surveyor is also asking for transfers in his Drainage fund:

- Decrease 1000-15306-030 drainage board members \$750.00
- Decrease 1000-24600-030 field supplies \$1,200.00
- Decrease 1000-31100-030 legal services \$500.00
- Decrease 1000-31500-030 professional services \$2,000.00
- Decrease 1000-32100-030 freight & express \$100.00
- Decrease 1000-32300-030 mileage \$200.00
- Decrease 1000-33100-030 printing \$500.00
- Decrease 1000-33300-030 blueprint and Photo \$800.00
- Increase 1000-22100-030 gas oil and lube \$6,050.00

Motion to all these transfers came from Jerry Jansen and was seconded by Doug Harp. Motion carried 7-0.

## KAMMERER ABATEMENT

Alison Peterson, Representative from Kammerer LLC was present along with Gary Gatman from the EDC to request a real and personal tax abatement for the company. The first abatement is for the real estate. Kammerer LLC is planning to double the size of its building. This will enable the company to install a robotic system. The amount of the abatement is \$1,500,000.00 and is approved for a 5 year abatement with a motion from George Bennett and a second from Doug Harp. Motion carries 7-0.

Personal Property

The company is also requesting a personal property abatement in the amount of \$1,040,889.00. This will add 4 new jobs averaging just over \$41,000.00 a year. The equipment includes a laser, generator system, a screw compressor, and a refrigerated dryer system. This qualifies for a 5-year abatement and was approved with a motion from Bernie Lawson and a second from Mary Wysong. Motion carried 7-0.

PROSECUTOR

Jim Mowery, Noble County Prosecutor, Erik Murray, and Ashley Schalinske, were present to request a change in funding for personnel. Erik and Ashley are both paid partially from the Stop grant. As rules and regulations have changed it is becoming increasingly difficult to calculate Ashley pay from this grant and therefore, Mr. Mowery is asking that we pay Ashley all from the General fund for the remainder of this year and beyond. Erik will remain partially funded from the grant. Jackie will make the adjustment to the general fund prior to submission to the state.

PUBLIC HEARING 2023 BUDGET

Jackie Knafel, Noble County Coordinator, read the 2023 proposed budget along with the cuts that were made during budget hearings. There being no public comment on the budgets the council will again hear the budget presentation again on October 3, 2022 prior to adoption.

PROBATION

Stacey Beam, Danyel Wagner and Jared Owen were all present to discuss with the council the possibility of the general fund taking over the insurance costs for probation officers. This has always been the agreement when a grant is secured for employment. The grant must be able to pay for ALL the costs associated with employment such as FICA PERF INSURANCE etc. The group indicated that in 4 years Project Income will be out of money. As previous sessions were reviewed, it was again indicated that if the grant went away then the employee paid for by that grant would no longer have employment.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Noble County Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:05 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council being Monday October 3, 2022 2022

Dated this 3 day of October, 2022

Bernie Lawson  
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Jerry Jansen  
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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