

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD January 8, 2018**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the 8th day of January, 2018, in the Commissioners Court in the Noble County Courthouse, Albion, Indiana, being the time, date and place set for a regular session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County, Indiana.

Present were:

Gary Leatherman, President
Dave Abbott, Member
Dave Dolezal, Vice President

Also present were:

Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney
Matt Getts from KPC Media
Tonya Marks Jones, Noble County Auditor
Kathy Strange, Deputy Assessor
Mick Newton, EMA Director
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Cherish Smith, Council on Aging Director
Mitch Fiandt, 911 Director
John Urso, Asst 911 Director
Gary Atkins, CEO Parkview Noble
Tom Shoemaker, EMS Director
Trent Miller, EMS Service Line Director
Kenneth Hughes, Plan Director

CLOSING OF THE 2017 COMMISSIONER YEAR

Dave Abbott moved to close the 2017 Commissioner Year with a second coming from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

OPENING OF THE 2018 COMMISSIONER YEAR

Tonya Marks Jones, Noble County Auditor, was present to open the 2018 calendar year. The election of the commissioner president was held with nomination by Dave Dolezal to continue with the same slate of officers as was in 2017. This would have Gary Leatherman serving as President and Dave Dolezal as Vice. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Minutes of the December 18, 2018 meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Treasurer's December 2017 monthly report – duly entered
- Noble County Landfill leachate report from Haines – duly entered
- Kone Elevators – notification of a 3.28% increase in maintenance agreement
- Kinder Morgan – Pipeline information – copy to Mick Newton- EMA Director
- IDEM – Air permit Mahoney Foundries
- IDEM – Air permit Tenneco Automotive
- Albion Town billing for leachate disposal
- IDEM – Kraft Heintz foods Air quality
- IDEM – air permit – Precision Tank
- Noble County Drainage Board – Roscoe drain
- Noble County Surveyor- Diffendarfer drain
- Noble County Clerk – Annual report of cases filed
- Courthouse Security monthly report – duly entered

PTABOA APPT

Kathy Strange, Deputy Assessor, was present to request that the Noble County Commissioners reappoint Dave Button and Jim Cook to another year of service on the PTABOA Board. Dave

Dolezal moved to appoint both Dave Button and Jim Cook to the board. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

EMA DIRECTOR

Mick Newton, EMA Director, is present to explain an \$8,006.76 bill which was grant money that was remaining and was used to purchase additional police vehicle computers. The claim will be reviewed later this morning when all claims are reviewed. With Mick present the commissioners made the motion to appoint Mick Newton as EMA director for 2018. This motion was made by Dave Abbott and seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONER BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- Gary Leatherman will remain on the EMS Advisory Board, Noble County Economic Development Trust Advisory Committee, Northeast Indiana Solid Waste and Work Force One.
- Dave Dolezal will remain on the EMA Board, Drug Free Noble County, LEPC, Maumee River Basin, Region III-A and RDC Board
- Dave Abbott will be a member of Plan Commission, EDC, Council on Aging, WeCare and St. Joseph River Basin.

Dave Abbott moved to keep the same appointments as listed above with a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

PLAN COMMISSION BOARD

A letter of request had been received from Plan Director Kenneth Hughes requesting an appointment to the Plan Commission Board. The letter had 2 recommendations of Stefen Wynn and Jason Pippenger. After some consideration, Dave Dolezal moved to appoint Stefen Wynn to the board. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENT

Two appointments are needed for the Noble County Board of Health. John Hayes and Michael Gordon are both current members of the board and are willing to both serve another term. Dave Abbott moved to reappoint John Hayes and Michael Gordon to serve another 4 year term on the board of health. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

VSO APPOINTMENT

Dave Dolezal moved to appoint Mike Clouse to continue to serve as Veterans Service Officer for the 2018 year. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Gary then signed the Background Investigation Certification request for the state for Mike's appointment.

HIGHWAY

Annual bids were opened by the Commissioners and now will be reviewed by the highway department to verify compliance and accuracy of the bids. Dave Dolezal moved to accept all bids pending compliance review. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. After review, Zack will report to the commissioners for awarding of the bids.

Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, was present for the following issues:

- Mark had a utility permit for Century Link. Dave Abbott moved to approve the signing of the permit. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Mark also talked to the commissioners about the rental of a recycler (grinder). Mark had two quotes – one from CLM for a 2014 unit at the cost of \$16,500.00 for a 4 week period but there will be shipping cost etc... of around \$5,000.00 to get it here and there is concern of the maintenance issue with the company being so far away. The second bid was from Southeastern which is a new unit but is \$30000.00 for four weeks. This unit will not be available until the 3rd week of May. Questions about getting the unit and then bad weather setting in and not be able to use the equipment. Mark will make some phone calls and do more research about the companies bidding.
- Utility permits were received from the following:
 1. Centurylink
 2. City of Ligonier Water Department
 3. NIPSCO
 4. United Telephone co of Indiana

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, had the following engineering business to bring before the commissioners:

- Bridge Inspection – No update
- Bridge 147 – Zack has a LPA Voucher - Dave Abbott moved to sign the LPA voucher in the amount of \$4,088.47 from DLZ. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 136 – no update
- Baseline Road – Zack had a LPA voucher in the amount of \$6880.36 for Lawson Fisher. Dave Abbott moved to sign the voucher presented. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 139 – on hold until spring
- Bridge 6 – the bid package has been redone and will be re-advertised once repaired.
- Bridge 77 – stage 1 plans have been approved.
- LPA Call for projects – the presentation will be done on January 16 at the Fort Wayne facility.
- DOC Contract – Zack reported that Randy Sexton, Surveyor, has been asked to review the contract and he is waiting on his response prior to approval from the commissioners.
- Equipment Bids - the gradall bid has been prepared and has been sent for advertisement with bids due to be opened February 9, 2018.
- Buena Vista Sub Division – Zack provided a map concerning a turn-a-round that is apparently on private property. Dennis Graft felt that there was two options available to the highway department that being to obtain the property in question or to not continue maintenance on the turn-a-round like we currently do. Zack will contact the property owner to see how to proceed.
- Zack has prepared a draft ordinance for speed on Appleman Rd for the commissioners review. The commissioners found in one error in the fact that the speed should be reduced to 40 not 45 MPH.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Cherish Smith, Council on Aging Director, was present to review the quarterly report. She is also requesting the balance of the 2017 operating grant in the amount of \$24,071.00. Motion to sign the voucher came from Dave Abbott and was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

NOBLE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

Mitch Fiandt, 911 Director, and John Urso, Asst 911 Director, were both present to answer questions about the 2017 activity report. They reported 31,539 calls for service in 2017 and shared some of their goals for 2018.

- The Spillman RMS system is progressing and his department has completed their portion of Phase I.
- Training is now required for new dispatchers and will go into effect as early as April and Mitch and John will be covering shifts to provide the dispatchers to complete their requirements.
- Expansion will happen to add a fourth station and help with the technology.
- The department will be adding two new dispatchers to alleviate some of the need for overtime.
- The department will also pay for holidays instead of allowing the floating holidays as they did in the past.

PARKVIEW EMS

Gary Atkins, CEO Parkview Noble, Tom Shoemaker, EMS Director were present to introduce Trent Miller who is the new EMS Service Line Director and will be working with the commissioners when contract negotiations start this year. Parkview has asked to be on the agenda in June which will give the necessary figures for the budgets for 2019.

PLAN COMMISSION

Kenneth Hughes, Plan Director, was present to discuss the draft copy of the address ordinance. This ordinance will require anyone who issues a building permit for residential properties to have their address displayed at the road prior to being given an occupancy permit. The original draft required all homeowners to do this however, enforcement of this would be nearly impossible. The commissioners reviewed the document and okayed the proceed to continue into advertising and public hearings for adoption.

TAX DEED

Norm Lortie had reported that an adjacent property to the Rockey property was interested in the property and would be responsible for removing the structure. This was estimated to cost the county over \$9,000.00 so would be willing to give the property to this person and have him do the work. Dave Abbott moved to approve the commissioners take the tax deed and once in their hands would then transfer the property to the adjacent property owner. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

PAYROLL

Payroll dated 01/04/18 for the time period of 12/08/17 through 12/21/17 was reviewed by the commissioners. The report contained 6 pages and totaled \$379938.62. Dave Abbott moved to approve the payroll. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT OF THE 911 DIRECTOR

Dave Abbott moved to appoint Mitch Fiandt to continue as 911 Director for the 2018 calendar year. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Dave Abbott also moved to appoint Tim Lock as Maintenance Supervisor, Norm Lortie as Building Inspector, and Rick Wysong as the Weights and Measurers inspector. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Nicole Noe, Deputy Auditor, was present to review claims dated 01/08/18. The report contained 12 pages and totaled \$309,097.61. Nicole had two additional claims to add to this report. One from Haines Bulldozing in the amount of \$675.00 and the other from the EMA department for additional computers from the grant just awarded in the amount of \$8,006.76. With these additions the total amount will stand at \$317,779.37. Motion to approve the claims came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

UTILITY CLAIMS

Utility claims were also reviewed. Two pages totaling \$397,469.96 were reviewed and approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

RECESS – Drainage Board.

Drainage Board Hearing

Executive Session

BACK IN SESSION

PLAN COMMISSION NOTICE

A notice of a hearing for the plan commission concerning a property owned by William and Karla Elliott was received. The confirmation of receipt was signed by Dave Abbott, Commissioners member and member of the Plan Commission Board.

DOC CONTRACT

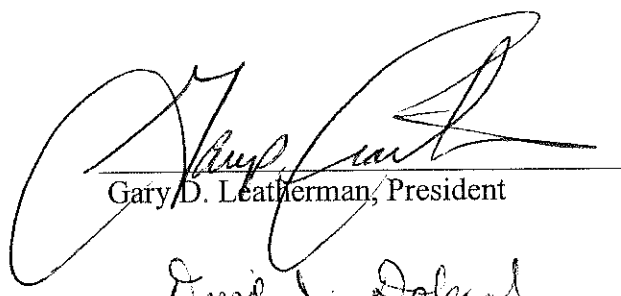
A letter was drafted with the help of the Noble County Surveyor and the Highway Engineer concerning the contract with the Indiana Department of Correction was signed by the Commissioner President.

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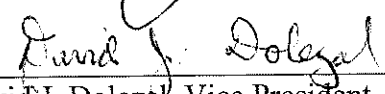
An admissions application was signed by the Commissioner President for Kenneth Hughes as plan director. Copy of the application will remain in the commisioners file with the original being returned to Kenneth.

ADJOURNMENT


This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 5:00PM recessed from day to day until January 8, 2018.



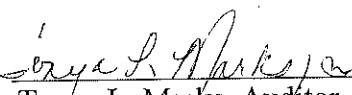
Gary D. Leatherman, President



David J. Dolezal, Vice President



David Abbott, Member

ATTESTED: 
Tonya L. Marks, Auditor