

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD October 10, 2017**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the 10th day of October, 2017, 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
Representative from KPC Media

Gary Leatherman, President of the Commissioners, brought the meeting to order at approximately 8:30AM

CORRESPONDENCE

- Landfill Leachate hauling monthly report – duly entered and copy to Derek Faulk
- County Treasurer’s monthly report – duly entered and copy to SBOA
- Court Security monthly report – duly entered
- Sheriff Report of Collections – duly entered
- INDOT – Notice to proceed for Baseline Road Project at CR 600 E
- IDEM - Confined Feeding Operation – Yoder – duly entered
- IDEM - Confined Feeding Operation – Metzger – duly entered

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

QUOTE

A quote from Leatherman Construction was received in reference to the roof leakage. This is in the amount of \$4,978.00. Motion to approve the work to be done in the amount of \$4,978.00 by Leatherman Construction came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

A quote had been given at the last meeting but was discovered later that the quotes were not “apples to apples”. Leatherman’s had requested to compare to the Pulver quote and when reviewed Pulver’s quote was the lesser of the two. Dave Abbott moved to rescind his motion from September 25, 2017 of granting the sidewalk project at the jail to Leatherman’s. Dave Dolezal seconded that motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The comparison quotes were then reviewed and Leatherman’s quote was not the lowest bid at that point. Pulver’s came in at 7077.75 with Leatherman’s being 7120.00. With this information, Dave Dolezal moved to allow Pulvers with the lowest bid to do the sidewalk work at the Sheriff’s department. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Cherish Smith, Count on Aging Director, was present for the commissioner’s signatures on the following:

- Quarterly report – Cherish reviewed the quarterly report with the commissioners. The voucher requesting the quarterly money was signed with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.
- Also signed was the \$500,000.00 grant CDBG #PF-12-501 with a motion from Dave Abbott and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- The Contract for Services between Region 3-A and Noble County was also reviewed and signed with a motion from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

- Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, is present to discuss the notice of investigation from the Indiana regulatory Commissions concerning a cut gas line. Mark indicated that this was a county error and is expecting a bill from the gas company for the repair work. Mark also indicated that there would most likely be a fine in the form of training from the commission because of this incident.
- Mark also reported that Charisse Wolf would be returning to work on Wednesday of this week.
- The Commissioners questioned Mark Goodrich on the overtime by one of his employees. Mark indicated a culvert project that was being completed and that this employee was the operator on that project.

Zack Smith, Highway Superintendent, is present to discuss the following:

- Bridge 147 – two LPA voucher for bridge 147 were reviewed and signed with a motion from Dave Abbott and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0. The Bridge 147 plan design cover sheet was also signed by the commissioners.
- Bridge 136 – all contracts have been submitted and Zack is just waiting on the notice to proceed from the State.
- Baseline Road project – the notice to proceed has been received for this project and work will begin accordingly.
- Bridge 16 - the bridge is now complete and open to traffic
- Bridge 24 – the contractor has just begun work on the bridge and is expected to take a few weeks to complete
- As the Brimfield Bridge on US 6 nears construction, the state and county will enter into a letter of understanding concerning a local detour. The “official detour” will be state roads but for local traffic it will be 600 N to 150 E and the state will evaluate the road conditions at the beginning of the state route closure and then at the end of construction will pay for any damages done during that time. Motion to sign the Letter of Understanding/ Unofficial Detour came from Dave Abbott. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- The call for projects will be opening soon and Zack will be submitting two projects that being Bridge 134 which is comparable to Bridge 136 as well as the 400 N project which is a joint effort between the Town of Albion and Noble County to improve CR 400 N for industrial traffic. Zack is requesting “letters of commitment” from the commissioners for these two project. Motion to sign the letters came from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- The concrete recycling project should be completed this week or early next week.
- Speed Study – the highway department had received a petition signed by 50 + residents on the south side of Knapp Lake requesting that the speed limit on various roads in the area be reduced to 20 miles per hour. Zack had conducted the speed study and shared the results of the study with the commissioners. Zack reported that even though there were a few incidents of excessive speed in the area the average eastbound was 25 MPH and westbound was 24MPH. After review the commissioners recommended that Turkey Lake Drive be reduced to 25 MPH with all other “drives” on the south side be reduced to 20 MPH. Zack will take these recommendation back and draft an ordinance to this effect.
- Zack is looking for direction on a unique request. A local resident has started a hunting resort and is requesting a semi pull off on 500 E in Green township. This is a very hilly road and there are not appropriate places to do this. Dennis Graft, County Attorney, had reservation about any type of “pull off” on county right of way and suggested that Zack contact the resident to inform him that he will need to make some other arrangement for delivery of feed etc.... other that county right of way.
- Zack had received a request from the Department of Correction for a W-9 and Financial information for EFT delivery. Motion to fill out the requested forms came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0. Jackie will see that the forms are completed and provide them to Zack upon completion.

Plan Commission

Kenneth Hughes, Plan Director, is before the commissioners to the use of social media – namely Facebook – to provide information to the public. The commissioners asked who would control this use and Kenneth indicated that to begin with that he and one other person would monitor the

information being put out on Facebook. Even though the commissioners see a need to provide up to date information to the public they are very concerned about comments and misuse of the sight, Gary would like to table this until he can look into this issue a little further and gather more information. The commissioners will discuss further the social media issue at the next meeting.

UNSAFE HOUSING

Norm Lortie, Building Inspector, is present along with Fred Colen, who is the owner of a property in Wolf Lake and has been deemed unsafe and uninhabitable. Norm had met Mr. Colen at the home last Friday and inspected the inside of the home. It was determined earlier that the roof was in need of repair and it was only last Friday that Norm was able to gain access to the interior of the home to determine if the leaking roof had caused interior damage. Norm reported only minor damage inside with some flooring and drywall. Mr. Colen is wanting to repair the home rather than demolish the home but has little funds to do so. Mr. Colen is estimating the cost to repair the roof at \$2,500.00 and would like that completed within the next couple of months. Norm reported that then home is salvageable with a nice basement and feels that if Mr. Colen gets the roof fixed – which will eliminate further interior damage - and cleans up and maintains the lot, grass and shrubs in the next couple of months that this will then give Mr. Colen the extra time he needs to complete the interior problems with the home. This review hearing is set for November 13, 2017 at 10:00AM.

FLOODED HOME

Mr. Paul Veldman of 208 Waldron Lake is present to ask the commissioner if a decision has been made concerning the buyout of flooded homes. There were two applications sent in by residents at Steinbarger and Waldron Lakes. His neighbor Matthew Hewitt was one of those applicants. Mr. Veldman indicated that Matthew had no job, was living in a camper with no water. He told the commissioners that he was just trying to look out for his neighbor. The commissioners told Mr. Veldman that no decision – lacking more information – had been made at this time concerning the buyout and that the whole process takes several months. Mr. Veldman was also told that he should contact Mick Newton, EMA Director.

PAYROLL

Payroll dated 10/12/17 for the time period of 09/15/17 – 09/28/17 was reviewed and approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The report contained 6 pages and totaled \$354,415.02.

RECESS 10:58AM

BACK IN SESSION 2:00PM

CLAIMS

Nicole Noe, Deputy Auditor, was present to review 12 pages of claim totaling \$359,743.51 with the commissioners. After review claims were approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

UTILITY/SPECIAL CLAIMS

These claims were reviewed and one claim in the amount of \$102.95 was denied as improper use of funds. The total approved was \$297241.85 for the 2 pages of claims. Motion to approve the new amount came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

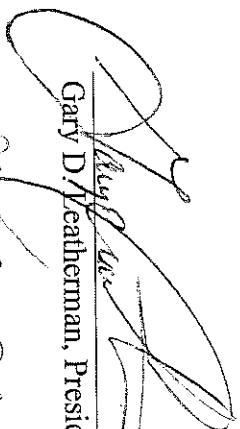
HOME BUYOUT

Mick Newton, EMA Director, was present to further discuss the flooded home buyout and discuss further options by the county. Mick is – too – unfamiliar with the entire process and is wanting to engage the expertise of Rod Renkenberger from the St. Jo River Basin as he has been involved in this process with other counties. Dave Dolezal is planning to contact Mr. Renkenberger to discuss this issue further.


Gary Leatherman also congratulated Mick on the successful receipt of a grant for mobile data terminals for police units throughout the county. This is a reimbursable grant and Mick indicated that once the information is submitted to the grantor, money should be received within a 2 week period.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 3:50 P.M. recessed from day to day until October 23, 2017.



Gary D. Leatherman, President



David J. Dolezal, Vice President



David Abbott, Member

ATTESTED: 

Tonya L. Marks, Auditor