

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD February 12, 2018**

Comes now the hour of 8:30am. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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  
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer  
Richard Rogers, Highway Inspector

#### MINUTES

Minutes of the January 22, 2018 meeting were read and approve as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- Weights & Measures Monthly report – duly entered
- IDEM Landfill information – duly entered
- Albion Volunteer Fire Department – duly entered
- OCRA – Council on Aging – extension granted
- Courthouse security – monthly report
- Noble County Treasurer – monthly report
- Clerk of the Court – monthly report

#### PAYROLL

County employee payroll dated 02/01/18 was reviewed by the commissioners. The report for the time period of 01/05/18 – 01/18/18 contained 6 pages that totaled \$389,665.50 and was approved with a motion from Dave Abbott and seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

#### CONTRACT

The probation office is requesting that a renewal of a contract for firearm training be renewed. After the county attorney's review of the contract, Dave Abbott moved to approve the contract signing. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Copy of the signed contract was given to Stacey Beam.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Four petitions for tax deeds were given to the commissioners by County Attorney, Dennis Graft. The commissioners had moved to proceed with the process for 4 properties. Dave Dolezal moved to sign the 4 petitions to the court for transfer of the property to the county and at that time the county will transfer the properties on to the adjacent property owners who have committed an interest in the property. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### HIGHWAY

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, as well as Richard Rogers, Highway Inspector, were on hand for this portion of the commissioner's meeting.

- Bridge 6 – Bids were advertised for this construction project and opened on this day and time. Two bids were received – one from Northern Indiana Construction in the amount of \$347151.04 and the other bid came from LaPorte Construction Company in the amount of \$430,522.00. Both bids were again well over the engineering estimate and will be taken under advisement with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0. Zack will report back after review of the bid packages.
- Bids were also advertised and opened for a Gradall Excavator. The first bid came from Southeastern and was for a new gradall. This bid was \$356,000.00 with many option add-ons. There was also a \$10,000.00 trade-in value offered on the old gradall. The second

- bid was from Rudd Equipment Company and was for a used gradall. The amount was \$279,785.00. Dave Abbott moved to table this decision also until further review of the bid packages. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Speed Ordinance – the speed ordinance for Appleman Road in Wayne Township had been advertised and set for public meeting and adoption today. There being no public comments concerning the ordinance, it was adopted with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 147 – LPA vouchers – Zack presented a LPA voucher for preliminary engineering and environmental compliance for bridge 147. Dave Dolezal moved to approve this voucher as well as the environmental work that was done with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 147 – LPA voucher – this voucher is also for bridge 147 but is for right of way acquisition. Motion to approve this voucher came from Dave Abbott and was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 136 – the LPA voucher is for Bridge 136 and is for preliminary engineering from United Consulting. Motion to approve the voucher came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 77 – Zack informed the commissioners that Bridge 77 will be pushed out another year.
- Zack had a quote for guardrail replacement on 600 N and 350 W. There was an accident at this location which resulted in slight damage to the guardrail. Zack reported that this year the department will be replacing the culvert at this location and would like to bring that guardrail up to code after the replacement of the culvert. Zack had a quote for this project which came in at \$8,300.00. Dave Abbott moved to approve the replacement cost in the amount of \$8,300.00. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Fuel Prices – There was discussion as to whether to continually watch the markets or to put this into the hands of a contracted contractor. We had two bids in the annual bid process and one of the bids was for “off road” fuel. Zack is recommending that we contract fuel with Ceres Solutions. Motion to contract with Ceres for gas and diesel fuel came from Dave Abbott and was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- Oversize Load - Zack presented a draft for an oversize load permit. With the hauling of campers coming out of LaGrange County and the issue of the viaduct in Ligonier, we are having a lot more traffic on our county roads. This permitting process would help regulate this issue and by reviewing the route they plan to take, would allow the highway department to make sure the road can handle the weight and that all intersection have good sight distance for public safety. The permit will be reviewed by the commissioners and the attorney for future corrections or passage.
- LPA Call for Projects – Zack reported that there is still no word as to whether or not the Noble County projects have been awarded.
- DOC Contract – there is still issues with this contract and still revisions being discussed.
- Our ADA Transition Plan calls for the county to do improvement in unincorporated areas of the county. Our first project was sidewalks in Wawaka, last year we did work in Wolf Lake and this year Zack is looking at the LaOtto area for work. The highway department sets aside \$50,000.00 a year for these projects. Dave Abbott made the motion to approve the updates made to the ADA plan. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Asset Management Plan - Zack reported that when the snow is gone and the weather would indicate the time is right - probably early April the road inspections will begin and at that time the plan will be updated.
- Community Crossing – Zack has received word that the community crossing projects will need to all be bid separately instead of being done through annual bids. The county will do what they need to do in order to be in compliance to receive this grant money.
- Zack updated the commissioners on the council's decision to increase the wheel & surtax from a flat rate of \$7.50 to \$17.50. The process has begun to make this happen.
- Zack also told the commissioners of the council's recommendation to the commissioners to reestablish the CCD fund in order to increase revenue to that fund. The current rate is at .0251 and this would allow it to increase to .033. Dave Dolezal moved to start the process of reestablishment with the help of County Attorney Dennis Graft and Financial Consultant Jeff Peters. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## PROBATION

Stacey Beann, Chief Probation Officer and Danyel Wagner, Asst. Chief PO, were present to request the following:

- The probation office has an older copier and are now having trouble finding parts for the machine. Stacey has found a copier through ABM that she can lease for 60 months at \$96.00 a month which includes maintenance, toner, etc.... This will be paid from grant money in the probation department and is not an expense for the general fund. Dave Abbott moved to approve the purchase of the copier and the 5-year lease. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Danyel is discussing the existing contract with Symplexity for the dosage tracking system. Phase one is complete and they are now wanting to contract for the next phase of the project. This is expected to cost \$9,250.00. This -- too -- will be paid from grant money. Dave Abbott moved to approve the signing of the phase two contract. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## LANDFILL

Derek Faulk, Wilcox Environmental, was present to discuss the following:

- Derek indicated that the annual contract is up for renewal and was wondering what the commissioner's intentions were for renewal. Jackie pulled the last contract and Derek will provide an update to the renewal.
- Derek reported that the trench and additional gas ports has alleviated the methane issue and now they are reportedly researching methods to help with the leachate. Many options were discussed such as a clay wall, buying an adjacent property, land application of the leachate. The landfill was closed in the late 90's and we see no end in site in this post closure process. The cost of digging it all up and moving it would be terribly expensive -- however looking at increasing cost to maintain the property may be cheaper in the long run.
- Derek is asking for approval for testing to see what can be done for dewatering. This should cost between \$10,000-\$12000.00. Motion came from Dave Abbott to proceed with the testing request. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## NORTHEASTERN

Mark Pankop, the appointment to the Northeastern Center board, was present to request permission to respond to a survey on behalf of the commissioner. This was sent out to several agencies and Mark wanted to touch base with the commissioners prior to doing the survey. Mark reported that the Northeastern Center is very expensive to run but truly believes that the center is doing a very good job in relationship to addressing behavioral problems within the region. The commissioners were in agreement to let Mark take care of the survey on their behalf.

## RECESS FOR DRAINAGE BOARD

EXECUTIVE SESSION 2:10PM

BACK IN SESSION 4:44PM

Zack had gone through the bids for the Gradall and is recommending that the commissioners consider the used vehicle that was bid. Dave Abbott moved to purchase the used Gradall from Rudd Equipment. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## UTILITY CLAIMS

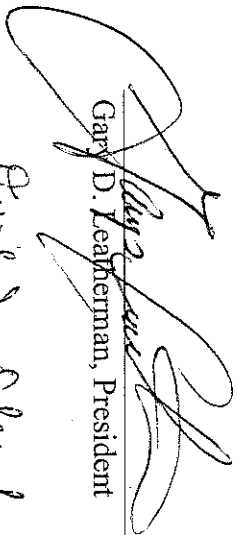
Utility Claims containing 2 pages and totaling \$470,527.38 were reviewed and approved with a motion from Dave Abbott and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.


## REGULAR CLAIMS

Regular claims were reviewed by the commissioners. The report contained 14 pages and totaled \$733,371.78 were approved with a motion from Dave Abbott and seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

## CGI CONTRACT

The CGI County Video Program contract was signed with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0. Jackie e-mailed a copy of the contract and a letter to businesses from the commissioners to Nicole Rongo from CGI on 2.13  
Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

  
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Gary D. Leanneman, President

  
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David J. Dolezal, Vice President

  
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David Abbott, Member

ATTESTED:   
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Tonya L. Marks, Auditor