

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD May 14, 2018**

Comes now the hour of 8:30am, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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 Dolezal, Vice President

Also present were:  
Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator  
Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney  
Matt Getts from KPC Media  
Regan Ford, Caucus Candidate for commissioner  
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer  
Richard Rogers, Highway Inspector

Gary Leatherman, President of the Board of Commissioners, brought the meeting to order at approximately 8:35AM

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Haines – leachate removal for month of April
- Noble REMC – Annual meeting
- Lawson – Fisher – Preliminary Field Check for Baseline Road / CR 600 E
- BFS – notification of surveying to be done for Bridge 55
- IDEM – Colwell Air Quality Title V renewal
- IDEM – Tenneco Air quality permit revision
- IDEM – CAFO – Replogle (JTH INC) renewal
- Letter from Whiteshire Hamroc – notification of renewal of CAFO permit
- IDEM – renewal of Whiteshire Hamroc CAFO
- Courthouse security – monthly report – April
- IDEM – Graphic Packaging – MSOP Permit

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

**PAYROLL**

Payroll dated 05/10/18 for the time period of 04/13/18 – 04/26/18 was reviewed. The report contained 5 pages totaling \$391288.25. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the payroll as presented. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

**CLAIMS**

- Regular claims dated 05/14/18 were reviewed with Deputy Auditor Nicole Noe. The 13-page report totaling \$381,687.66 was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Gary Leatherman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- Supplemental claim was also reviewed. The one-page report also listed a \$6,000,000.00 investment and totaled \$6,033,770.77. Motion to approve these came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0.
- Utility claims - 2 pages of Utility claims were reviewed. This report totaled \$246033.54 and was approve with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Jackie asked about a claim that was submitted by the Prosecutor's office for a conference in Daytona Beach Florida. The conference was from Sunday evening through Thursday at 11:00AM (April 15 – April, 19. Claims for hotel room, car rental and meals were submitted from April 13 – April 21, 2018. The claims had been reviewed by the claims deputy as well as Jackie. Jackie had also contacted the State Board of Accounts and the DCS as the claim was being paid from Child Support Incentive funds. Both agency said that the only amounts allowed would have been during the conference period. Jackie is

requesting that the commissioners make the decision as to what to pay. All information is with the claim and the recommendation is to lower the claim from the submitted \$1535.67 to \$788.76. Dave Dolezal made a motion to only allow the \$788.76. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

#### HIGHWAY

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, and Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, were both present for this portion of the meeting. Richard had the following construction information to share with the commissioners:

- Utility Permits from NIPSCO, Frontier and Medicom.
- Richard had received a call from the Town of Cromwell, requesting to use 200 N and 900 W as a detour route for the Cromwell Festival this summer. Dave Dolezal moved to allow the usage. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- Richard reported that the construction season has begun and the department has 1 mile complete of the 13 miles to do this season.
- Due to the gas line mishap, the department has scheduled safe digging training.

Zack has the following engineering business to discuss with the commissioners:

- Zack summarized the Road Ratings report for this year as well as a report of the road maintenance updated report. These reports show improvement in our roads from last year and also has a projection which indicated what roads are planned for work and what year this will happen. These reports are now on the Noble County web page.
  - Zack presented a LPA Voucher for the Bridge Inspection with United Consulting. Motion to approve the signing of the voucher came from Dave Dolezal. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
  - Vouchers for Preliminary Engineering, construction engineering and right of way acquisition were also presented for Bridge 147 on Pigeon Street in Ligonier. Motion to sign these were also approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
  - A voucher for Baseline Road at 600 E for preliminary engineering was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
  - Lastly, the voucher for preliminary engineering for Bridge 136 on CR 400 E was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0.
  - After opening the "letter of interest" two weeks ago and rating the firms at that meeting, the highway department has reviewed the ratings submitted and informed the commissioners that American Structure Point was selected for the 400 N project.
  - Bridge 6 in Kendallville – work will begin next month.
  - Bridge 77 – no update to report but is on schedule.
  - Bridge 55 – Zack reported that the field check for this project will be completed very soon.
  - Culvert replacement at Loon Lake has begun.
  - Zack reported that there had been no response from the homeowners after the county had responded to their request to raise the bridge on Riley Road. This was being requested simply to allow boat traffic from one lake to the other.
  - Zack has sent letters to 3 bidders for the fuel tank replacement and fuel island project. They will be opened at the May 29, 2018 meeting.
  - For our Title VI ADA requirement – the county will be replacing some sidewalk area in LaOtto. Three bids were received:
 

Pulver Asphalt Paving	\$29671.25
Kessel Construction	\$41561.00
Gary Edsall Construction	\$32300.00
- Dave Dolezal moved to accept the low bid for the project – that being Pulver Asphalt Paving at a cost of \$29671.25. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

#### OVERSIDE LOAD PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was held at 9:30AM for the newly developed oversize load ordinance. There being no public comments objecting to the adoption of the ordinance, Dave Dolezal moved to sign the ordinance. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0

#### MAYORS & COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS

A letter had been received from the Mayors & Commissioners Caucus of Northeast Indiana concerning the involvement in the region and State as far as legislation. The membership fees for

Noble County were set at \$1,500.00 a year. Dave Dolezal shared his information on this group and felt sure that the majority of the money was being spent for lobbyists. He expressed his thoughts that through the Indiana Association of County Commissioners there are lobbyists already in place to look out for the best interest of the counties. Dave will contact someone for further information as to where the money would be going.

#### OLD BUSINESS – WINDOW TREATMENT

John Parrish had gotten more quotes for the window “hurricane” treatment for safety purposes. This quote will do all the windows on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and the 4 entrances. The tinting now is just being quoted for the North Entrance where security is located. Gary is voicing concern of not being able to see in during festival time etc.. He is suggesting that 3 windows that are at the desks of the security officers be the only windows tinted. This will allow the others to be viewed by others coming into the courthouse. Gary will discuss this further with the security officers. Dave Dolezal made a motion to allow the treatments to be complete pending discussion with the security offices as to which ones will be tinted and which ones will not. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

#### COA

Cherish Smith, from the Council on Aging is present to request signatures from the commissioners for a new van that the COA will be getting. This is a 5311 grant and requires that the vehicles be titled in the Commissioners name. Motion to sign the IDOT Voucher came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Gary. Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0. Also signed was the 5311 operating and Capital Application Package for the Council on Aging. This was also signed with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Gary Leatherman. This motion carried 2-0.

#### FINDINGS AND ORDERS

Dennis had prepared the Findings and Orders for the Middleton property. The order was signed and original was given to Norm Lortie. A copy was held in this file and a copy given to Attorney Dennis Graft. The Rocky property was discussed and with a motion from Dave Dolezal was set for a review hearing on July 23, 2018 at 10:00AM. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

#### TITLE

The title for the 2009 EMS no longer in use by Parkview Hospital but titled and owned by the commissioners was signed with a motion from Dave Dolezal and seconded by Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0. The commissioners will be selling the vehicle when the county conducts its auction sometime this Spring/Summer. No date set as of yet.

Also discussed was the 2012 Ford supercrew that was taken out of service for a new leased vehicle through Enterprise. A price of \$16000.00 was placed on the vehicle as a minimum bid for the vehicle. Jackie will notify employees of its availability.

#### RECESS until after drainage meeting

#### 1:30PM – BACK IN SESSION

The Commissioners were discussing the Noble County Landfill and had questions about the boundaries of the landfill. Dave Dolezal contacted Scott Waninger with IDEM for some answers to those questions. Scott indicated that he would need to get the advice of his superior and would contact us back. He is supposed to get the information to Jackie by the end of the week.

#### COMP TIME/TIME CLOCKS

Jackie presented some information on Time Clock Plus as well as a company called “the right stuff”. Commissioners are discussing and gathering information about some type of time keeping system.

#### ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 3:00 PM. recessed from day to day until May 29, 2018.

Dated this 19 day of May, 2018

  
Gary D. Leitherman, President

  
David J. Dolezal, Vice President

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, Member

ATTESTED:   
Tonya L. Jones, Auditor