

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD June 11, 2018**

Comes now the hour of 8:30am. on the 11th day of June, 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
Anita Hess, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney
Matt Getts, KPC Media
Steve Hook, Star Team
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent
Stan Jacob, Lions Club
Chris Magnuson, Lions Club
Norm Lortie, Building Department
Trent Miller, Gary Atkins and Tom Shoemaker, Parkview Noble Hospital
Kenneth Hughes, Plan Director
Patty Gatman, appointee.

Gary Leatherman, President of the Board of Commissioners, brought the meeting to order at approximately 8:25AM

BICENTENNIAL BUFFALO

Steve Hook, Star Team Member, was present concerning moving the bicentennial buffalo to the courthouse lawn. Three locations were mentioned, the pine tree on the north side of the courthouse, the fountain area, or the stone outside the Assessor's office on the southeast side of the courthouse. Star team will be contacting services about the possibility of repainting the buffalo as the current finish is peeling and is in need of restoration. The commissioners wanted to make sure that there would be no responsibility on their part to maintain the statue once moved to the county's property.

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 29th meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Quote from BTS to repair the boilers at the jail. There was an additional cost involved as they found end cones and orifices damaged. These repairs will add another \$2,477.00 to the cost of repair, making the total cost \$7,437.00. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the repair. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Leachate report – Haines Excavating – duly entered
- Wolfpack Chassis – notice of public comment – duly entered
- Wolfpack Chassis – 30-day period for public comment.
- Courthouse security – monthly report – duly entered.

PAYROLL

Payroll dated 06/07/18 for the time period of 05/11/18-05/24/18 and totaling \$389,496.09 was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

- Nicole Noe, Deputy Auditor, was present to review the claims with the commissioners. Claims dated 06/11/18 contained 10 pages and totaled \$339,901.19. Dave Dolezal made the motion to approve the claims. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- Supplement/Utility claims – the utility claims were approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion to approve the utility claims that contained 2 pages and totaled \$153,083.04. Motion carried 3-0

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, had the following construction information from the highway:

- Richard reported that the department started chip sealing last week.
- Beming has also begun.
- Mowers started on May 30th and will be working their way through the townships.
- Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, had the following engineering business:

Zack presented a draft package of auction items for a sealed bid auction. The list had dump trucks, dozers etc.. and contained approximately 21 items. Notice will be put in the paper on our website and our Facebook page. Zack is also planning to send the list to other city/town agencies. There will be a newspaper publication as well.

- Zack has received a complaint of trees in the right of way. In this case it is in the 2-mile jurisdiction of a city or town but Zack is wanting commissioner input. The commissioners are suggesting that the department speak with the homeowner first and then go to the homeowner's association. If the issues become a safety issue such as the blocking of signs etc. then the highway will need to take the appropriate action of trimming the trees.
- Overlay project- Zack will advertise for compliance
- Bridge 147 – Zack had two LPA voucher to sign – one for engineering and the other for construction engineering. Dave Dolezal moved to sign both vouchers. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 136 – Zack reported that he attended the quarterly meeting on this bridge and the project is going on as scheduled.
- Baseline /600 E - this project is going faster than anticipated and is set on an accelerated schedule, possibly to be completed in 2021.
- 400 N project – LPA Consulting Contract with American Structure Point. The consulting contract has been reviewed by Zack as well as Dennis Graft, County Attorney. Motion to sign the contract came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 6 – was started about a week and a half ago. Inspection of the bridge is being done in house by Zack and Richard. Zack reported that the project is going well and should be completed on schedule. Once this bridge is complete, it will come off of the Noble County Bridge list and go to the City of Kendallville.
- Bridge 55 – The survey is complete for this project
- Pierceton Trucking – Zack has an agreement with Pierceton Trucking Co. which will allow the county to store liquid asphalt that is purchased from Pierceton Trucking. This will set at the Highway Department. Motion is made by Dave Dolezal that will allow Zack to sign the agreement. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Fuel Pumps – Bids were opened last week for the new fuel tanks at the Highway department and Zack has now reviewed the bids. The low bidder of Mercer has met all requirements of the bid request. Dave Dolezal moved to accept the Mercer bid. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- To purchase the tanks for this project is a considerable cost and the company is asking for a down payment to purchase. The amount of \$34,023.25 will be sent with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- 550 N Speed study – Zack has conducted a speed study on 550 N and there is excessive speed in areas. Added signage will be done and if that does not correct the issue then Zack indicated that they could add a 3 way stop at the one intersection.
- Knapp Lake speed study – An additional request came from the Knapp Lake association to make the 20MPH all of the way to Harper Lake Rd. Dave Dolezal moved to amend the speed in the areas described to also be 20 MPH. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Homeowners on Big Lake are requesting that Funchey Drive and Huntington Ave in that area be accepted on County Maintenance. Dave asked about turn-a-rounds on the dead-end streets and Zack reported that one has a cul-de-sac and the other would require a backup. Both are gravel, so almost no maintenance would be required other than the department would add to dust control and snow plowing. Dave Dolezal made a motion to add both to the road miles. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- Norm Leitch, concerned citizen, came back to the commissioners again concerning Kimmell Indiana roads. He had questions for the commissioners and the highway department which included "How long the commissioners had lived at their current residence --- Their addresses, and how their roads looked" etc..... He also was questioning the road mileage in Kimmell, how the county determines which trees come down, and the amount of overlay put on a road.... When asked to be put on the agenda for the next meeting, Dennis Graff told Mr. Leitch that we would not do that and if had further questions he would need to submit them in writing.

PRESENTATION

Stan Jacob and Chris Magnuson were present for a presentation from the Albion Lions Club to the Noble County Commissioner of a North Star AED unit. The Lions club worked very hard to get donations and grants to be able to purchase these units and have donated them to various government agencies. The courthouse has a unit and this one will go to the Noble County Highway department.

ROAD SCHOLAR

Zack reported that himself, Richard Rogers and John Strange have all completed the course and passed.

2012 FORD TRUCK BIDS

The bids for the 2012 Ford Truck were opened. There was a reserve on this vehicle of \$16,000.00 and only one bid was received. Randy Sexton submitted a bid of \$17,625.00 for the truck. Jackie will notify Randy of his successful bid. Anita Hess moved to accept the bid. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

UNSAFE HOUSING

Norm Lortie, Building Inspector, was present for the Colen property. He is telling the commissioners that he has been in contact with the Fort Wayne company that works with the mortgage company that has foreclosed on this property. They have cleaned up the outside and have the property on the market with the disclaimer that the home has been condemned. Norm reported that you can smell the mold from the outside of the home and so the inside of the home has to be bad. Norm reported that there are 3 lots and a separate garage so there is worth to the property. Norm's recommendation is that the home come down. Dennis will write up the order and either the company will do the demolition or the county will do it and add a lien to the property. Norm reported that the home seems to be secure so does not feel that it is a safety issue. issue. The property status will again be reviewed on August 13, 2018 at 10:00AM.

PARKVIEW CONTRACT

Trent Miller, Gary Atkins and Tom Shoemaker were all present to discuss the contract renewal for EMS service with the commissioners. The group provided a presentation and talked about service coverage, run history, transfers and adding an additional ambulance in the area. They also had a proposed contract for all to review. The county is currently paying \$279,000.00 a year for service and they are proposing a 5-year contract of \$340,847.00. The contract will be taken under advisement.

PLAN COMMISSION

- Kenneth Hughes, Plan Director, is present along with his recommendation for the Plan Commission/BZA board. Paty Gatman is his recommendation and she is present to introduce herself and tell the commissioners a little about herself. She is a resident of Upper Long Lake, a business owner in WolfLake and a Real Estate Agent. Dave Dolezal moved to appoint Ms. Gatman so sit on the Plan Commission/BZA board. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Kenneth is also asking for permission to spend over \$500.00. He is thinking that there will be a request for a transcript of the recent meeting held at Sylvan Cellars concerning a hunting facility and a dog kennel. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the purchase if necessary. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- UD0 Change - With the recent meeting and all the concerns that have come up Kenneth believes that it might be necessary to revisit the UD0 section on kennel permits. There are a number of options that Kenneth suggested such as limiting the number of dogs, limiting the number of licenses, or could even request to the owner be certified and if that

is the case the ones that certify the operator would do annual inspections. The recent dog attack in Kendallville was brought up an example of the need to address dog issues. Kenneth assured the commissioners that he would be gathering information and working aggressively on this project.

MOTION TO RECESS

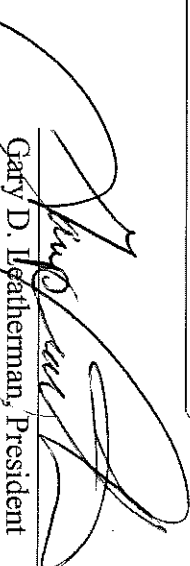
PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Dave Dolezal made a motion to sign the purchase agreement to purchase 16.54 acres adjacent to the Noble County Landfill at a cost of \$92,000.00. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

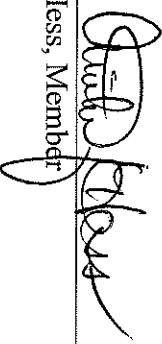
ADJOURNMENT


This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 12:30 PM. recessed from day to day until June 25, 2018.

Dated this 25 day of June, 2018


Gary D. Leatherman, President


David J. Dolezal, Vice President


Anita Hess, Member

ATTESTED: 
Tonya L. Jones, Auditor