

**AMENDED MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD August 22, 2022**

Comes now the hour of 8:50 am. on the 22nd day of August, 2022 in the Commissioners Room in the Noble County Annex building, 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
Anita Hess, Vice President
Dave Dolezal, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney
Matt Getts, KPC Media
Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer

Gary Leatherman, Commissioner President, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:50am.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Noble County Treasurers report
- Letters supporting Thrive and Early Childhood Education

MINUTES

Minutes of the August 1, 2022 meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes of the August 8, 2022 meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Claims dated August 22, 2022 were reviewed. A correction was made to page 4 adding an omitted amount of \$22.46 for Tara Phillips for meals and lodging. This will make the 16-page total report amount \$817,827.76. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the report. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

MISC CLAIMS

Misc. claims in the amount of \$215,146.79 were approved as presented with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0. The was a 5-page report.

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, came before the commissioners with the following construction update:

- Utility Permit – Noble REMC - duly entered
- Richard has a driveway variance for a Hostetler resident on 350 W. They have put up a new calf barn and want a separate entrance. Richard reported no sight or drainage issues. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the variance. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- Town of Cromwell – Richard has a request to use Co Rd 900 W and 200 N for a temporary detour during the festival in Cromwell when St Rd 5 will be closed. Dave Dolezal approved the usage of the temporary detour. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- The chip/seal work at the department should be complete within the next couple of days. The department completed 75.9 miles this season.
- Spraying will also be wrapping up this week.
- Culvert work will continue as will the striping of 98.6 miles of roadways.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, had the following engineering update:

- The HMA 2022-1 is underway will work progressing very well.
- Zack is still waiting to hear if the 2022-2 projects will be awarded.

- Bridge Inspection – Zack just had the quarterly meeting concerning the bridge inspection. He said the RFP has yet to be posted citing a number of staff changes at INDOT.
- Bridge 136 – Zack has an LPA voucher for this project. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the voucher in the amount of \$5025.92. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- Baseline road – the closure inspection of this project is complete. There were still a few items concerning erosion issues to address. Zack has an LPA voucher for this project as well in the amount of \$3983.84. This is approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 69 – this project is continuing through the design phase.
- Bridge 59 – FMIS requested
- Zack has a contract with American Structurepoint for the Riley Road intersection improvement project. Motion to sign the contract came from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. There is also a contract with INDOT for this project. Dave moved to approve this contract as well. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 73 – Zack has an upcoming meeting with PRIMCO on this project and is currently working on utility relocation.
- Co Rd 500 E speed ordinance is currently out for advertisement with a September 12 2022 public hearing coming up.
- Zack summarized as recent speed study on 200 N between New St Rd 3 and the DeKalb County line. With the study showing some excessive speed, Zack is recommending a reduction to 45 MPH. Dave Dolezal moved to proceed with a draft ordinance to be review for a 45 MPH speed limit in this area. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- A public hearing was held on an ordinance for 950 E between CR 300 S and CR 400 S to reduce the speed in this area to 40 MPH. Having no opposition voiced at the public hearing the Ordinance was adopted with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- Zack has a proposal for professional engineering services from Lawson – Fisher for CR 50 W at CR 100 N. After review and discussion, the commissioners moved to approve the feasibility study not to exceed \$22,500 with Lawson Fisher. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the proposal. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

ANNEX

Zack Smith, Project Manager, has the following update for the new building:

- We are still missing a few items to complete the FFE contract. Zack indicated that it is difficult to get an exact shipment date but is hoping that they will be delivered within the next couple of weeks.
- The lobby work is complete with the exception of a cracked piece that will be replaced at no charge,
- The last moving phase will happen this week-end with Plan, Building and Extension being moved to the new building and probation being moved to their temporary location.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

Zack is working on this project with American StructurePoint and is hoping to have the 1st of the design plan available soon so that departmental meetings can begin.

PAYROLL

Payroll dated 08/26/2022 was reviewed and approved for payment with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0. The 4-page report totaled \$447060.47.

SOLAR AMENDMENT

The Noble County Commissioners signed a recommended amendment to the UDO Ordinance for Plan Commission Board to review. The recommendation was as follows:

“The maximum amount of total real property in Noble County available to be consumed or used by operating commercial solar energy facilities should be set at Four Thousand Seven Hundred (4,700) Acres which number of acres was derived by considering various percentages (%s) of total cropland in Noble County as total cropland is set forth in the most recent 2017 USDA- National Agricultural Status Report. After said Four Thousand Seven Hundred (4,700) acres have been consumed or used by operating commercial solar energy facilities in Noble County, any future

commercial solar energy projects will not be allowed for one year. During this one-year moratorium, the Noble County Plan Commission and the Noble County Commissioners will review the Noble County Commercial Solar Energy System Overlay District (CSES) Ordinance Number 2021-26 for future needed amendments to the ordinance.” Motion to sign the recommended amendment came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

PROPOSALS

Jackie has received proposals from six different brokers for Health Insurance. The proposals were handed out to the commissioners for review and a September 6, 2022 date at 8:00AM was set for the meetings with the brokers. These will be ½ hour sessions with each broker. Jarrod Ramer, from Black and Ramer insurance will be on vacation over the next couple of weeks and was present at the meeting so the commissioners held their session with him at this time. Notes were taken for comparison with other vendors.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Anne Lowe, Health Nurse is coming before the commissioners for approval for claims over \$500.00.

1. Cold packs in the amount of \$816.00 for new baby packs.
2. A car port for the new trailer that was purchased in the amount of \$4462.00
3. Signage for the trailer inside and out in the amount of \$775.00

These will be paid for out of outside funds or grants. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the purchases for \$816.00, not to exceed \$4600.00 for the carport and a not to exceed \$1000.00 for lettering. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RULING

After an earlier discussion with the judges concerning the elimination of the guardian ad litem position in the county and the payment of requested severance pay, the commissioners made the following motion. Anita Hess moved to deny the payment of severance pay to the current guardian ad litem and pay her as other employee are paid that leave employment. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

LEASE AGREEMENT

A lease agreement between Noble County and Bonar Holdings LLC was signed with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. This is a 16-month agreement for 111 W Hazel Street in Albion for \$4300.00 a month including water /sewer usage with first right of refusal. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 4:00PM recessed until the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 12, 2022.

Dated this 12TH day of Sept, 2022



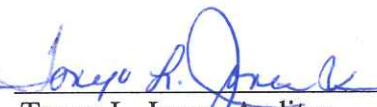
Gary D. Leatherman, President



Anita Hess, Vice President



Dave Dolezal Member

ATTESTED: 

Tonya L. Jones, Auditor