

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD August 28, 2017**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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  
Steve Garbacz, KPC Media  
Steve Hook, GIS Coordinator  
Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff  
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer  
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent  
Kenneth Hughes – plan director

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

GIS

Steve Hook, GIS director, was present to discuss his wages for 2018. Steve would like to schedule an executive session with the commissioners for September 5, 2017 to further discuss his options. The session is scheduled for 09/05/17 at 12:00 noon.

SHERIFF

Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff, is present to discuss the sidewalk situation at the jail. The sidewalks around the older part of the jail are beginning to crack and raise in spots. Kevin Smith, Maintenance, is currently getting quotes for repairing the sidewalk. Doug is believing that the cost would be in the \$8,000.00 - \$10,000.00. Also, tiles in the locker rooms in the basement, bathrooms upstairs, and conference room need replaced. Doug has commissary money to do the inside work and is requesting that the commissioners find the money to do the sidewalk work. The CCD fund has an outside repair line for this type of work and currently has \$24,000.00 available for repair work. Doug will get with Kevin for the exact quote amounts and return to the commissioners meeting on 09/11/17 for further guidance.

CORRESPONDENCE

CLERK – monthly report for June – duly entered

Treasurer – monthly report for July – duly entered

Town of Albion - leachate cost for disposal

Weights & Measures – monthly report for July 16 – August 15, 2017

TULIP CREEK

A request from US Geographic Board to name a 1.9 mile section of a stream in Perry Township flowing west into the Elkhart River as Tulip Creek. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the naming of the section of the stream Tulip Creek as long as it is not a currently named drain in Noble County. According to the Noble County Beacon Website there appears to be no legal drain in this area. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 and the document was signed allowing the name to be applied. Copy of signed form e-mailed to [BGNEXECC@usgs.gov](mailto:BGNEXECC@usgs.gov) on August 29, 2017

CINTAS CONTRACT

A contract was sent up to the commissioners for floor mats for the Sheriff's department. County Attorney Dennis Graft had questions about pricing and termination of the contract and suggested that we get those questions answered prior to signing the contract. Jackie will contact Jackie Bryan at the sheriff's department to ask these questions. Ms. Bryan suggested that we call Tom Atkins at Cintas which was done when commissioners resumes their meeting. The commissioners

struck the parts of the contact in dispute and signed with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

#### HIGHWAY

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, and Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, were in attendance for the following discussions:

Mark Goodrich:

- The commissioners discussed the recent Pierceton Trucking tanker leak when the tank almost busted in two. IDEM, EMA and other agencies were all called to the scene to insure public safety. Any cost associated with this will be at the expense of Pierceton Trucking.
- Mark also reported that the highway hit a gas line on Northport Road. This was at a driveway location and was not marked correctly. Mark indicated that this was an error of the county's and would be charged for any cost associated with the gas line repair. He also suggested that the fine would include attending training sessions on this particular topic.

- Mark had utility permits for Ligonier Telephone Company, Frontier Communications, and United Telephone Company. Dave Abbott moved to accept the Utility permits as presented. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- Mark requested permission to okay a 6" gas line to be installed by NIPSCO. A representative was present for this discussion to answer any questions that the commissioners might have.

Zack Smith:

- Zack discussed putting reflective wind devices on stop signs at areas in the county which have proven to have safety issues. These devices are a reflective orange color and move with the slightest wind motion. It draws attention to the signage and Zack is requesting permission to put these on signs in areas of concern. The highway has several in stock and will use as necessary which has been determined by a recent Region 3-A safety study.
- Zack had a LPA voucher for the Bridge Inspection. Dave Abbott moved to approve the LPA Voucher for United Consulting for bridge inspection. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion, Motion carried 3-0
- Bridge 136 – A consulting Contract with United was presented for signatures for the bridge 136 replacement. This is a 2021-2022 project and will allow some preliminary work to begin. According to Zack this contract has been approved by IDOT and a contract will be entered into with them also in months to come. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the contract. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Baseline Road/ 600E project – sub consultant acknowledgements were signed with Earth Exploration, Inc, VS Engineering, Inc, and Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc with a motion from Dave Abbott and was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 16 – work is proceeding on schedule and should be done soon and at that time the firm will move onto Bridge 24 for construction.
- Community Crossing – Zack is awaiting notification if any of the Noble County projects will be awarded Community Crossing grant money. According to Zack, several projects were received this year, so the selection process will take considerably more time.
- The concrete recycling project will start in September for use in projects in Swan and Green Townships.
- Request for quotes was sent out to 3 vendors for the striping project. This project included 77.15 miles of roadway. Quotes were received from Accurate Striping Inc in the amount of \$55,257.00, from Airmarking Company in the amount of \$70,775.00 and from Three Rivers Barricade & Equipment Co in the amount of \$54,900.00. Dave Dolezal made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Three Rivers Barricade & Equipment Co in the amount of \$54,900.00 for the striping project. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Zack also had quotes for a 1 ton pickup that will be purchased this year. Quotes were given by Max Platt for a Ford F 350 2017 in the amount of \$38,398.00, a Chevy 2018 in the amount of \$39,840.00 and from Burnsworth Zollars – a Chevy 2018 truck in the amount of \$40,499.75. Dave Abbott moved to accept the low bid from Max Platt in the amount of \$38,398.00. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Zack reviewed an amendment to change the amount of allowable expenses by his department without special permission of the commissioners. There was discussion about

- doing this for other departments as well as the current allowable amount currently stands at \$500.00. This will be discussed further and direction will be given after that discussion.
- Mark also reported that the new chip spreader has been delivered to the vendor and Mark will schedule training on the new piece of equipment once we receive the equipment.
- The new dump truck has been delivered to W/A Jones and work on the bed of the truck will begin there in September.

#### REZONINGS

- Rezoning # 489 for Howard O & Barbara Troyer was before the commissioners for approval. This is a request to rezone 1.88 acres from RE to A1 and has a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission Board. Motion to approve the rezoning came from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Rezoning # 488 for Herr Dairy Farm, Inc was requested for a rezoning of 10.25 acres from A1-to A3. This also had a favorable recommendation from the plan commission. Motion to approve the rezoning came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.
- Rezoning # 490 for Kraffel Farms, LLC was also brought before the commissioners for approval. The request was for 1.0 acres of ground to be rezoned from A1 to RE. According to Kenneth Hughes, Plan Director this also had a favorable recommendation from the board. Motion to approve this rezoning came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.
- Kenneth is also presenting an ordinance concerning the flood hazard areas. The ordinance was presented to the commissioners for approval to proceed with the process for implementation. Motion to proceed came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0. Jackie will advertise the ordinance once received from Kenneth.

#### LANDFILL

Brad Ebey, a resident of Noble County whose property is adjacent to the old landfill, is present to again discuss the leachate issue that flows over onto his property. Mr. Ebey brought pictures that he had taken of the leachate on the east side of his property. The commissioners will set an executive session to further discuss this issue.

#### CLAIMS

Nicole Noe is present for review of the regular claims. There were 12 pages of claims totaling \$809,115.01 were approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

#### COURT CLAIMS

Court claims were review and approved with a motion from Dave Abbott and seconded by Dave Dolezal. There were 5 pages totaling \$31,238.44. Motion carried 3-0.

#### PAYROLL

Payroll dated 08/31/17 for the time period of 08/04/17 through 08/17/17 containing 6 pages totaling \$353,917.59 was reviewed. Motion to approve payroll came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

#### RECESSED FOR DRAINAGE BOARD

#### BACK IN SESSION

#### UNIFIED/ MAGELLAN ADDENDUM

The questions that the commissioners had concerning the 3 year contract with Magellan and the billing questions were sent to Allen Howard from Star Insurance for clarification during the break and Allen responded. The commissioners then reviewed the response with Attorney Dennis Graft and approved the signing of the contract with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

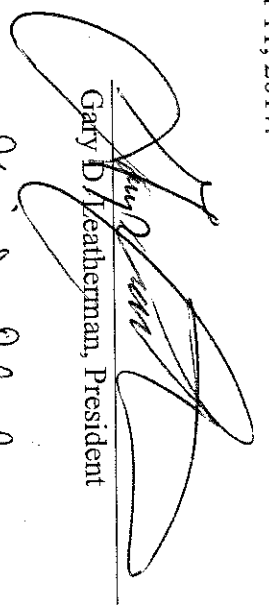
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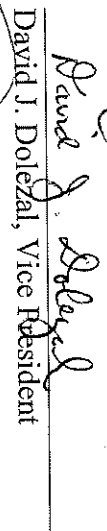
Jackie had received a call from TMA indicating that the county still owed the balance of the \$47,125.00 bill. Noble County paid 12,240.64 based on billed in correlation to certified lists. This was discussed at length but no resolution was determined as the assessor was at a conference

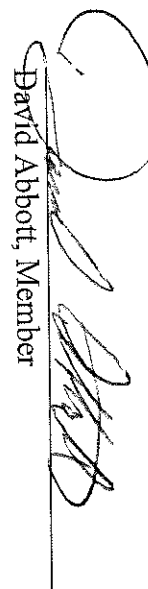
and was not available for the meeting. Jackie is to contact Kim Carson to see if anything can be done on her part.

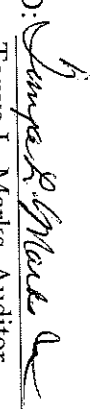
ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 3:15 P.M. recessed from day to day until September 11, 2017.

  
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Gary D. Leatherman, 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