

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD October 10, 2016**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the October 10, 2016, 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
David J. (Dave) Dolezal, Vice President
Dave Abbott, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L. Knafel, County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney
Steve Garbacz, KPC Media
Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff
Kim Carson, Noble County Assessor
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Matt Brinkman, Region 3-A
Gregg Parker, Council on Aging
Jack Fredericks
Kenneth Hughes, Plan Director
Teri Warrix. Building Department secretary
Mick Newton. EMA Director
Teresa Griffiths, EMA Secretary

Gary Leatherman, Commissioners President, brought the meeting to order at approximately 8:43AM.

SHERIFF

- Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff is present to discuss the possible purchase of a vehicle which will enable the Plan Commission as well as the Building Department to have the Expedition that is currently being used by the Sheriff's department. This will give the plan and building departments a 4 wheel drive vehicle for job site visits etc... Doug has money in his seizure fund and that money will be used to buy a vehicle for his department. The commissioners will discuss this arrangement with Kenneth Hughes and Norm Lortie and will report back to Doug if he is to proceed.
- The commissioners had a claim from the sheriff's department that they were questioning. It was for Special Operations Group and Doug explained that this is a company who does extradition for them and in this case the prisoners were coming from Florida.
- The commissioners asked Doug about the housing of prisoners. Doug reported that he is talking with Huntington County in addition to what is coming from DeKalb County.
- Doug forewarned the commissioners that they may be a spike in overtime expenses as he is ramping up the patrol due to an increase in thefts and burglaries.

HIGHWAY

Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, is present to discuss the following issues with the commissioners:

- Mark reported that the department is finishing up the construction season.
- Wedging will not be done this year as there is other repair work that needs to be completed
- Spraying program is underway and brush cutting will continue. When asked if we will be on a 3 year rotation for spraying, Mark indicated that he would like to set it up on a 4 year cycle.
- A driveway variance for Munk was approved with a motion from Dave Abbott and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- The following utility permits were also filed: United Telephone, Frontier Communications.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, was present to discuss the following engineering business with the commissioners:

- Bridge 147 – Zack presented a LPA Voucher for the bridge project. Dave Abbott moved to approve the voucher with a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- Award letters were received from the state for bridge 136 over 400 E in the amount of \$2,129,500.00 and the baseline /600 E project in the amount of \$796,500.00.
- Zack had a Community Crossing Grant Contract that he is asking that 2 copies be signed which will be sent to the state prior to money distribution. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the contract. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Highway Garage - all utilities have been relocated, they are finishing sub base and footers should be done this week. Zack feels that the building project is still on track for a December completion date.
- Bridge 82 – this should be complete within the next couple of weeks.
- Zack also informed the commissioners that the highway had received a collection notice from Frontier and Zack has notified the agency of the hold harmless agreement and the collection agency indicated that will advise their client to stop the collection process.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Matt Brinkman, Region 111-A, had provided a letter stating that we will allow Matt to conduct this meeting and record this public hearing. Dave Abbott moved to approve the signing of this letter. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Hearing - Matt conducted the public meeting and gave the project history and purpose of the project. This is the second hearing as requested. This is a competitive grant and will allow the repurposing of a building on Ohio Street in Kendallville. There were no written comments received by the Auditor's office and no one from the public were in attendance that had any comments in opposition to the project. Letters of support were written earlier from the commissioners and will be provided through this grant process. Anyone else wanting to send a letter of support will be able to do so through Wednesday October 12, 2016. The public hearing was then adjourned.

There was a resolution done committing the local match funding which will come from the Council on Aging funds. The signing of the resolution was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

A copy of the letter signed by the Noble County Auditor as well as a copy of Resolution 2016-31 signed by the Commissioners were given to Matt Brinkman at the meeting today.

Matt also needed permission to proceed with the grant application. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the grant process to proceed. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Gregg Parker came before the commissioners to sign the grant for a new minivan. This will be a replacement of a van with over 350000 miles on it. Motion to approve the purchase was made by Dave Dolezal and seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion seconded 3-0.

Gregg also presented his 3rd quarter report for commissioner's signature. Motion to approve the signature came from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

EMA

Mick Newton and Terresa Griffith were here to discuss the agreement with the US Geological Survey. This is an agreement dealing with the Sylvan Lake Streamgage in Rome City. Mick also indicated that a new invoice will be sent with the correct dates on it for the \$2000.00 payment for this service. Dave Dolezal made a motion to pay the claim that was held at the last meeting after these questions were answered. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The agreement was signed with a motion from Dave Dolezal and seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0. One original in file – one original was sent certified to Indiana Water Science Center Attn. Christopher Johnson 5957 Lakeside Blvd Indianapolis Indiana 46278 on Tuesday October 11, 2016. A copy was e-mailed to Jeff Woods jwoods@usgs.gov on October 10, 2016.

PETITION

Kenneth Hughes and Teri Warrix were present to deliver health care information and signed petitions from employees concerning the county's health coverage.

ASSESSOR

Kim Carson, Noble County Assessor, is present to open trending bids. Only one bid was received. Equalval was the bidder and it was in the amount of \$32,500.00 for the 17/18 assessment year.

Dave Dolezal moved to approve Equalval for the trending in the amount of \$32,500.00. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Wood Land Lakes have requested an appointment be made to their board. Dave Dolezal currently sits on the board and is willing to continue to do so. Dave Abbott moved to appoint Dave Dolezal to this board. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Landfill leachate report – duly entered
- EMC response to tort claim – duly entered and filed in case file
- IDEM Cromwell Wastewater treatment plant – duly entered
- IDEM – Landfill – groundwater monitoring plan as well as background data evaluation information – duly entered
- AEP – line rebuild from Albion to Fort Wayne notification - duly entered
- IDEM – Air permit for Parkview Noble Hospital
- Surveyor – Melvin System rate increase

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

INVOICE ACTIVITY

Dave Dolezal had contacted Wilcox Environmental for an explanation of invoices requesting a more detailed listing of tasks performed. Derek Faulk had sent via e-mail a brief explanation of invoices since March of this year. - Duly entered. Jackie was asked to do a comparison between the actual invoice and the information sent.

SURVEYOR

Randy Sexton, Noble County Surveyor, and drainage secretary, Jeanetta Calvelage were present to open bids for the North Branch of the Elkhart River. Three bids were received for this class 3 logjam removal.

1. Freels Machine - \$1,400.00
2. Gilberts Drainage - \$1,500.00
3. Sieber Brothers - \$3,320.00

The Commissioners will accept all bids and take under advisement as Randy will review the bids for comparison etc... Dave Dolezal moved to approve. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Randy is also requesting a waiver of the 10% reduction of pay for a new hire in his department. The employee comes to Noble County from DeKalb County Surveyor's office with 29 years of experience. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the waiver. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

RECESSED 11:10 AM

RECONVENED 1:00PM

Insurance discussion

John Morr, Jarrod Ramer, Black and Ramer Insurance, Michele Bricker, and Larry Doyle were all in attendance to give their thoughts and options of the county's health insurance. Many questions and options were discussed during this session.

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$420,850.63 on 11 pages were reviewed and approved with a motion from Dave Abbott. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Utility claims containing 2 pages and totaling \$352,499.35 were approved with a motion from Dave Abbott and seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Dave Dolezal moved to approve payroll for the time period of 09-16-16 through 09-29-16 dated 10/13/16 in the amount of \$350,052.71 pending a question that was raised concerning holiday pay. Jackie will discuss this issue with payroll clerk Mary Applegate on Tuesday morning and report to the commissioners. (Discussion with Mary stated that Laura Heine would be taking retiring

transport officer Tonya Norden place and was paid out for her holiday pay incurred during her position as jailer).

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 4:47 P.M. recessed from day to day until the 24th day of October, 2016.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

David Abbott, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Tonya L. Marks, Auditor