

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD December 19, 2016**

Comes now the hour of 9:55 A.M. on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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, County Attorney  
and  
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent  
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer

President Gary Leatherman brought the meeting to order at approximately 9:55AM.

#### HIGHWAY

- Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, is present discussing the underbody blades purchased earlier with carbide. Mark is having issues with the current blades and has discussed the issue with the company. He is looking into a double carbide blade as the current ones are not holding up as expected. Dave Abbott moved to approve the purchase of these blades. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Mark reported that a driver that had backed into a building in Noble Township now appears that the damage done to the shed is more than what was first thought. The accident was reported to the insurance company. This area is a dead end so to go the distance of the road required the driver to back out.
- Mark reported that the crews were out both Saturday and Sunday and also reported many issues with the trucks during this snow event.
- Utility permits were filed for NIPSCO, Frontier Communications and Ligonier Telephone Co.

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

- Annual Bids - Zack has reviewed all the bids and find them in order. There was one late bid but this was for slag and this is the only company that bid slag. With this information Dave Dolezal moved to accept all bids including the late bid for slag. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 136 and Baseline Road – Zack met with INDOT last week and got permission to start the process for these two projects Zack is drafting the RFPs.
- Community Crossing Grant – Zack reported that the \$1,000,000 was finally received from the state on Friday of last week.
- Highway Garage - Zack shared two e-mails from the engineering firm as well as the contractor concerning the new highway garage. Then engineering firm did not see that all of the billed by the contractor items were necessary and suggested that the amount of \$5,228.00 be paid rather than the requested \$9,113.00. Dave Dolezal moved to pay Mosiac \$5,228.00 based on the advice of the architect. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 16 and 24 will be bid out in 2017
- Speed Studies on County Road 400 E and 225 E have been advertised and the public hearing is scheduled for January 9, 2017.

#### APPOINTMENT

A letter had been received from Steve Hagen concerning the Noble County Redevelopment Commission. The commissioners have 3 appointment and those 3 wish to continue their

appointments to this board. Dave Abbott moved to appointment Scott Pounds, Rebecca Schroeder and Roger Diehm to serve on the Noble County Redevelopment Commission. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### VACATIONS

- Scott Ziegler, from a surveying firm, is representing Kevin Blaine in his request for a vacation of a street and two alleys in Kimmell. Mr. Blaine is wanting to eventually vacate the lots also and have one legal description. Dave Dolezal moved to approve this vacation with a second coming from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.
- Scott is also representing the Parks family in their vacation request for an alley at Knapp Lake. The goal here is to take 11 lots into 4 with this vacation. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the vacation of the alley at Knapp Lake. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

RECESS 10:55AM for Drainage Board

BACK IN SESSION 12:15 PM

#### GPA INSURANCE RUN OUT

Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, had a conversation with the commissioners concerning the length of the run out with our previous insurance carrier. It was the fear of Jackie that the hospitals may delay billing if we just had the 3 month run out to avoid the cost plus program. Dave Abbott moved to approve a 12 month run out with GPA with the option of canceling the run out when it deems appropriate. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF ELECTED OFFICIAL CONTRACT DISCLOSURE

The three commissioners signed their individual Contract Disclosure Policy under ordinance 2012-03.

#### ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR NEPOTISM

All forms received back from the elected officials concerning the nepotism policy related to hiring processes were signed by the commissioners after a motion for approval from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### CLAIMS

Nicole Noe, Deputy Auditor, was present to provide information on claims dated December 19, 2016. Ten pages of claims totaling \$744,051.91 as well as 1 page of supplemental claims were approved with a motion from Dave Abbott. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### PAYROLL

Payroll contained 6 pages of reporting and totaled \$362,680.60. This was for the period of 11/25/16 through 12/08/16 and was dated 12/22/16. Dave Dolezal moved to approve payroll with a second coming from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- Treasurer monthly report – duly entered
- Clerk monthly report – duly entered
- Surveyor - notice of periodic maintenance hearing – Rosenberry Watershed
- Surveyor – notice of periodic maintenance hearing – Pancake-Gappinger watershed
- Surveyor – notice of periodic maintenance hearing – Jacobs Watershed
- IDEM – LSC Communications – duly entered
- IDEM – Kraft Heinz Foods – duly entered
- IDEM – Landfill Methane Monitoring
- Public Hearing – Plan Commission – Kevin Blaine

#### INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

An Interlocal agreement has been received from the City of Kendallville concerning the Airport manager. The agreement was reviewed by the county attorney and signed with a motion from Dave Abbott and also to release the 2016 funding to the City of Kendallville upon proof of an

employed manager for the 2016 calendar year. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### REQUEST FROM THE TOWN OF ALBION

A letter had been received from Chris Magnuson concerning getting a quote on electrical boxes on the street lights. 8 of the lights are on the county light bill. The commissioners okayed the process to start with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

#### MINUTES

Minutes of the November 28 and the December 12, 2016 meetings were read and approved as written with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 2:00 P.M. recessed from day to day until the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tonya L. Marks, Auditor