

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MAY 23, 2016**

Comes now the hour of 8:31AM on the 23rd day of May, 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
Stacey Beam, Chief Probation Officer
Danyel Wagner, Asst Chief Probation Officer
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent
Scott Ziegler, Surveyor
Nathan Miller, Plan Director
Dave Baum, IT Director

President Gary Leatherman brought the meeting to order at approximately 8:31AM.

PROBATION

Stacey Beam, Chief Probation Officer, and Danyel Wagner, Asst. Chief, came before the commissioners to discuss the possibility of purchasing a car for Community Corrections. The CC grant had money left at the end of the last cycle in the amount of \$16000.00 + and has been verified by the state after a recent audit. The purchase has also been approved the Community Corrections Board and now Stacey and Danyel are wanting the Commissioners approval since all vehicles are titled by the Commissioners. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the purchase with a second coming from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll dated 05/26/16 for the time period of 04/29/16 – 05/12/16 containing 5 pages and totaling \$353,054.87 was reviewed and approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Treasurers Monthly report for April – duly entered
Clerk of the Court April Report – duly entered
Weights & Measures report for April 16 – May 15 – duly entered
Keep It Clean Pumping Service Ligonier – Solid Waste Permit Application notification
Plan Commission – Krom Variance #2018 notice
Plan Commission – Eicher Variance #2017 notice
Drainage board = Roscoe Branch hearing notice – and then notified of cancelation of received.

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

LANDFILL

Correspondence received from IDEM is indicating that the county continue monthly monitoring. The commissioners also reviewed correspondence from Wilcox Environmental concerning the construction of CP 13R as well as the group water monitoring plan. The plan, metal testing and upgrade is expected to cost \$11,838.00. Dave Abbott moved to approve the upgrade with a second coming from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, is present to provide the following information:

- Mark reported damage to 1200 E when a bulldozer was unloaded and did damage to a newly chip & seal road. The contractor is aware of the issue and would like to fix it however Mark indicated he did not think that the contractor could do it himself. The commissioners agreed that the highway should repair the damage then send a bill to the contractor.
- Mark informed the commissioners of a \$2500.00 expense for a turbo in one of the international trucks and had talked with one of the commissioners concerning this issue. Since Mark's conversation with the commissioner - 2 more trucks have had the same issue so now the total expense would be in the range of \$7500.00. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the repair expense. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Mark reported a water issue on 200S just west of Old 3, where a landowner was complaining about water standing in his field. Mark reported that there was not an issue with the road itself and therefore would not be at the top of the priority list for the highway. Mark wanted to give the commissioners a "heads up" as he thought that the owner would be calling one of them.
- Another water issue was on 800 N between baseline and 100 E. This is field drainage issue and is not affecting the roadway at this time and will be up to the landowner to correct the problem.
- Mark informed the commissioners that spray program with REMC was not approved by the REMC board and so the county will no longer be partnering with REMC for the spraying program.
- Mark reported that the road construction season was in full swing and going well with project pretty much on schedule.

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

- Bridge Inspection LPA voucher was presented for signature. Dave Abbott moved to approve the voucher be signed. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 147 - Zack reported on the quarterly meeting that was held on May 17 at IDOT in Fort Wayne. The project is on schedule and a design exception was made requiring the commissioner's signature. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the Level 2 Design for Bridge 147. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 135 - Zack reported that CSX is now asking that the county retain a contractor to do the cul-de-sac and guardrail portion of the project which will remove bridge 135 on county road 175 between 500 E and 600 E. CSX will then reimburse the county for the cost.
- LPA Call for projects – all projects that Noble County has submitted have been received and accepted according to correspondence from IDOT. Zack reminded the commissioners of the changes to one of the projects which is now in 2 phases and involved county road 400 N and 150 E. Zack presented an updated interlocal agreement between Albion Town and Noble County for this project. Dave Abbott moved to approve the signing of this agreement with a second coming from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- Highway Garage construction is about 90% complete on the preparation portion of the project and the county will be moving to the bidding portion of the project.
- The local bridge and road matching grant will be opening up on May 31, 2016 and Zack will start the process at that time.
- The ADA project in Wawaka should start soon with the trees be cleared.
- Reconstruction - striping is part of this project however edge striping has never been the policy on county roads. There were county roads that had this at one time but that was because they were a federal project at the time of construction and was required by the federal fund. However, after that time the county policy would require only center lines to be done. The commissioners agreed that the current policy was sufficient knowing that edge striping would double the cost of striping for roads.

REZONING

Scott Ziegler, Hand to the Plow Surveying, was present to representing the Abel family in their request of a rezoning on 800 E south of State Road 8. The Abel's are wanting to sell 3 acres and will need this rezoning to complete the project. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the rezoning from RE to A1. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan Miller, Plan Director, is present to represent the Barker family for a rezoning of 1.27 acres from RE to A1 to clean up an estate issue. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the rezoning. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

IT DEPARTMENT

- Dave Baum, IT Director, is present to discuss with the commissioners whether or not they would like to continue a project that was started by Commissioners Chad Kline prior to his resignation from that position. A committee had been formed to update the county website with Chad heading up the project. Dave indicated his willingness to proceed with the project if that is the direction this board wished to continue. Gary Leatherman suggested that Dave contact the department heads to see if they are wanting this update prior to proceeding.
- Dave Baum also informed the commissioners that he would be using the budgeted line of \$20,000.00 to replace PC's.
- Another issue that Dave had was what to do with the Chevy Blazer that the department had. They now have Mick Newton's old vehicle and the blazer is sitting at the Weber Road with no usage. The commissioners suggested that Dave put it on E-Bay or something along that line and if no response then we would scrap the vehicle. A motion to sign the title for the 2001 Chevy Blazer was made by Dave Dolezal and seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.
- Dave Baum told the commissioners that he would be planning a "in house garage sale" sometime this summer to get rid of old PC's etc.....
- Dave Baum is also asking permission to waive the probationary period for Nathan Jones. Dave indicated that Nathan came to the county with a lot of knowledge and experience in the technology field and felt that he should go the full wage level. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the waiving of the 10% reduction in pay for Nathan Jones. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Courthouse wiring was another issue that Dave brought before the commissioners. After some suggestion, Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, suggested that this NOT be put in the IT department's budget but be placed in one of the cumulative budgets such as CCD or Cum Courthouse for the 2017 year.
- The last issue was that of the Sheriff's department software. Dave indicated that it is in need of an upgrade which will cost around \$50,000.00 + licensing fees. All indicated that if the need is there it should be done and Dave should proceed as needed.

TITLE

Dave Dolezal moved to approve the signing of the title for the EMS that will be going to Parkview Regional for the on campus transports. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Dave Dolezal also moved to approve the signing of the title to Central Noble for a Ford Taurus for the now own "police department". Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Claims totaling \$371,551.16 and containing 13 pages were reviewed and approved by the commissioners with a motion from Dave Abbott. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

The county is in negotiations with John and Nance Robinson for the purchase of their home at 208 Jefferson Street. The Robinson's have now signed the purchase agreement. The commissioners had already approved the agreement and are now signing to finalize the issue.

COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION

The Courthouse Preservation committee is again asking for help with the landscaping around the fountain on the courthouse lawn. Old minutes show that this committee would be responsible for the landscaping cost and upkeep for this area in raising money or getting contributions to pay the expense. Last year the committee asked the county to pay over \$2000.00 for the landscaping as they were only able to raise about \$700.00. This year the request is for \$1308.00. Dave Dolezal made a motion to pay the \$1308.00 this year with the stipulation that next year we will only fund \$500.00 and no more. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 11:17 am recessed from day to day until the June 13, 2016.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

David Abbott, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Tonya L. Marks, Auditor