

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD JANUARY 28, 2014**

Comes now the hour of 8:00 A.M. on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014, in the Commissioners Court in the Noble County Courthouse, Albion, Indiana, being the time, date and place set for a special session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County, Indiana.

Present were:

Gary Leatherman, President  
David J. (Dave) Dolezal, Vice President  
Chad Kline, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L. Knafel, Noble County Auditor  
Dennis Graft, County Attorney  
and Bob Braley, KPC  
Mick Newton, EMA  
Doug Harp, Sheriff  
Chad Willett Chief Deputy Sheriff  
Scott Perry – Albion New Era  
Kirk Sickafoose  
John Metzger  
Mel Egolf  
Bob Marshall  
Kim Miller, Noble County Assessor  
Nathan Miller, Plan Commission  
Cheryl Munson, Health Nurse

Board of Finance met at 8:00AM. Electing Chad Kline as President and Michele Bricker as Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was brought to order at 8:40AM.

**WEATHER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS**

Mick Newton was present for the signing of the weather emergency proclamations. A watch was issued on January 25, 2014 at 5:00pm. A warning was issued at 4:00AM on January 27, 2014 and a watch was again issued at 6:00PM on January 27, 2014. These were confirmed via phone conversations between Commissioners, EMA director, Highway Superintendent, and Sheriff. All proclamations were signed at the beginning of this meeting.

**SHERIFF CARS**

Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff and Chad Willett, Chief Deputy were present to discuss the purchase of sheriff cars for this year. The Noble County Plan Commission as well as the Building Department are in need of different vehicles. The Sheriff's department will transfer a

4 wheel drive to the Building department with the understanding that the Plan Commission will have access to this vehicle when needed. The Plan Commission will get one of the Sheriff's cars and a Dodge Charger will come up to the County to be used by various departments for conferences etc. The Plan Commission, Building Department and old County car will be used as trade-ins for the new department cars.

#### CLAIMS

After reviewing the claims dated 1/27/2014, Chad Kline moved to approve the claims for payment. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### HIGHWAY

- Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent and Zach Smith, Highway Engineer were present to discuss the recent snow emergency. County Highway truck driver Mark Mawhorter came upon an accident in a white out situation and was commended for doing everything he could to avoid hitting the two vehicles involved in the accident. There was some minor damage to the highway truck, but was back on the road today, Tuesday January 28, 2014.
- Mark reported that the county has called in the help of 6 different outside employers for use of their pay loaders. There are at various locations around the county.
- A truck landed on its side and Campbell's were called to help. A \$5.00 part fixed the damage to this vehicle however the tow bill will be much more.
- Mark informed the commissioners that some purchases were made without their okay because of the weather situation. An underbody blade and some plow shoes were purchased totaling around \$15,000.00. Chad Kline made a motion to approve these purchases and Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Mark also told the commissioners that the overtime budget was completely used up and that an additional would need to be done to appropriate more money. His concern was how much to ask for. Jackie told Mark that he had until February 15<sup>th</sup> to submit a letter of request so had time to evaluate needed dollars. Mark also thought that more money might be needed in the contractual line item to pay the contracted company's they are having to use.

Zach Smith just gave the commissioner an update on the following projects:

- Evaluating the 30 mile an hour speed limits
- County Rd 150 E project was presented to INDOT and was well received
- Bridge 70 is currently under engineering.
- Zach had recently attended the Bridge Conference and took away a lot of good ideas for bridge maintenance and funding ideas.

#### UDO

Nathan Miller was present to discuss recent issued brought before the Noble County Plan commission, mainly the issue of changing A-1 from 10 to 2 acres. There was much discussion and it was finally decided to table this issue until the confined feeding requirements are resolved. This motion came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0.

## REZONING and DEDICATION OF ROAD R-O-W

- Larry and Kathleen Sturgeon of Washington Township are requesting rezoning and acceptance of a dedicated right-o-way. This was done with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0.
- Patricia Smith of Swan Township is requesting a dedication of road right-of-way only. Motion to approve came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Cheryl Munson, Noble County Health Nurse, was present to discuss a Vaccine Fee Schedule. The dollars raised would help fund various things at the Health department. The information provided included a Fee schedule, a hardship policy, a draft copy of the ordinance setting the fee schedule and an ordinance creating the fund and providing allowable expenditures. Chad Kline moved to accept these ordinances for publication. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## HOOSIER START

Jackie Knafel, Noble County Auditor, had the resolution and adoption agreement from Hoosier Start ready for signatures. Hoosier Start will be another option for employee for deferred compensation. This agreement will allow Hoosier Start to talk with employees and explain the options that they have. Chad Kline moved to sign the agreement. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## PERSONAL PROPERTY JOINT RESOLUTION

Chad Kline had been in contact with surrounding counties and those counties have entered into a joint resolution that will be sent to the state concerning the governor's proposal to eliminate business personal property statewide. This would create a huge decrease in income for counties as well as all other taxing units. Whitley County's resolution was used as a guide for our resolution which will be distributed to all cities and towns as well as the libraries and schools. All boards are expected to join in this joint venture to hopefully resolve this issue. Chad will see that all units mentioned above have a copy for their signatures.

## LAWN MOWING

Jackie asked the commissioners permission to start the process for the receiving of bids for lawn mowing. Chad Kline moved to proceed and Dave Dolezal seconded the motion.

## MAXIMUS AGREEMENT

The professional consulting firm of Maximus, who has served the county for many years, has an agreement for the next 3 years available for signing. Jackie reported that they have more than paid for their services in the past by bringing in thousands of dollars back to the county. Chad Kline moved to sign the agreement and Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## ASSESSOR

Assessor Kim Miller was present to open bids received by her office for the upcoming trending. The following bids were received for review:

- Accurate Assessments - \$47,700.00
- Property Assessment Solutions - \$32,350.00

- Tyler Technologies - \$31,530.00
- Stoffel Consulting - \$63,000.00
- Equi-Val Tax Solutions - \$47,500.00

Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney, and Kim will review the bids to confirm all services requested are covered in the above bids and the bid will be awarded at a later date. Chad Kline moved to take the bids under advisement. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### REZONING

- John and Lee Wicker of Jefferson Twp are requesting a rezoning and dedication of Road Right-O-Way. Dave Dolezal moved to accept and Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Chad Kline had to leave the meeting early.
- Bob and Jeryl Marshall are requesting rezoning and dedicated road R-O-W for a property in Swan twp. Dave Dolezal moved to accept and Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

#### PTABOA BOARD

Kim Miller is requesting that Jim Cook be appointed to serve on the PTABOA board. Dave Dolezal moved to appoint Jim to this position. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

#### 4-H WEEK PROCLAMATION

Dave Dolezal moved to proclaim January 27, 2014 – February 1, 2014 as 4-H week. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- County Treasurers Monthly report – duly entered
- Building Departments annual report – duly entered

#### MINUTES

- Minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0
- Minutes of the December 23, 2013 meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0.
- Dave Dolezal moved to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting as written. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- Then January 13, 2014 minutes were accepted as written with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 11:50 A.M. recessed from day to day until the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2014.

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Gary Leatherman, President

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David J. Dolezal, Vice President

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Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor