

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD OCTOBER 6, 2014**

Comes now the hour of 8:40 A.M. on the 6th day of October, 2014, 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
Chad Kline, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor
Dennis Graft, County Attorney
And Bob Braley, KPC
Scott Perry, Albion New Era
Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Norm Lortie, Building Inspector
Judy Fox, LEPC
Mick Newton, EMA Director

CLAIMS

Tonya Marks Deputy Auditor was present to review claims dated October 6, 2014 in the amount of \$329,192.06. Also reviewed were credit card claims in the amount of \$62,090.00. Dave Dolezal made a motion to approve both sets of claims. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Court Security September Monthly Report – duly entered
Highway Utility Permit – Frontier Communications – duly entered

MINUTES

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

SHERIFF

Doug Harp is present to advise the commissioners of a repair claim that will be coming before them in the future for a new garbage deposal for kitchen in the jail in the amount of \$2400.00 Also discussed was the issue of a contract with the medical team now at the jail, Doug has not heard back from the health care company at this time and will try again today to contact them. The claim for medical services will continue to be held until such time as a contract is received.

HIGHWAY

Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, made the following reports to the commissioners:

- A new culvert is needed on the Angling Road and will require road closure for an unspecified time period.
- The department is gearing up for the winter season preparing truck and equipment.
- Additional salt had been ordered.
- Mark reported that there had been an incident with the work crew last week which was investigated by the sheriff's department and is ongoing.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, had the following report for the commissioners:

- Bridge 70 – the MSC wall is now finished and the crew has temporarily moved away from the railroad side of the project. Bridge continues to be on time and on budget.
- Bridge overlay – there have been issues with the contractors, however issues developed more with the sub-contractor than the contractor and all have agreed to meet the contracted budget.
- Bridge Inspection – we continue to wait for the preliminary contract.

- Road Construction – as Mark reported summer work is complete and the department is gearing up for winter. Zack has inspected the new guard rail.
- Zack is meeting tomorrow with IDOT, Region 3-A and the Sheriff’s department for a road safety inspection on Baseline Road between 600 E and 700 E. The meeting will begin here in the commissioner’s room and then move to the inspection site.
- Zack will continue talks with the Council this afternoon concerning the wheel and sur tax being raised.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Norm Lortie, Building Inspector, had provided a letter of notification to the state as far as his replacement of Dick Adair. He is asking that the commissioners sign the letter. Dave Dolezal moved to sign the letter of notification. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Norm had also provided his bond for signatures. Chad Kline moved to approve the building inspector bond and a second came from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0

FOUNTAIN

Judge Kramer, representing the Courthouse preservation committee was present concerning a bill received from Countryscapes. This was for repair on the fountain and the bill indicated that the warranty had expired. This has been an ongoing issue and the commissioners feel that this bill is unwarranted. Judge Kramer will contact Beth Shellman, Albion Town Manager and they will discuss this issue with the company.

INSURANCE

Shelly Hanson, USI Insurance, is present to discuss our health insurance renewal. She reviewed the past year and feel that even though we have had several high claims, it is still turning out to be “not too bad of a year”. The county had one person lasered this year at \$150,000.00 and will have another one lasered for next year. That amount for next year will either be at \$150,000.00 or \$225,000.00 depending on the insurance carrier. Shelly has sent requests to 9 companies with only 2 responding. The other 7 did not quote reason being they cannot be competitive. Our total plan costs from November 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014 was in the amount of 1,374,010.00. Our prescription drugs are at 11% which according to Shelly is very good. Our claims were at \$923,000.00 as compared to the \$894,000.00 for the same time period last year. The two quotes that were received had Spectrum at 24% on fixed cost and a 7% increase overall. HCC quoted -2% on fixed and an overall cost of 4% increase. Shelly is still in negotiations with Spectrum which is our current provider but feels it is unlikely that they will come down in their quote any further. Shelly is requesting that the commissioners sign both disclaimers with Spectrum and HCC and she will continue to work with both and contract the best for the county. Shelly also shared information about the increase in cost that will be coming in 2018. This will definitely increase premiums to the employees and the commissioners are in hopes that we can “ease” into this and not have a dramatic increase all at once. Shelly will know more once all issues dealing with the reform become clearer. Dave Dolezal made a motion to sign both disclosure statements. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SNOW REMOVAL

Jackie Knafel, Noble County Auditor, had sent requests to 4 companies for snow removal for the county. Two quotes were received and opened. The followings are the quotes received:

	Stumps Lawn Care	Dick Coats Home, Lawn
Annex -Weber	\$45.00 ea	\$30.00 ea
South Complex	\$150.00 ea	\$90.00 ea
Prosecutor	\$100.00 ea	\$60.00 ea
Public Defenders	\$35.00 ea	\$30.00 ea

After review, Chad Kline moved to contract with Dick Coats Home, Lawn, Garden and Snow Removal Inc for our snow removal for the 2014/2015 season. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

UNSAFE HOUSING

Norm Lortie was present for the hearing for the Phillip Coffey property. This property was sold on tax sale in 2013 and was not redeemed by the 2014 deadline. Norm is asking the commissioners if the buyer of the property should be notified. After some discussion it was determined that the buyer of the property at the tax sale should be notified which could have a bearing on whether or not they pursue the tax deed. Chad Kline made a motion to table the

decision on the Coffey property until December 15, 2014. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

LEPC GRANT

Judy Fox and Mick Newton are here representing the LEPC Department for approval of a grant. The grant is for \$4900.00 and will provide for supplies and training. Mick is compiling 100 books for every police and fire vehicle with information of hazardous materials and all location throughout the county. A motion to proceed with the grant application was made by Chad Kline and seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

LANDFILL

Bill Etzler made changes to letter provided last week to the commissioners and asked for a review of this letter. Chad Kline moved to sign the letter to IDEM. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Jackie put the letter on commissioner letterhead and mailed Monday afternoon. Bill also informed the commissioners that Mike Haines had not started the tank pad yet but was moving in his equipment today to start the project. This should be complete by the end of the week. Bill continues to work with Steve Christman from NEISW as far as the weather monitor. Bill will provide the commissioners with a budget for his services for the 2015 calendar year. With this he only expects the additional costs to be the leachate pumping and dumping. Bill will be meeting with a representative from IDEM later this week concerning IDEM records from the Noble County landfill.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 11:10 A.M. recessed from day to day until the 13th day of October, 2014.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor