

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD DECEMBER 15, 2014**

Comes now the hour of 8:55 A.M. on the 15th day of December, 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, Auditor
Dennis Graft, County Attorney
and Bob Braley, KPC Media
Bill Etzler, Engineer Resources
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent
Michele Bricker, Noble County Treasurer
Dennis Ringler, unsafe property owner
Norm Lortie, Building Inspector
Randy Jahn, Concerned Neighbor of Unsafe Property

LANDFILL

Bill Etzler, Engineering Resources, is present to discuss the following:

- Bill has been in discussion with IDEM and is asking the commissioners to allow him to request that IDEM give an extension until January for leachate remediation proposal. Bill explained that that he would like to do a little more testing prior to the submission of the remediation.
- In addition to monitoring, Bill feels that we need information on the vents. He is asking that elements be allowed to test the vents at the same time they test GP 1 gas probe
- Bill is asking the commissioners to contact Weaver Boos to request all of the information that they have on file on Noble County landfill. – This information is only needed on the south cell and would only concern 3 units.
- Bill updated the commissioners on his trip to IDEM and his work with their records department. They had a lot of information and drawings. Copies will be picked up by Bill.
- Bill showed the commissioners an example of the index that they would be getting when the file is complete.
- Bill has also talked with one of the designers of the landfill and he has agreed to share his information with Bill.
- Bill is requesting that the commissioners contact Zack at Elements via e-mail to okay the sharing of the information.
- Mike and Bill will be making the semi-annual inspection of the landfill which can be done in house. It will still require the annual inspection done by the Soil and Water Department.

HIGHWAY

Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss the following:

- All crews are getting caught up on brush work, tree cleanup and crack sealing.
- Mark reported on his visit with the Utility Regulatory Commission and said there would be no fines involved in this incident and provided a copy of the “warning” letter.
- Mark had a 3 quotes for the 2 radiant heaters needed at the Highway Department.
 1. DePew Plumbing Heating \$7,366.00
 2. T&T Plumbing Heating \$8,659.00
 3. Rawles Heating \$No quote for new units.

Chad Kline made a motion to purchase 2 radiant heaters in the amount of \$7,366.00 from DePew Plumbing and Heating. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. 3-0.

- Mark also informed the commissioners that a part of Wolf Road around Loon Lake would be widened for the county vehicles as well as other vehicles in the area. Mark has contacted both property owners in the area and they are fine with the widening project.
- Utility Permits were submitted for Frontier Communications.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, is presenting the following information:

- Bridge 70 is open
- Bridge Overlay project is also complete
- Bridge Inspection project will begin in February
- Call for project will begin in January
- CSX – still nothing
- Sign Study - Zack has obtained information from the GIS department as to sign layer on GIS
- New Hires – Interviews were conducted last week and an offer will be done this week.
- Wayne Baker, Sign Foreman, has informed the department that he will be retiring February 27, 2015. This position will quite possibly be filled in house which will open up another position in the department.

UNSAFE BUILDINGS

Norm Lortie, Building Inspector, is present to discuss the following issues in his department:

- Dennis Ringler Property – Dennis is present to answer questions on his property. Norm reported that there had been progress on the two structures in question. Mr. Ringler said that his intent was to get this property to a “safe” status and then continue the renovation to eventually be able to live at the location. Norm said that the base structure is in good condition and that Mr. Ringler had made a lot of progress with the removal of debris, etc.. Chad Kline asked Mr. Ringler if he thought that he could have the exterior of the property completed by June 15, 2015 and he indicated that he could with that Chad made a motion to extent the time period to 6 months to allow Mr. Ringler to complete the exterior process. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Brimfield Property – Norm reported that the structure is now gone and most of the debris is gone. There is a jeep sitting at the location but Norm had spoken with the owner and it had been sold – just not picked up at this time. The owner also indicated that there would still be some stump removal work done but Norm suggested that this case be closed. Chad Kline moved to close this “unsafe building” case. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Gries Property – Norm reported that this is one of the blighted property grant projects and that he has attempted many times to contact the owner – certified mail - postings – etc. There has been nothing done to the property to bring it into compliance and with that Chad Kline moved to fine the owners for non-compliance in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be imposed after a March 16, 2015 meeting of the commissioners. 9:30am has been set as the time of the meeting. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Coffey Property - This property was purchased at a tax sale but once the purchaser saw the property, he never took title to it, so the property is still in the Coffey name. Randy Jahn is present today and told the commissioners that there has been a petition signed by the neighbors in that area requesting that the property be cleaned up. This property was also listed in the blighted property grant but there is a lengthy process to allow the county action. Chad Kline made a motion to also continue this property to the March 16, 2015 meeting at 9:30am. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Kimmell property – Norm is still dealing with the notification issues with the owner. This is on the Commissioner January 5, 2015 agenda.
- Flood Ordinance - Norm informed the commissioners that all residents that this ordinance may affect will need to be notified by certified mail that there properties have been listed in a flood plain. Norm is sure that will spark feedback as owner in the flood plains will have to get flood insurance.

MINUTES

Minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$392,969.35 were approved as a docket of 13 pages were reviewed by the Commissioners. This approval came with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from

Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0. There was a concern about purchases made over \$500.00 without prior approval of the Commissioners and Jackie Knafel will reinforce that process at the next department head meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The November 2014 monthly report of the Clerk of the Circuit Court was reviewed and duly entered.

NEW HIRES

Interviews had taken place for open positions under the Commissioners charge. Chad Kline made a motion to offer the position of County Coordinator to Jackie Knafel. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The other position was that of Weights and Measures Inspector. Dave Dolezal made a motion to offer that position to Rick Wysong. Chad Kline seconded that motion. Motion carried 3-0.

2015 ENCUMBRANCES

Jackie Knafel, Noble County Auditor, presented the 2015 encumbrance requests to the commissioners:

- General Fund – Sheriff 1001-22100-007 Gas oil lube \$22,866.00
Motion to approve came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0.
- Cagit Certified Shares 1110-21100-624 Office Supplies \$2,298.54
Motion to approve was made by Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0.
- Highway 1176-22100-104 Gas Oil Lube \$29,577.99
Motion was made by Dave Dolezal to approve. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Cum Bridge 1135-43200-206 Bridge Repair \$111,476.38
Motion to approve came from Chad Kline and was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- Cum Bridge 1135-43810-206 Construction \$294,489.69
Motion to approve was made by Chad Kline. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Cum Bridge 1135-44850-206 Wetland Mitigation \$843.75
Motion to approve came from Chad Kline and was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- Council CCD 1135-36103-206 Outside Repair \$4,500.00
Dave Dolezal moved to approve. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Cum Courthouse 1136-44302-207 Building Repair \$7,200.00
Dave Dolezal made a motion to approve. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Reassessment 1188-32101-234 Contractual Prof. \$22,136.38
1188-32002-234 Tech Asst \$7,500.00
Dave Dolezal moved to approve. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Probation 2102-44100-246 Furniture & Equip \$3,672.00
2102-44000-246 Computer H/S \$5,632.12
Dave Dolezal moved to approve with a second coming from Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 11:05 A.M. recessed from day to day until the 22nd day of December, 2014.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor