

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD November 8<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Comes now the hour of 8:30am. on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021 in the Commissioners Room 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  
Anita Hess, Vice President  
Dave Dolezal, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator  
Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney  
KPC Reporter

Gary Leatherman, Commissioner President, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:40am.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- IDEM- SEI Manufacturing Inc – construction permit
- IDEM- Colwell – Permit Modification
- IDEM- Town of Albion – Wastewater treatment plant construction
- AECOM – operating permit application – Parker Hannifin
- Clerk – August Monthly report for Odyssey and CSI
- Clerk – September Monthly report for Odyssey and CSI

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

Claims dated November 8, 2021 were reviewed by the commissioners. Mr. Dolezal questioned the \$729,000.00 claim to Motorola. Max Weber, Noble County Sheriff, explained that this was the payoff for the Spillman System that was discussed earlier. With that information, Dave Dolezal moved to approve the 11-page report totaling \$1,858,808.15. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**PAYROLL**

Payroll dated 11/04/2021 was reviewed and approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The 4-page report totaled \$438,282.67.

**CONTRACT RENEWAL – WE CARE**

Jackie had received a contract renewal with We Care for the in-house clinic. Her signature was required and she is bringing the contract before the commissioners for their review and permission to sign the contract. After review by the county attorney and commissioners, Anita Hess moved to allow Jackie to sign the contract on behalf of County. Dave Dolezal seconded and motion carried 3-0.

**PARKVIEW EMS BUILDING**

Jackie had received an e-mail from Gary Lane, Operational Property Manager for Parkview concerning wall repair at the EMS building (owned by Noble County) on Sawyer Road. In the Parkview EMS agreement, it states that the first \$1,000.00 of repair work would be paid by Parkview and the balance of the cost would be that of Noble County's. Gary will call and speak with Mr. Lane to determine if it might be necessary to get a second quote. Gary reported today that he had spoken with Mr. Lane and decided to proceed with the repair work and it will be at a cost of \$1,615.00 to be paid to Parkview once an invoice is received. This will be taken from the Cum Courthouse fund.

**HIGHWAY**

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, had the following construction update for the commissioners:

- Driveway variance – Richard is asking for a driveway variance for Slone’s on 415 N. The drive is about 75 ft short on sight distance. Anita Hess moved to approve the variance with a second coming from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- The crews continue with brush cutting in the middle townships.
- Culvert work continues in preparation for spring construction.

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

- LPA Call for Projects – Zack will be submitting 3 projects for this period and is wanted Letters of Financial Commitment signed by the Commissioners.
  1. Bridge 59 – at a cost of \$3,200,000.00 with the county obligation being \$640,000.00 this letter was signed with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
  2. Riley Road /Appleman Rd intersection – this project is projected to cost \$2,285,125 with the county to pay \$457,025.00. Motion to sign this letter was made by Dave Dolezal and seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
  3. Baseline Road from 600 E to Old State Road 3 – this is a big project costing \$11,350,625.00 with the county cost to be \$2,270,125.00. Motion to sign the letter came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- Highway Annual Bids- the request for annual bids is currently out for advertisement and will be opened at the December 13, 2021 commissioners meeting.
- Zack received word that the county had been awarded \$500,000.00 for the HMA -02 project. Zack reported that HMA 01-2022 will open in January and he will be submitting Bridge 73 for that project.
- 400 N – Zack reported that the Condemnation paperwork was ready to proceed. Dennis Graft then reported that he had the paperwork served by Sheriff and that there was a “contract buyer” living at this residence. Upon searching the tax system, Jackie reported that no “contract” had been recorded for this property. Dennis and Zack will discuss the next step in this process.
- 400 N LPA Voucher – an LPA voucher for Right of Way Services was approved in the amount of \$10,803.30 with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0
- Bridge 136 – LPA Voucher- LPA vouchers were also received for Bridge 136. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the LPA voucher for Right of Way Services in the amount of \$464.00 and one for preliminary engineering in the amount of \$32,096.40. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Baseline Road – Zack reported that paving of the Baseline Road/ 600 E project had begun this morning.
- Bridge 69 – an LPA voucher had been received for this project as well in the amount of \$783.04 for preliminary engineering. Motion to approve this voucher came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0
- Old State Road 3 – FMIS has been submitted – Zack is currently waiting on IDOT for their approval.
- Little Long & Round Lake – Zack reported that they are looking at using local appraising firms for this project. He indicated that there would be a right of way supplemental contract soon.
- Zack reported that he had talked with the town manager concerning their request for sidewalk improvement on county owned right of way in the Avilla area. Zack indicated that this project was considerably more than the budgeted allotment for the ADA projects we fund and is now in the hands of the town of Avilla to pursue.

#### ANNEX

Zack Smith, Project Manager, has the following New Annex update for the commissioners:

- Minutes were provided for review of the last meeting with Weigand and StructurePoint.
- Zack has an artwork contract – Dennis Graft, County Attorney, indicated that he would like to see this contract be more specific in content. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the signing of the contract pending more specific wording. Anita Hess seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.
- PCO -36 – this is dealing with additional shades and blocking to be added in the amount of \$11,109.59. Motion to approve this added cost came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

- Zack reported that samples for finishes have now been received and suggested a meeting to review.
- As far as construction goes, the windows are in and most of exterior concrete is complete. Zack is reporting that the company is in hopes to have the roads back open by Thanksgiving.
- Generator- the generator is still not here at our location. Issues with supply chains are affecting the delivery of the generator. Zack is working with Weigand to explore options to this issue.
- Courthouse Renovation – American StructurePoint will be on location on 11/22/2021 in the afternoon for a walk through of the courthouse with the commissioners.

#### ASSESSOR

Ben Castle, Noble County Assessor, is coming before the commissioners to request a waiver of the 10% reduction in pay for a new full-time employee. Bria Erwin has worked for several years in the Assessor's office and has her Level I certification. With the resignation of one of the full-time employees in that office, she will be moving to the full-time position with all the experience to do so. Dave Dolezal moved to waive that 10% reduction. Anita Hess seconded and motion carries 3-0.

#### GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Proposals were taken for the grant administrator for the ARC grant for People with disabilities. Two proposals were received – one from Region 3-A in the amount of \$5,000.00 and the other from North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council in the amount of \$7,000.00. Motion was made by Dave Dolezal to approve Region 3-A in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be the grant administrator for this grant.

#### CVB

The Convention and Visitor's Bureau was on the agenda but Jackie was notified on Friday that the Director was no longer with the CVB and would not be here today.

#### INSURANCE DISCUSSION

Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, and Tonya Jones, Noble County Auditor, had met with Cheryl Lee from Gibson as well as Julie Imel from Unified, last week and discussed the renewal of the health insurance. Jackie had the following changes to the policy that would state with Unified for another year:

- We will be going with the second option of Tokio Marine with 3 lasers members
- We will change from \$60,000.00 stop loss to \$70,000.00 stop loss with the aggregate being the same \$70,000.00.
- There will be no change to employee premiums, however, Jackie discussed possibly a premium increase for those who choose not to use the clinic. Their health care costs are costing the county considerably more and it seems only fair that their premiums would be more. Jackie is waiting on some cost comparisons to prove this point and will share with the employees at the open enrollment meetings if the commissioners are in agreement. Jackie also reported that a Medicare meeting will be held on November 17, 2021 at the Weber Road conference room and Open enrollment will be on November 30, and December 1, 2021.
- The county will be moving from the RX Help Center to SHARZ for specialty medications as well as higher cost drugs over the \$350.00 threshold.

#### MOVING OF THE CARES MONEY

Jackie has provided a listing of sheriff's deputies that were paid in 2020 for Covid days as well as overtime and salaries during the 2020. The balance of the CARES act money will be moved to General fund to cover those expenses. The amount of the claim is \$712,492.31 and was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

#### RECESS

Move to South Complex Dekko Room from Solar Meeting at 1:30PM

#### SOLAR OVERLAY

The commissioners went back into session at the South Complex. Present were Gary Leatherman, Anita Hess, Dave Dolezal, Dennis Graft, George Bennett and Jackie Knafel. A list of others in attendance are enclosed.

The commissioners indicated that would be no time set aside for comments from the public and that this session was to review the changes within the ordinance.

- Page 1 – Anita Hess moved to replace “Transmission, substation or points of interconnection height shall be subject to review and included in the development plan Section 23” with “the eight of the transmission lines, substation or any point of interconnection shall be identified on the development plan, subject to Development Plan Committee review (section 23) and approved by the Commissioners” Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Page 2 – changes made in red were okayed by the commissioners
- Page 3 – Blue and red changes on this page were also approved as written
- Page 4 – the changes requested by the commissioners were made in red and suggested a 350 ft setback from the structure or 100 ft from the property line. There was a lot of discussion and in the end section B was taken out and the original 300 from the structure and 50 ft from the property line was put back in with a motion from Anita Hess and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- Page 4 section 19 electric wires - the statement of “approved by the County Commissioners” was added.
- Page 5 section 21 “and/or Landowner” was added
- Page 5 Bond- it was first suggested that the bond be 150% of the decommissioning cost and with a motion from Anita Hess and a second from Dave Dolezal was reduced to 125%. Motion carried 3-0
- Page 5 section 21 C. added “and/or landowner”
- Page 6 – red and blue sections were okayed by the commissioners
- Page 7 Definitions- The commissioners would like added that proof of liability insurance should be given annually and that Noble County would be names as an insured on the policy. This motion came from Anita Hess and was seconded by Dave Dolezal.
- Page 8 – in red “number of panels” was added to viii.

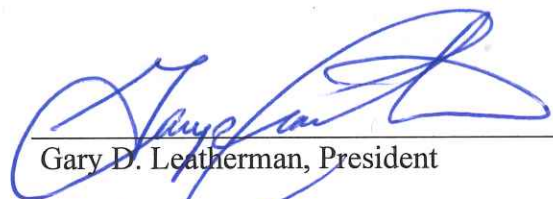
After the review and further discussion, Dave Dolezal moved to “reject the proposal” as presented by the plan commission and to send it back to the plan commission for review on November 17, 2021. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Solar issue may come back before the Noble County Commissioners if the Plan Commission Board chooses to return the ordinance on November 22, 2021 for one last review. This meeting will be held in the commissioner’s room at the Noble County Courthouse at 1:00PM

### ADJOURNMENT


This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 2:40PM recessed from day to day until November 22, 2021.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Nov., 2021

  
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Gary D. Leatherman, President

  
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Anita Hess, Vice President

  
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Dave Dolezal, Member

ATTESTED:   
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Tonya L. Jones, Auditor