

NOBLE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY April 4, 2022
1:00pm NOBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOBLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PRESENT:

Denise Lemmon
Bernie Lawson
Tom Janes
George Bennett
Doug Harp

ABSENT:

Jerry Jansen
Mary Wysong

ALSO, PRESENT:

Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney
Matt Getts, KPC Media
Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer

Denise Lemmon, Council President, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

- TIFF information Town of Avilla – notice of public hearing.
- There was a letter received from Jerry Jansen (who was not attendance at today's meeting) concerning the clawbacks for abatements and his opinion of what needed to happen to implement this policy. No decision was made on this topic today.

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 7, 2022 meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from George Bennett and a second from Bernie Lawson. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Denise Lemmon reported that the factoring committee had met and factored the full-time nurse's position. The salary committee must meet next and will do so prior to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Regional Development Ordinance that was proposed prior to this meeting was brought to the council for adoption. This will be to allow the council's membership in the Regional Development Authority. Motion to sign the ordinance came from Doug Harp. Tom Janes seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, had the following construction report for the council:

- The department is patching and grading at this time.
- They have started some culvert work as well.
- The road evaluation process has started.
- The new John Deere loader has arrived and there is a session set for how to operate the new loader.

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

- Zack reported to the council that – at the Council's recommendation – the commissioner passed the new Buggy Ordinance. Ordinance 2022-08 dated March 14, 2022 with an effective date of January 1, 2023
- The 2nd HMA projects for 2021 is still needing a "notice to proceed from the State.
- The HMA projects for 2022 have been sent in and Zack is awaiting notification of award.

- All nine of the LPA projects are going well with 400 N and Bridge 136 undergoing right of way purchases.
- New LPA projects. Three projects were submitted to INDOT. 2 of the 3 were awarded – those being the Riley Road at Appleman intersection and Bridge 59. The Old State Road 3 project was denied.

ANNEX

Zack Smith, Project Manager, the project is nearing completion, with just minor things that need addressed.

Zack reported that there has been a scheduling of the moving of departments with the courthouse and Weber Road to move in June, the prosecutor and public defender to move in August and the later in August the probation would move to the abandoned prosecutor's office.

Zack is working on signage for rooms and elevators etc. and hopes to plan a ribbon cutting ceremony for the first week of June.

The lobby area will be the final phase of work and Zack had samples of the historical map that will be the focal point of the lobby.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

American StructurePoint has submitted its Property Condition Assessment along with a cost estimate of renovation costs in the amount of \$3,937,483.

COLOR MASTER

Kyle Skaggs, owner of Color Master, was present to introduce himself and inform the council about the business. He thanked the Council members for allowing the abatement for his company at their last meeting. He reported that business was fantastic and the expansion was proof of that. He did refer to some issues with the complex on State Road 6 with sewer and water issues. He was unsure if the county would have any funding available to help improve this issue.

B & J MEDICAL ABATEMENT

Kerry Leitch, B & J Medical, is present to request an abatement on personal property. Kerry explained that a unit is in the facility and they are "test driving" it at this point. The equipment has not been purchased to date. This is a Lathe machine and Kerry indicated that B & J has purchased more of these Star Lathes than any other company in Indiana. The equipment is expected to be in operation in May of this year. The company recently has added 26 new employees and with this operation plans to hire an additional 11 employees. The abatement request is for \$6,801,082. Motion to approve the abatement came from Doug Harp. Bernie Lawson seconded and motion carried 5-0.

SUPERIOR I

Judge Steven Clouse was present to request that a new employee be allowed to start a couple of weeks prior to the retirement of one of his employees. This would be to allow some training to happen prior to the retirement. Judge Clouse has had to hire a new employee upon arrival and now his Court Reporter retired on March 31, 2022 and now his Court Bailiff will be retiring. The one remaining employee with experience has stepped into the reporter's job and is learning that process on her own and has little time to train the other 3 new employees. With older employees leaving who had a number of years' experience and longevity and the 10% reduction in pay for new employees in place it may not have much affect on the current budget. Tom Janes moved to approve the early start for the new employee. George Bennett seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

TRANSFER

Superior Court I is also requesting the following transfers:

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| • Decrease 1000-34200-038 general liability | \$1965.00 |
| • Decrease 1000-14702-038 pauper attorney | \$2000.00 |
| • Decrease 1000-36500-038 Equipment Repairs | \$1000.00 |
| • Decrease 1000-39102-038 Books & Publication | \$ 500.00 |
| • Increase 1000-31202-038 Physicians | \$5465.00 |

Motion to allow the transfer of appropriation came from Bernie Lawson and was seconded by Doug Harp. Motion carried 5-0.

SHERIFF

Max Weber, Noble County Sheriff, was present to answer any questions that the members may have had about the CCD Claims.

The following claims were allowed to be paid from the CCD fund with a motion from Doug Harp and a second from George Bennett. Motion carried 5-0.

• Equiparts	\$1401.80
• Commercial Filter Service	\$ 224.39
• Perkins Septic & Drain	\$ 500.00
• Loomis Bros	<u>\$ 305.00</u>
Total	\$2431.19

Max also informed the council that the bids for the roofing project at the jail were in and would be presented Monday the 11th to the commissioners.

There are 197 inmates at the jail at this time and the department has filled 3 positions. Max indicated that he may be losing one of his deputies to the State Fire Marshall department and then would have an open position for that job.

APPROPRIATION REDUCTION

The Noble County Probation office is requesting an appropriation reduction in the Community Corrections fund:

• Reduce 8170-18511-726 probation officer	\$32901.00
• Reduce 8170-12600-726 social security	\$ 2517.00
• Reduce 8170-18100-726 perf	\$ 3685.00
• Reduce 8170-22501-726 urinalysis supplies	\$ 2000.00
• Reduce 8170-37100-726 Rentals	\$10000.00

Bernie Lawson moved to approve the appropriation reductions. Tom Janes seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONALS

The probation department would like to reappropriation the above fund to the Community Correction – Pre Trial Grant fund:

• 8162-18511-769 Probation officer	\$32901.00
• 8162-12600-769 social security	\$ 2517.00
• 8162-18100-769 perf	\$ 3685.00
• 8162-22501-769 urinalysis supplies	\$ 2000.00
• 8162-37100-769 rentals	\$10000.00

Motion to approve the additional came from Doug Harp and was seconded by Bernie Lawson. Motion carried 5-0.

The Veterans Service Officer has experienced a substantial increase in the cost of Memorial Day supplies and is requesting an additional in 1000-38700-008 Memorial Day exp \$5000.00. Bernie Lawson moved to approve this additional. George Bennett seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, is requesting that some of the AARP money be appropriated so that expenses concerning the projects are paid. The commissioners have adopted their ARP ordinance and projects will begin.

The following appropriation are being requested:

• 8950-32101-937 Contractual prof	\$200000.00
• 8950-44302-937 Building Construction ren. Additions	\$500000.00
• 8950-45301-937 Sewer / Grinder system	\$300000.00
• 8950-45303-937 Sheriff Repair to Jail	\$900000.00

Motion to approve these additional came from Tom Janes. Doug Harp seconded and motion carried 5-0.

PLAN COMMISSION

George Bennett reported that Teresa Tackett and her department have gone through the current UDO and have a few changes that will need to occur. He praised this department in handling this job in house and advise the council that there may be needed an additional in the future to allow for the printing of a UDO document. Solar was one of the topics in review and its effect on other parts of the

UDO. George reported that Greenex remains in the area and he is aware of 3 other companies that are interested as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Noble County Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council being Monday May 2, 2022.

Dated this 26 day of May, 2022

Bernie Lawson
Bernie Lawson

absent in April
Jerry Jansen

Mary Wysong - Absent ADM
Mary Wysong

absent
Denise Lemmon

Tom Janes
Tom Janes

[Signature]
George Bennett

Doug Harp
Doug Harp

ATTEST: Tonya L Jones
Tonya L Jones, Noble County Auditor