

NOBLE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY July 5, 2022
1:00pm NOBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOBLE COUNTY NEW ANNEX

PRESENT:

Bernie Lawson
Jerry Jansen
Mary Wysong
Doug Harp
Tom Janes
George Bennett

ABSENT:

Denise Lemmon

ALSO PRESENT:

Gary Leatherman, Noble County Commissioners
Jackie Knafel, Noble County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, County Attorney
Matt Getts, KPC Media
Zack Smith Highway Engineer
Richard Rogers, Highway Supervisor

Jerry Jansen, Council Vice-President, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Town of Albion – Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from George Bennett and a second from Bernie Lawson. Motion carried 4-0 with Doug Harp and Mary Wysong abstaining due to being absent at the previous meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Jerry Jansen reported that the factoring committee had met and subsequently the salary committee met. The Building Department was allowed to make a part time inspector full time and thus a salary needed to be established for this position. Other inspecting position are set at \$44,614.00 and this amount seemed to be appropriate. George Bennett moved to set the wage at \$44,614.00 with the understanding that the building department would begin making incremental increase to the cost charged to the towns who use our services for building inspections. Tom Janes seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

The sheriff's department had come before the committee for the jail staff. With requirements and job demands increasing, Jail Commander Jennifer Cummins is asked for the jailer pay to go from \$40,163.00 to \$45,163.00 with corporal pay being \$2,000.00 above that and Sargent paying being \$3,000.00 more. Bernie Lawson moved to make that increase to their pay starting January 1, 2023. Doug Harp seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

The probation department had also come before the committee to increase the instructor and case manager's pay. Danyel Wagner, Assistance Chief Probation Officer, indicated that these positions are paying less than what the support staff in their office makes and these positions work directly with offenders. George Bennett moved to increase both positions to \$39,117.00 which is the base pay for staff in the probation department. Doug Harp seconded and the motion carried 6-0. The council will speak further with the probation department at budget time as this increase will be dependent of the funding through grants be available.

HIGHWAY

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

- The department has just completed 7 miles of chip seal and have 63 more miles to go.
- Brush spraying continues and the department is working with Noble REMC to accomplish this project
- Richard reported that the department is 75% done with the first round of mowing.
- Safety classes continue as the department gets into the full swing of the construction season.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, has the following engineering business to bring before the council:

- Zack has a Letter of Financial Support for the council to sign for the 2022 HMA-2 overlay projects. Motion to sign the letter came from Doug Harp and was seconded by George Bennett. Motion carried 6-0.
- LPA Projects - Zack currently has 11 LPA projects he is working on. These have different years of completion and are all progressing on schedule.
- Gas prices continue to be a topic of conversation and how this will affect the upcoming budgets.

ANNEX

Zack reported that all is going well with the new building. Issues are being addressed as they surface. The next wave of furniture is expected the week of July 25, 2022 with the Prosecutor and Public defender to be in the next move August 12, 2022 and the South Complex department to come the end of August.

COURTHOUSE

Zack had a final walk-through of the courthouse with American StructurePoint last week. A draft copy of the design will then be delivered for departmental discussions to begin.

SHERIFF

Brian Walker, Chief Deputy, was present along with Bill Anders, President of the Merit Board, to discuss the police pension for 2023 with the council.

- There are three choices when it comes to police pension. There is an accelerated funding contribution which is estimated to cost \$341,049.00 for 2023, a recommended county contribution of \$327,258.00 and a minimum contribution of \$321,982.00. The merit board is recommending that the council continue to pay the recommended amount for 2023 and with that Tom Janes moved to go with the recommended amount of police pension in the amount of \$327,258.00. Mary Wysong seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0 with Doug Harp and Bernie Lawson abstaining as they as recipients of the police pension.
- Brian reported that the department is responding to the higher gas prices in the department by discouraging off duty travel and if they do, they are paying for the gas themselves. Deputies are understanding of the issue and are responding well.
- There were 2 sets of CCD claims that Brian explained were for continued maintenance at the jail. Equiparts was in the amount of \$301.57 and Hossinger Refrigeration was in at \$1,699.97. Doug Harp moved to pay the claims from the CCD fund. Bernie Lawson seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFER

Noble County 911 is requesting a transfer of funds. They are asking to decrease 1000-13301-045 education & training by \$3,000.00 and increase 1000-21100-045 office supplies by that same amount. Motion to approve the transfer came from Mary Wysong. Doug Harp seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONALS

The following additional were reviewed one by one and approved with a motion from Doug Harp and a second from Bernie Lawson. Motion carried 6-0:

- CREDIT

1112-47816-312	LANDFILL	\$50,000.00
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- ARP

8950-45303-937	SHERIFF ROOF REPAIR	\$750,000.00
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- CRISIS COAG

9195-17207-939	PERM PART TIME	\$23,520.00
9195-12600-939	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$1,800.00

- PROBLEM SOLVING GRANT
 - 8171-22501-771 URINALYSIS \$5,096.00
 - 8171-39103-771 EDUCATION & TRAINING \$2,904.00
- GENERAL SUPERIOR I
 - 1000-31202-039 PHYSICIANS \$600.00
 - SHERIFF
 - 1000-22300-007 GAS OIL LUBE \$100,000.00
- HEALTH
 - 1159-11164-208 CERIFIED MEDICAL ASST \$12,500.00

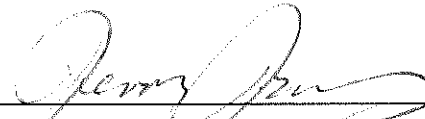
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Noble County Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2;30 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council being Monday August 1, 2022

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2022



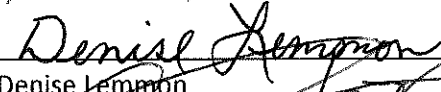
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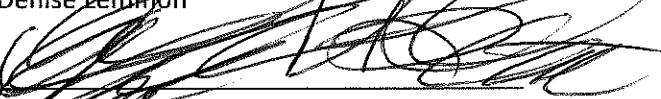
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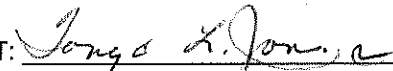
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ATTEST: 

 Tonya L Jones, Noble County Auditor