

**NOBLE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
~~TUESDAY~~ <sup>MONDAY</sup> August 1, 2022  
**1:00pm NOBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**NOBLE COUNTY NEW ANNEX**

**PRESENT:**

Bernie Lawson  
Jerry Jansen  
Tom Janes  
George Bennett  
Denise Lemmon  
Mary Wysong

**ABSENT:**

Doug Harp

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Denise Lemmon advised the other members of the AIC Conference coming up in September. Council members should let Jackie know if they are planning to attend.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from George Bennett and a second from Mary Wysong. Motion carried 5-0 with Denise Lemmon abstaining due to not attending the last meeting.

**APPOINTMENT**

The Noble County Assessor is requesting that Trey Forbes be reappointed to sit on the PTABOA board for the remainder of the year. Motion to appoint Trey Forbes came from Jerry Jansen and was seconded by Tom Janes. Motion carried 6-0.

**ATTORNEY CONTRACT**

A two year contract was reviewed for County Attorney Dennis Graft. This will be in effect January 1, 2023 and end December 31, 2024. Motion to approve the contract came from Bernie Lawson and was seconded by Mary Wysong. Motion carried 6-0.

**HIGHWAY**

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, reported the following construction update:

- The department is about 50% done with the chip and seal project for this season.
- Richard reported that the second round of mowing is about half done as well

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

- Zack submitted the community crossing project information shortly after the last meeting
- 400 N and Bridge 136 are on schedule for a 2023 build.
- All of the other LPA projects are moving along and are on schedule for the projected build dates

**ANNEX BUILDING**

Zack Smith, Project Manager, discussed the new annex and is predicting that this project will be closed by the end of the year. He reported the following update:

- Last week the rest of the furniture was delivered and set up. There were a few pieces missing and the company is working to track those pieces down.
- Some of the lobby furniture was damaged in shipping so that will be delivered at a later date.
- The prosecutors office and public defenders office will be moving to the annex on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> with the south complex offices coming on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The lobby etchings are almost complete and will be delivered upon completion.

#### COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

Zack is the coordinator for this project as well and is reporting that he has met with all departments at the courthouse and feels that American StructurePoint has a good understanding of what is needed for those departments. They are currently working on a draft design that will be presented to the departments for review.

#### PROBATION

Stacey Beam, Chief Probation Officer, is coming before the council to request that the raises that were approved for the Case Manager and Instructor start immediately instead of waiting until January 1, 2022. Now she is wanting go back to June 3, 2022 when the two were put into that position. This will be paid from user fees. Jerry Jansen moved to allow the raise to begin June 3. Tom Janes seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Stacey is also wanting to pay a new probation office more than the scheduled state rate because he has been an employee for the county in another capacity. After some discussion, the council decided to stick with the prescribed state schedule and denied the increase. Jerry Jansen moved to pay Blake at the state rate. Bernie Lawson seconded and the motion carried 5-1.

#### SHERIFF

Max Weber, Noble County Sheriff, was present and reported 241 inmates at the jail this morning. Some were moving to DOC today. He also reported that the department remains 6 jailers down and are actively working to hire more jailers.

The CCD claims that he is requesting are for maintenance at the jail. There is a claim for Tri County Water in the amount of \$575.00 and one for Equiparts for \$480.64. These claims were allowed for payment from the CCD Fund with a motion from Jerry Jansen and a second from Mary Wysong. Motion carried 6-0.

#### ADDITIONALS

There were two additional needing approval. One from Circuit Court for physicians in the amount of \$3,000.00 and the other from Superior Court II for physicians in the amount of \$1,500.00. Both were approved with a motion from Bernie Lawson and a second from Tom Janes. Motion carried 6-0

#### TRANSFER

The Building Department is transferring the following money to pay for the full time additional inspector:

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| • Decrease 1000-13700-028 Part time                | \$500.00    |
| • Decrease 1000-13301-028 education & training     | \$500.00    |
| • Decrease 1000-21200-028 official records & books | \$400.00    |
| • Decrease 1000-22300-028 garage & other           | \$500.00    |
| • Decrease 1000-47819-028 unsafe housing           | \$7,000.00  |
| • Decrease 1000-15601-028 perm part time           | \$10,000.00 |

And increase 1000-12401-028 asst inspector	\$18,900.00
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These transfer were done with a motion from Bernie Lawson and a second from Jerry Jansen. Motion carried 6-0.

#### BUDGETS

Jackie handed out the books for the 2023 budget hearings that will begin on Monday August 15, 2022.

#### 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 15, 2022

Dated this 6 day of September, 2022

Bernie Lawson  
Bernie Lawson

Jerry Jansen  
Jerry Jansen

Mary Wysong  
Mary Wysong

Denise Lemmon  
Denise Lemmon

Tom Janes  
Tom Janes

George Bennett  
George Bennett

ABSTAIN  
Doug Harp

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