

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD January 28<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Comes now the hour of 8:30am. on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019, 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  
Justin Stump, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator  
Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney  
Matt Getts, KPC Media  
Max Weber, Noble County Sheriff  
Brad Rollins, Maintenance at the jail  
Marvin Rodenbeck  
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer  
Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent.  
Jason Pippenger, Septic System Environmentalist

Gary Leatherman, President of the Noble County Commissioners opened the meeting at approximately 8:35AM.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

Brad Rollins, Maintenance, and Max Weber, Noble County Sheriff, were present to discuss a rebate program from AEP for the switching of bulb to LED. This has been an ongoing maintenance program in switching out the bulbs when needed to LED. Brad reported that the department could get rebates of up to \$4.00 a bulb and as well as utility savings that LED bulbs prove to allow. AEP representatives were supposed to come today as well, but weather prevented that from happening. The commissioners were all in favor of transiting to LED and signing up for this program. Brad will bring in paperwork for the commissioners to sign once it is received.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

Max also had the interlocal agreement for the Spillman system between Ligonier and Noble County for signature. The Ligonier City Council had signed the agreement and will be paying \$30,000 in 2018, \$40670.00 in 2019 and \$40,670.00 in 2020. Justin Stump made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Building Department Annual Report
- IDEM – Jeld Wen Air Quality Permit
- IDEM – Landfill – Groundwater Statistical Evaluation Report
- Wilcox's response to the IDEM landfill evaluation.
- IDEM Ashley Industrial Molding – Notice of public hearing

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Anita Hess. Justin Stump seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**PAYROLL**

Payroll for the time period of 12/21/18 through 01/03/19 and dated 01/17/19 was reviewed. The report contained 6 pages and totaled \$415,775.97. The payroll was approved with a motion from Anita Hess and a second from Justin Stump. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll for 01/04/19- 01/17/19 and dated 01/31/19 was also reviewed. This report contained 6 pages and totaled \$395,990.69 and was approved with a motion from Anita Hess and was seconded by Justin Stump. Motion carried 3-0.

## HIGHWAY

The highway led off with the opening of bids for the construction of Bridge 55. Two bids were received – one from Primco and the other from RL McCoy. Both bids were opened and Zack Smith read the total bids. Zack reminded the commissioners of the engineering estimate of \$675,715.00. Primco's bid was \$682,882.01 and RL McCoy's bid was \$786941.90. Anita Hess moved to accept all bids to be taken under advisement for further review. Justin Stump seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Construction Business – Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, was present to update the commissioners on the construction at the department:

- Richard submitted two utility permits – one for Frontier and the other for Mediacom
- Richard has a driveway variance to bring before the commissioners. This was a 2<sup>nd</sup> drive on the Moore property on Mapes Road and was about 75 feet short in sight distance. Richard reported that this was a low volume road and had no issues with the variance being approved. Anita Hess moved to approve the variance with a second coming from Justin Stump. Motion carried 3-0.
- Richard reported that all the equipment was in good working order and that the department was ready for the upcoming VERY cold weather and snow.
- Engineering Business – on the Engineering side of business, Zack reported the following:
  - Zack report that he had presented his LPA project to INDOT on January 15, 2019. He thought that the presentation went very well and is hoping to know whether or not it will be awarded by March.
  - Community Crossing – The application has been submitted and now resubmitted with an added requirement from the state. This has now been accepted with notification sometime in the future,
  - Bridge Inspection – Zack had a LPA voucher for this project which was signed with a motion from Anita Hess and a second from Justin Stump. Motion carried 3-0.
  - Baseline Road – This project continues to run smoothly and ahead of schedule. Zack presented an LPA voucher for preliminary engineering for signature. Justin Stump moved to sign this with Anita Hess seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
  - County Road 400 N – there was no update on this project and Zack reminded the commissioners that this project is a shared project with Albion and within the interlocal agreement Albion would only be invoiced once a year for costs.
  - Bridge 77 – this is currently under construction and crews continue to work on the project even through the cold weather.
  - We still have not received the reimbursement from INDOT for the repairs to 600 N.
  - Zack presented the commissioners with a sign request for 275 E. Zack reported that Richard had been to the location and sees no reason why the sign cannot be placed. Richard reported that the location does not impair any other signage in the area. Justin Stump moved to approve the request. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
  - When Spring arrives, Zack reported that sub division work would begin and that will be the focus of the construction season.
  - The department also reported that there was a verbal commitment made by a new operator and the start date had not yet been decided.

## RECESS

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Jason Pippenger, Septic System Inspector, was present asking the commissioners to amend the on-site sewage disposal ordinance to include provisions for Aerobic Treatment Units where applicable. The department would also like to increase the cost of the permits from \$25.00 to \$50.00 stating that even the \$50.00 costs was well below surrounding counties. After some discussion, the commissioners gave their permission to advertise the amended ordinance. A motion came from Anita Hess to advertise the public hearing. Justin Stump seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## COURT CLAIMS

Court Claims were reviewed. The 5-page report totaling \$109,941.40 was approved with a motion from Anita Hess and a second from Justin Stump. Motion carried 3-0

## REGULAR CLAIMS

Regular claims report was also review and approved with a motion from Anita Hess and a second from Justin Stump. Motion carried 3-0. This report was 11 pages long and totaled \$175,499.20.

**DELBERT SMITH**

Delbert Smith came before the commissioners with question about various issues:

- His first concern was that of the 4-H grounds west of Albion. Black Pine Animal Sanctuary would like for the county to give them the 18 acres that they currently lease. Mr. Smith does not believe that the county should be simply "giving away" property. There has recently been an agreement between the 4-H board and Black pine concerning a building at the property that is currently shared. Gary Leatherman assured Mr. Smith that there had been NO decision on the land itself and many factors would need to be worked out prior to any land transfers.
- Mr. Smith also had concerns about how county vehicles are being disposed of. Gary explained that various means of advertisements are used if the vehicle is not simply traded at the time of purchasing of new vehicles. The highway department has had auctions as well as sealed bid auctions. The sheriff's department does some on Craig's list for bids. Gary suggested that the county website is a good reference points as well as newspapers and various lists on the internet.
- The last issue was that of security not allowing people to bring their cell phones into the building. He cited that the employees are allowed to do that and that statistics show that a lot of workplace violence is by employees. Gary explained that security was put in place by the judges and it was at their order that NO cell phones would be allowed. It is currently amazing what can be concealed by a cell phone and that precautions were in place for the safety of all employee and visitors. Mr. Smith thanked the commissioners for their time and for listening to his concerns.

**EMA DIRECTOR**

Mick Newton, EMA Director was present for the following issues:

- Mick had the proclamation for the recent travel advisory for signature. Justin Stump moved to sign the document. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Mick reported that he was monitoring the upcoming weather and was asking communities to report warming shelters so that people could get to help if needed with temperatures expected to be -20+ and wind chills much lower than that.
- Mick also had the Public Safety request for Noble County Comprehensive Emergency Management plan for signature. Justin Stump moved to sign this document with a second coming from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

There was damaged sidewalk in the area where the county recently bought 3 houses that is in need of repair. The commissioners would like to approach the Town of Albion for their 50/50 sidewalk grant and have put Tim Lock in charge of getting this taken care of.


**ADJOURNMENT**

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 10:35AM recessed from day to day until February 11, 2019.

Dated this 11<sup>TH</sup> day of FEB, 2019

  
Gary D. Leatherman, President

  
Anita Hess, Vice President

  
Justin Stump, Member