

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD October 22, 2018 at 8:30AM**

Comes now the hour of 8:30am. on the 22nd day of October, 2018, in the Commissioners Court 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
Dave Dolezal, Vice President
Anita Hess, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney
Matt Gets, KPC Media
Doug Keenan, Purdue Extension

Gary Leatherman, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30AM.

PROCLAMATION

Doug Keenan, Purdue Extension Agent, was present to request that October 21 – 27, 2018 be designated as Noble County 4-H week. Motion to sign the proclamation was made by Anita Hess and was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Nicole Noe, Deputy Auditor, was present to review the regular claims. The claims report contained 11 pages and totaled \$709,130.50, Motion to approve the claims came from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Plan Commission - Applegate sub division
- Plan Commission - DeBolt sub division
- Treasurer's Report – Month of September – duly entered
- Pyramid radio and dispatch systems - Correspondence

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.

PAYROLL

Payroll for 10/25/18 was reviewed. The report containing 6 pages and totaling \$389,782.94 was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, had received an e-mail from Tri Kappa concerning decorating the gazebo and adding decorations to the South Complex area. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the decorating at both locations. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Jackie will notify Nancy Jacob of the approval via e-mail. Done 10/22/18 @ 1:45PM

QUIT CLAIM DEED

The Noble County Commissioners quit claimed a Sand Point Addition to High Lake Lot 7 to Northwind Properties LLC. This was a tax property for a number of years and went to the Noble County Commissioners. The deed was signed today after approval being granted at the previous commissioners meeting.

FIRE ALARM INSPECTIONS

Johnson Controls (Tyco SimplexGrinwell) had contacted Tim Lock concerning fire alarm inspections and service agreements for the Courthouse, South Complex and Prosecutor's office. The contracts were reviewed and approved with a motion from Anita Hess and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, had the following information to share with the commissioners:

- Utility Permits – Utility Permits were received from United Telephone, Zayo, Lightel
- Richard had a request for a variance for a 3rd drive on 350 W owned by Yoder. There were no issues according to the highway department and with that Dave Dolezal moved to approve the variance. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Ditching and Berming is continuing
- Pulver Asphalt is continuing the HMA project at sub divisions
- The sidewalk project in LaOtto is nearing on Wednesday
- Concrete crushing dump site with Wysongs is being negotiated – Zack will prepare an interlocal agreement to complete the process. The cost of the crushing came in at \$29,500.00. Dave Dolezal moved to proceed with the process with a second coming from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, had the following engineering business to bring before the commissioners:

- Zack discussed the purchase of a recharging unit for the air conditioners. This would be a purchase of over \$5,000.00 and was approved with a motion from Anita Hess. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Zack also discussed the purchase of tires for the dump truck. They discussed the purchasing of a higher quality tire which comes with a higher cost. The cost would be in the area of \$13,481.00 from Best One Tire. Anita Hess moved to purchase the better-quality tire. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Call for Projects – Zack reported that Bridge 134 has been submitted to the state for consideration with awarding to be done in February or March.
- Community Crossing – Zack is expecting an announcement soon on this project.
- Bridge Inspection - the contract has been submitted to INDOT for approval.
- Bridge 147 – Zack presented the commissioners with a LPA voucher for signature. Zack reported that the project detour in Lagonier was a brick road. The county paved it in order to preserve the brick. They have now been notified that this paving will need to be removed after the project is complete due to the historical value of the brick street. Dave Dolezal moved to sign the LPA voucher for DLZ for preliminary engineering. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 136 – this is still in Stage One Design
- Baseline Road – This project also had a LPA Voucher to sign. Motion to sign the preliminary engineering voucher for Lawson Fisher was made by Dave Dolezal and seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- 400 N project – Zack reported that the “notice to proceed” had been received from the state.
- Bridge 77 – this project was awarded to Primco and there was an agreement concerning performance bond payment and insurance agreement to sign. Dave Dolezal moved to sign the agreement and it was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 55 – Zack reported still working with the DNR or the acquisition of Right of Way.
- Loon Lake Culvert Replacement – this project was completed in house with contractor help in the dewatering issue.
- 2018 HMA Overlay Project – Zack is continuing to tract all invoices for this project.
- Fuel Pumps – there was a delay in the delivery of the fuel pumps and it is now scheduled for the 1st or 2nd week of November.
- The 325 E issues is scheduled for a full appraisal and then the department will begin working with the landowners.
- With the US 6 bridge replacement project done – Zack has completed the damage estimates for the local detour and those estimates have been submitted to the state and have been accepted.
- The ordinance for the regulation of speed on in Allen Township on 300 N between St Rd 3 and 1000 E to 45 MPH was read and approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- The commissioners reviewed the ordinance for the speed reduction on 650 N as well and okayed it for advertising with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0

- The commissioners also reviewed the speed on 750 W and based on the study and reporting from the Highway department decided to post additional signage and notify law enforcement of the time span when a lot of speeding in the area was indicated.
- The Diamond lake project has finally been resolved and the easement work was finally completed by the Surveyor. Zack has also secured an easement agreement between the owners and the county. The highway has the boring scheduled for Thursday and Friday. Anita Hess made the motion to sign the agreement with a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- Zack also presented pick up quotes that he had secured from Max Platt Ford Lincoln, Burnsworth Zollars and Shephards. They were as follows:
 1. Max Platt Ford F350 \$37592.25
 2. Burnsworth Zollars \$38783.60
 3. Shepherd Tahoe \$39849.80
 Anita Hess move to go with the commercial package for the Tahoe in the amount of \$39849.80. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Zack had been approached by the Town of Albion requesting permission to put a sign in the county right of way. The first location was at the entrance to Chain O Lakes State Park and was denied by the state. This is a location on 75 S and was okayed with a motion from Anita Hess and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

ASSESSOR BID OPENING

Kim Carson, Noble County Assessor. is present to open bids for trending. Only one bid from LEXJUR has been received. Jennifer Bippus, a representative from LEXJUR is also present. Dennis Graft, County Attorney, had reviewed the contract and advised the commissioners that this was a standard state contract, but since it was for the calendar year 2019, he thought that the incoming Assessor should be involved in these decisions. Anita Hess moved to table this until 9:30AM at the November 13, 2018 meeting and invite Ben Castle to attend that meeting. Jackie will contact Ben with this information. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

HEP INMUNIZATIONS

Cheryl Munson, Noble County Health Nurse, was present and reported that the county has seen cases of Hepatitis A. The highest risks for this is incarcerated, homosexual men and drug users but it spreads and then affects innocent people. This is a 2 shot series and the cost is \$56.00 a shot. Cheryl would like to let county employees know that the vaccine is available at the Health Department.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Norm Lortie, Building Inspector, is present for the following unsafe housing issues. The Middleton property is supposedly in the process of transferring to a new owner. Norm reported that the courts have the petition.

The second case is the Colen case - this property has been taken back by the bank and Norm is working with a company out of Fort Wayne associated with Wilmington Finance. The house has been removed but the basement and a lot of debris is still there. Norm will continue to work with his contact out of Fort Wayne. Both the Middleton and Colen properties have been set for another review and update at 10:00AM on December 17, 2018 with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING - ANIMAL WELFARE

Kenneth Hughes, Plan Director, was present for the possible adoption of the animal welfare adoption. Many members from the Indiana Farm Bureau, Humane Shelter and Black Pine gathered to question, voice their opinions either for or against the ordinance. Many seemed to think that this was becoming too restricting and hindering the farmers and livestock operations. Many questions came up about administration of the ordinance and whether or not law enforcement officers would be able to handle the rash of calls and complaints that an ordinance of this type might create. Jerry Bauman, President of the Farm Bureau, indicated that state has laws and if the system "is not broken -- why fix it". Dennis Graft voice his disappointment that more of these people weren't given the opportunity to voice their thoughts and opinions in the planning stages of this ordinance and suggest that a publicized meeting be held in a large location and set aside at least 2 or 3 hours for discussion. After contact with the South Complex, a meeting will be held in the Dekko Room at the South Complex at 1:00 PM on Monday November 26, 2018 for further discussion.

SURPLUS TRANSFER

There was a request from Stephanie Leonhardt, Deputy Auditor, to transfer the tax sales surplus that was left in the fund for the past three years to the General fund per Indiana Statute. The amount of \$4,520.28 will be transferred with a motion from Anita Hess and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST FOR SIGNATURES

Tonya Jones, Noble County Auditor, had a request for the commissioners to sign a letter stating that Noble County unincorporated had no required license permits for child care centers here in Noble County. The prepared letter was signed by all three commissioners.

INSURANCE

Leslee Robinson and Jordan from Star Financial as well as Julie Imel from Unified were present to review 2018 to date and discuss the plans for 2019. After discussion about claims and current insurance plans and a complete review of packet provided Anita Hess moved to renew our Health Insurance with Star as TPA and Unified using Excess RE as our insurance carrier. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Both the HSA and the Traditional plans will remain the same as they were for 2018 as well as the \$60,000 stop loss with a \$70,000.00 aggregate in place.

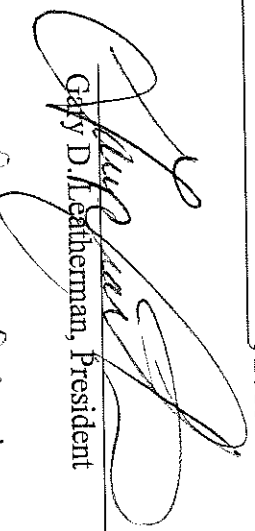
Anita Hess also moved to add the carve out premium for organ transplants to our program. Dave Dolezal seconded that motion. Motion carried 3-0.

And lastly, premiums were discussed and Anita Hess moved to keep the premium the same as well for 2019 with a second coming from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.


ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 3:40 PM recessed from day to day until November 13, 2018.


Dated this 13TH day of Nov, 2018



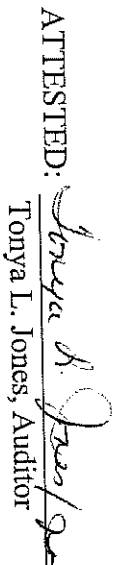
Gary D. Leatherman, President



David J. Dolezal, Vice President



Anita Hess, Member

ATTESTED: 

Tonya L. Jones, Auditor