

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD December 12, 2022**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 am. on the 12th day of December, 2022 in the Commissioners Room in the Noble County Annex building, 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
Gary Timmerman, Member

Also present were:

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

Gary Leatherman, Commissioner President, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30am.

CORRESPONDENCE

- SES Environmental – notice of scheduled sampling
- IDEM – south complex sanitary sewer extention.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from Anita Hess and a second from Gary Timmerman. Motion carries 3-0.

CLAIMS

The commissioners reviewed claims dated 12/12/2022. This was a 13-page report totaling \$882733.15 which was approved with a motion from Anita Hess and a second from Gary Timmerman. Motion carried 3-0.

MISC CLAIMS

Misc claims were also reviewed and approved. This was a 4-page report that included a \$10,000,000.00 CD purchase. The total including the investment amount was \$10,501,091.78. Motion to approve these special claims was made by Anita Hess. Gary Timmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll date 12/01/2022 containing 4-pages and totaling \$468,384.29 was approved with a motion from Anita Hess. Gary Timmerman seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

FINDINGS & ORDERS

The findings and orders of the McKee case with the building department was signed as previously approved by the board.

HEALTH DEPT

Board appointments were requested for the Noble County Health Board. John Hayes and Brenda Patton will be leaving the board so there is a need to replace them. They are recommending Terry Gaff and Beatrice Lopez be appointed to the board. Anita Hess moved to appoint Terry Gaff and Beatrice Lopez to the Health Board as well as reappoint Michael Jones to the board for another 3 year term. Gary Timmerman seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer and Richard Rogers were present for the opening of the annual bids for 2023. They were as follows:

- 23-01 – CERES SOLUTIONS
- 23-02 – CERES SOLUTIONS

- 23-03-A - API CONSTRUCTION
BROOKS, AUBURN
NIBLOCK
PHEND & BROWN
PULVER ASPHALT
- 23-03-B API CONSTRUCTION
BROOKS, AUBURN
NIBLOCK
PHEND & BROWN
PULVER ASPHALT
- 23-03 B INSTALLED BY CONTRACTOR
API CONSTRUCTION
BROOKS, AUBURN
NIBLOCK
PAVEMENT SOLUTIONS
PHEND & BROWN
PULVER ASPHALT
- 23-04 GREAT LAKES
K-TECH SPECIALTY
- 23-05 TONS GALLONS LBS
ASPHALT MATERIALS
PAVEMENT SOLUTIONS
PIERCETON TRUCKING
ROADWAY BIOSEAL
REJUVTEC INC
- 23-06 BAILEY TRUCKING
BROOKS
CLIFFORD GRAVEL – LOCATIONS
HIXSON SAND
JACK OWEN
JASPER
NIBLOCK
STONESTREET
WOLF LAKE GRAVEL
BUTLER MILL – LOCATIONS
- 23-07 BAILEY TRUCKING
BRAD HULL TRUCKING
CLIFFORD GRAVEL – LOCATIONS
HIXSON SAND
IRVING
COLUMBIA CITY LEVY CO
- 23-08 BROOKS CONSTRUCTION
HIXSON SAND
IRVING GRAVEL – LOCATIONS
KEYSTONE AGGREGATES
KLINK TRUCKING
PULVER ASPHALT
- 23-09 CIVIL CON
DEBCO METAL
GATEWAY STEEL
HIXSON SAND
METAL CULVERTS
MIDWEST TILE
ST REGIS
- 23-10 A BAILEY TRUCKING
BROOKS CONSTRUCTION
CASKEY TRUCKING
CLIFFORD
GRIFFIS
JACK OWEN
JASPER TRUCKING

PULVER ASPHALT
SIEBER BROS

• 23-10 B PAVEMENT SOLUTIONS

All bids were accepted and Zack will review for completion of the bid package and report at the next meeting.

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, has the following construction information for the commissioners:

- Richard has a request for a driveway variance for Tony Gaerte on Baseline Rd. This is for a second drive. Motion to approve the variance came from Anita Hess. Gary Timmerman seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- Richard is requesting that the on call pay be raised for the highway employees from \$100.00 to \$120.00. Currently the employees use an "on-call" phone provided by the county. The phone is no longer usable and the extra pay will compensate the employee for use of their own phone for the on call week. Motion to approve this increase came from Anita Hess and was seconded by Gary Timmerman. Motion carried 3-0.
- Richard reported that Payment Solutions have completed the crack seal project for this year.
- The department is continuing patching, culvert, drainage and brush cutting as long as the weather holds out.
- Richard reported that there were still no applicants for the open positions. CDL certification was discussed as a possible reason for that. Zack and Richard have been discussing the possibility of in-house training through the LTAP organization and are still waiting on all of the information.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, had the following engineering report for the commissioners:

- CCMG – Zack reported that he has received the award letter for the \$600000.00 overlay project. Zack is requesting permission to advertise for bids for this project. Motion to advertise came from Anita Hess. Gary Timmerman seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- Zack has posted the Bridge inspection LOI request and the 5 received were:
 - BFS
 - SICA
 - USI
 - BLN
 - United.

These will be factored at the next commissioners meeting.

- 400 N - this project is ahead of schedule and will be out for letting in January.
- Bridge 136 – this project is on track for the February letting.
- Bridge 134 – Zack has an LPA voucher for this bridge project in the amount of \$5,780.00. This is approve with a motion from Gary Timmerman and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 69 – there was also an LPA voucher in the amount of \$615.80 for this bridge project. Motion to approve this voucher came from Anita Hess with Gary Timmerman seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Old State Road 3 also has an LPA voucher in the amount of \$3,844.00. This is for preliminary engineering and is approved with a motion from Anita Hess. Gary Timmerman is seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 69 – Notice to proceed has been received and the surveying has begun.
- LPA CALL FOR PROJECTS - Zack reported that he has submitted 3 projects - those being
 1. Baseline Rd from 600 E to 800 E
 2. safety project 100N at 50 W
 3. Bridge 61

Zack is hoping to hear in March whether or not these have been awarded.

- Little Long and Round Lake Pre con has been completed and the department is hoping for a February start.
- A letter has been received from INDOT concerning bridge replacement on US 33. INDOT is requesting a local detour using 400 S between US 33 and SR 109. Motion to sign the letter of consent was made by Anita Hess. Gary Timmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNEX

Zack Smith, Project Manager, reported that there are still a few punch list items that need taken care of such as furniture, lobby furniture, acoustic paneling. As far as the paneling the latest

quote is up considerably and Zack is now wondering if it is worth proceeding. Anita Hess moved to table this discussion and revisit the issue if needed. Gary Timmerman seconded and the motion carried 3-0. The water softener for the cold water will be installed some time in January. The last item is the divider in the conference room that needs repaired. This should be warranty work and because the company has now gone out of business, Weigand will pay for the this expense and employ another company to do the work.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

Zack Smith, Project Manager, reported on this project. Costs are up considerably and Zack is working with Weigand and American StructurePoint to get these costs down without giving up key components of the project. One cost saving option would be evacuating the courthouse during construction which would save around \$650,000.00 and cut the length of the construction time by about 4 months.

VACATION

James Gilbert from Noble Township is present to request a vacation of an alley between lots 9 and 12. They are wanting to build a pole barn and without this vacation the lot is not big enough. All property owners are in agreement with the proposal. Mr. Gilbert has proof of notification, proof of publication and title work for the commissioners. The property is located on Highpoint DR at Big Lake. Teresa Tackett has been involved with this process and is in agreement with the vacation. Gary Timmerman moved to approve the vacation. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Cherish Smith was on the agenda for a deobligation for funding and the quarterly report. She was ill and had gotten the information to Anita Hess for signature. Cherish is also wanting to use the excess dollars to replace overhead doors at the new location. Motion to approve sign the reports and approve the purchase of the overhead doors was made by Anita Hess and seconded by Gary Timmerman. Motion carried 3-0.

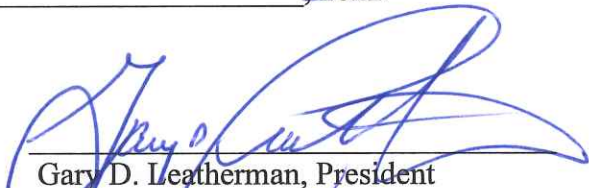
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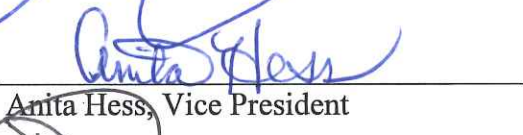
Anita Hess moved to accept the offer of \$2000.00 for the Greenwood Dr property owned by Noble County. Zuehsow properties have made an offer of \$2000.00 for Duvall Woodland Lot 44. Gary Timmerman seconded and the motion carried 3-0. Dennis Graft will prepare the deed.

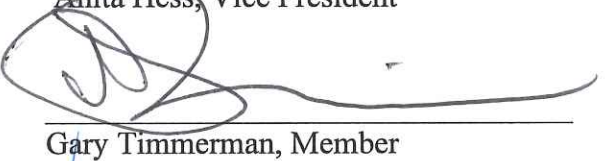
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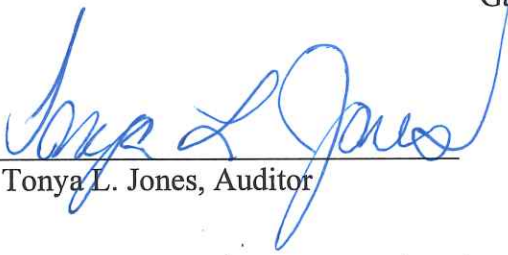
This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 11:00 AM recessed from day to day until December 19, 2022.

Dated this 9TH day of Jan, ~~2022~~ ²⁰²³


Gary D. Leatherman, President


Anita Hess, Vice President


Gary Timmerman, Member

ATTESTED: 
Tonya L. Jones, Auditor