

MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD DECEMBER 20, 2021

Comes now the hour of 8:30 a.m. on the 20TH day of December, 2021, 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

Dave Dolezal, Member

Absent: Anita Hess, Vice President

Also present were:

Shelley Mawhorter, Treasurer

Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney

Zach Smith, Highway Engineer

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent

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

OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Dave Dolezal makes a motion that we join the missing Opioid litigation settlement, Gary seconds, motion carries. Gary signs on behalf of the Commissioners and Dennis will make sure it is sent in.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Dave makes a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session of the Noble County Commissioners held on December 13, 2021 with no corrections, Gary seconds, motion carries.

CLAIM APPROVAL FOR DECEMBER 20, 2021

Dave makes a motion to approve the claims of December 20th, 2021 with no corrections or refusals, Gary seconds, motion carries.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Zach Smith

Richard Rogers

Richard states that just in general we continue to patch for the winter. Cut the brush and getting drainage ready for road repairs in 2022.

Zach states that all 3 of the projects were accepted (Riley Rd, Bridge 59 on 1100 W and Baseline Rd (a safety project for us). The Council is looking at the Wheel and Sur tax, this brings in a lot of money that allows us to support these Federal projects. Zach states that if we were given a large project from the Feds, we would really struggle without wheel tax/sur tax.

Highway annual bids, we have completed a review everyone was in ~~compliance~~ ^{compliance}. Zach would recommend an acceptance of all bids received. Dave makes motion to accept and Gary seconds, motion carries.

Community Crossings for 2021-2 will open up in January. We will still be good on our 4-month time line

Condemnation hearing, Denny states that we had our first hearing on the case last week. The people that alleged they were buying this on contract did appear. Clarks did not accept certified mail so we will serve by private processor. And this will go back to court in a couple of months. This is less than 1/2 an acre.

COMMUNITY CROSSING 2022 (Zach Smith)

This will open up in January. This is what we are looking at right now. We have a Bridge (73) project that we are going to fund this will be roughly around \$400,000-\$500,000 the remaining funds we will look at doing some overlays on the East side of the County. I will get all this together for the beginning of the year.

Bridge inspections, we have an amendment coming. This has been updated in the manual. We will have to make sure we are in ~~compliance~~.

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BZA APPOINTMENT

Teresa Tackett

Candidates for replacing Linda Gray.

We had 6, 3 actually interviewed. Jason Pippenger, Chelsea Carmien and Whitney Baierle, all 3 were very qualified. Probably the first 2 a little over the 3rd.

After some discussion Dave makes a motion to appoint Chelsea Carmien this will complete Linda Gray's seat. This will expire in 2024, Gary seconds. Motion carries.

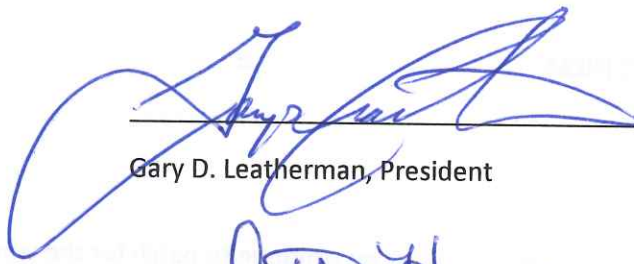
Letter of Support for Ligtel

- Dave makes motion to support Broadband, Gary seconds, motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT:

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m. recessed from day to day until January 10, 2022.

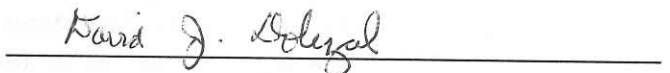
Dated this 20 day of December, 2021




Gary D. Leatherman, President



Anita Hess, Vice President



Dave Dolezal, Member

ATTESTED: 

Tonya L. Jones, Auditor