

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD March 11, 2019**

Comes now the hour of 8:30am. on the 11th day of March 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

Gary Leatherman, President of the Noble County Commissioners opened the meeting at approximately 8:30 AM.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Courthouse Security – monthly report
- Plan Commission – Notice to interested parties for a plat for Hochstetler on Steinbarger Lake
- Treasurer's report – monthly report

PAYROLL

Payroll dated 03/14/19 for the time period of 02/15/19 – 02/28/19 was reviewed by the commissioners. The 5-page report totaled \$412,286.64 and was approved with a motion from Justin Stump. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

REGULAR CLAIMS

Nicole Noe, deputy auditor, was present to review the 11-page claim report. The report totaled \$276,551.15. Anita Hess moved to approve the claims presented. Justin Stump seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

UTILITY CLAIMS

Utility claims were also presented for review. Anita Hess moved to approve the 2-page report totaling \$307,306.66. Justin Stump seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

VOTING LOCATIONS

Shelley Mawhorter, Noble County Clerk, is requesting commissioner's approval for city/town elections this year. Anita Hess moved to approve Stones Hill Community Church in Ligonier and Bridgeway Evangelical Church in Kendallville for the two sites. Justin Stump seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

KONE

Tim Lock is requesting that the proposal for testing for the chair lifts at the prosecutor's office be signed. Motion to sign the proposal came from Justin Stump and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0. Proposal was e-mailed to Cyndi.kegley@kone.com on 03/12/19.

PARKVIEW AGREEMENT

There was an amendment to the EMS contract. This was done to increase the amount of distribution beginning 4/01/19 from \$23,219.00 to \$28,403.92 per month for staffing of EMS units. Anita Hess moved to sign the agreement. Justin Stump seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. e-mailed a copy of the agreement to Gary Adkins 03/12/19 and gave a copy to Nicole Noe, financial deputy, for reference to the increased dollars to Parkview.

PROCLAMATION

Mick Newton, EMA director, is asking the commissioners to sign a proclamation to make March 17, 2019 through March 23, 2019 as Flood Safety Awareness Week. The proclamation was signed with a motion from Justin Stump. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF

Max Weber, Noble County Sheriff, was present for get the Spillman Interlocal agreement signed from the City of Kendallville. Motion to sign the agreement came from Justin Stump and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

LAWN MOWING

Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, talked with the commissioners about lawn mowing this year. Jackie had secured a quote for mowing this year from J & J Landscaping. The last two years the county only received one bid - that being from J & J Landscaping. Jackie was questioning whether we even need to take bids this year and advertise the bid process when it was well below the required bid cost. After review of the new quote, the commissioners approved J & J Landscaping for another year of mowing for the Sheriff's department and the South Complex. Motion came from Anita Hess and was seconded by Justin Stump. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, reported that the highway was continuing with winter maintenance of roads and with nicer weather approaching they will be starting on a large culvert project in Washington Township.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, was present to discuss the following updates with the commissioners:

- Zack has not heard back from Community Crossings grant as of yet but is expecting notice any day.
- Zack had a LPA voucher for Bridge 147. This project is complete and this is part of the closing of the project. Justin Stump moved to sign the voucher. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- CR 400 N – Zack also had a LPA voucher for this project. Anita Hess moved to sign this voucher. Justin Stump seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- The new 4-year cycle for Bridge Inspection starts in April.
- Bridge 136 – the phase I design is expected shortly and Zack reported that the environmental work needs to be done by the end of the year.
- Baseline Road - No Update
- Bridge 55 – Zack had the contract documents from Primco to sign. Anita Hess moved to sign the documents. Justin Stump seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 77 – Zack reported that this project is going very well. Primco is also the contractor on this bridge. Zack reported that there have been no issues to date with the building of this bridge.
- 1000E @SR 3 – road right of way – The south ½ of 1000E where it crosses SR 3 was left in an owner's name. After some discussion – the commissioners will order title work on the property.

NOBLE TRAILS

Terry Gaff from Noble Trails, is wanting to do an ordinance establish rules and regulation for trails in Noble County. An ordinance had been drafted and was reviewed. Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney, would like the Sheriff's department to review the ordinance prior to advertising and adoption and asked about the portion of the trails that went into a city or town. Justin Stump moved to table further action on this issue until all issues were addressed. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Terry also announced that there would be a 5K run/walk on the Fishing line trail on April 27, 2019.

TAX SALE PROPERTY

Steve Clouse, Stefen Wynn, Chris Magnuson and Vickie Jellison from the town of Albion were all present to indicate the towns interest in one of the county's tax sale properties located on York St. Toby Rice is also presented as a person interested in the property as well and is an adjoining property owner. The town has a sizable lien on the property and would like to take ownership in order to sell and recoup some of that expense. Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney, suggested that the town council determine if they want to proceed with the ownership process and if so then

the county would drop the possession case and wait until the next tax sale process. At that time the town will need to notify the Auditor's office of their interest in the property and then the commissioners would just be able to sign the tax certificate over to the town.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

After review of the request for \$1500.00 dues for the Mayors and Commissioners Caucus, the commissioners have decided not to pay the dues for lobbyists, etc. Justin Stump moved not to pay the dues to the commission. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ASSESSOR

Ben Castle, Noble County Assessor, is present to give the commissioners the final figure on the Midwest Presort Agreement for processing form 11's. The amount is \$12,466.41 and Justin Stump moved to allow Ben to sign the agreement with Midwest Presort. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PROBATION

Stacey Beam and Danyel Wagner, Chief and Asst. Chief Probation Officer, were both here to discuss the changes in the community corrections grant. Danyel had typed a summary of the 100 + page document for review. One requirement that is supposedly to come in the future is the need for the probation department to do pretrial risk assessments. This was concerning for everyone as it could require additional staff - or overtime - or both. Many questions are still unanswered at this time. After the review, Anita Hess moved to allow Stacey to sign the community corrections grant paperwork. Justin Stump seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

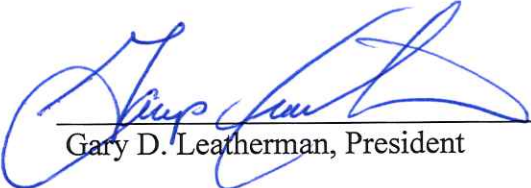
CEDIT

Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, was working on the 2020-2021 CEDIT PLAN and went over the projects with the commissioners. Jackie will continue to research some of the projects and bring back a draft copy for review.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 10:45AM recessed from day to day until January 28, 2019.

Dated this 25TH day of March, 2019




Gary D. Leatherman, President

ABSENT

Anita Hess, Vice President



Justin Stump, Member

ATTESTED: 

Tonya L. Jones, Auditor