

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD June 8, 2015**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the 8th day of June, 2015, 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  
David J. (Dave) Dolezal, Vice President  
Chad Kline, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L. Knafel, County Coordinator  
Dennis Graft, County Attorney  
and Bill Etzler, Engineering Resources  
Steve Garbacz - KPC Media  
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent  
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer  
Norm Lortie, Building Inspector

**LANDFILL**

Bill Etzler, Engineering Resources, and Derek Faulk, Wilcox Environmental were present to discuss landfill issues.

- Methane Results – Bill reported that the March and April readings are still high on GP1 however the good news is the probes installed across the road are good readings. This would indicate that methane is not leaving the landfill area. Bill said there was an issue with GP 27 – it is getting water in it and therefore the readings are not good readings. This issue is being resolved.
- In one of the past plans, Bill indicated that there was to be monitoring done at an adjacent residence. Bill spoke to the owner and he said that was never done. Dave Dolezal indicated that we were to do that if the levels were high for a period of time and those levels had gone down and therefore the monitoring was no longer necessary. Bill is continuing to look for the documentation to back that up.
- Gas inspection – A letter dated June 2, 2015 from IDEM was received acknowledging that a staff member conducted the gas inspection at the landfill. The letter also came with the recommendations for improvements such as Weep holes to casings, probe identification, valve replacement, replacing broken pads etc. Bill indicated that he would review the list and put a plan together to address these issues.
- Leachate management - Bill says that there is no visible traces of leachate and feels that this is due to our aggressive pumping. He says that doing leachate sampling 2 times a year should be sufficient from this point on.
- Post Closure - IDEM has sent an e-mail to county that outline process for post closure – a sort of guidance document – to get to post closure state which is the goal of the county.
- Statistical analyses – Bill has brought Derek Faulk from Wilcox Environmental to meet the commissioners and to answer questions that the commissioners might have concerning contracting with this company. Bill is recommending this company as he had indicated that there was some discrepancies in previous analysis. Bill told the commissioners that once we get 2 consecutive months of lower levels then we can contact the state to get permission to do testing on a semiannual bases.
- Chad Kline made a motion to approve Wilcox Environmental for groundwater sampling in the annual amount of \$14,960.00. This will be for 8 monitoring locations. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**HIGHWAY**

Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, reported the following construction updates:

- The county has been hauling asphalt as rain has delayed the berming progress.
- Mark reported good progress on the patching projects.
- Part time mowers started on May 18, 2015 and with all of the rain have been very busy.
- Gary Leatherman asked Mark to inspect a hole in the road on 75E south of the baseline road.

#### HIGHWAY ENGINEERING

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, came before the commissioners with the following information:

- Bridge 147 – Zack had a LPA voucher for the Pigeon Creek Bridge for signature. Chad Kline moved to approve the voucher with a second coming from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge Inspection is complete with a full inspection report expected in August.
- Bridge 134 information is up to date and read for a LPA project when they become available.
- The sign study as well as the safety manual are under development.
- Zack continues to work on a bridge plan/projects with 15 bridges in need of repair of which 8 of them are in immediate need of work. Zack thought that 2 or 3 of the bridges could maybe be done in house but all of the rest will be LPA projects.
- The Albion town west main street project was discussed and Zack had done extensive work on research for the project. The commissioners had written a letter of approval but there had never been a commitment of fund or an agreement to help fund this project. Zack gave the commissioner some figures for the construction that will be on county road portion of this project but feels that we should not obligate ourselves on any of the project that lies within the town of Albion. Zack is planning to attend the Albion Town Council meeting as well as Chad Kline will be in attendance.
- Speed flashers are now at Skinner Lake as requested.

#### UNSAFE BUILDING

Norm Lortie came before the commissioners to report on the Sanchez property. Norm has spoken with the owner and ownership has transferred. Norm told the commissioner that the new owner has obtained a building permit to improve the property such as a new roof, new rafters, and electrical. Norm suggested that we give the new owner 90 days to see what he has accomplished by that time and if nothing has been done we will expect him to provide a time line for completion. The date of August 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am was set as the date for review on this property.

Norm also informed the commissioners that no bids had been received for the demolition of the Coffey property. Norm will now contact companies for quotes as this would fall under the need for bids. The commissioners have scheduled June 22, 2015 at 9:30am for reviewing the quotes received.

#### COUNCIL ON AGING RESOLUTION

Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, had been contacted by Gregg Parker from Council on Aging to provide a resolution authorizing Gregg to be an agent for the county in reference to writing grant and administration of those grants. Chad Kline made a motion to approve the resolution with a second coming from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

#### SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

A service agreement for the generator was reviewed by the commissioners. The agreement was tabled for information concerning a 3 year agreement instead of a 1 year. A decision will be made when this information becomes available.

#### INSURANCE

A letter has been drawn up to send to Pro Claim requesting information be sent to APEX for their review of our insurance policy. Chad Kline moved to approve the signing of the letter of request. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### SETTLEMENT LETTER

The Nexus settlement and release agreement was signed for payment. The settlement of \$22,500.00 along with the letter and agreement will be sent to Kirk Horn.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- Month of May – security report – duly entered
- Public hearing for Town of Cromwell for an Economic Revitalization area - duly entered
- June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting notice Bontrager rezoning – duly entered
- June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting notice DePew rezoning – duly entered

- Centurylink letter – Dennis Graft had provided a copy of a letter he had drafted to Centurylink in connection with the continued receipt of claims that are not ours. – Duly entered.
- Busche Air Quality permit – duly entered

#### PAYROLL

Payroll for 06/11/15 containing 5 pages and totaling \$349484.26 was reviewed by the commissioners and approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### IT DEPARTMENT

Dave Baum came before the commissioners to request permission to purchase computers for the Sheriff's department as well as the Public Defender and the Recorder's offices. A request for new servers for the Auditors and Recorders offices were also made. Motion to approve the purchases which exceed \$500.00 was made by Chad Kline and seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

A conference call was held with American Express concerning credit card issuance as well as Concurr program for claim processing. Many question were brought up about compliance with the State Board of Accounts in the "paperless" procedure that was being discussed. Concurr will get with Jackie concerning these issues and Jackie will then contact the State Board of Accounts for their input.

#### CLAIMS

Chad Kline made a motion to pay claims dated June 8, 2015 with the exception of a claim to Brandon Chordas for \$145.00 pending further information. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. 10 pages of claims totaling \$417,807.17 - \$145.00 = \$417,662.17 were reviewed. Utility claims were also approve with the same motion.

#### RECESS FOR DRAINAGE

#### CEDIT PLAN 2016-2017

Jackie had provided information concerning the upcoming CEDIT plan and requested expenditures from the CEDIT fund. After review and discussion it was decided to table until more concrete figures could be obtained.

#### CEDIT PLAN 2014-2015

An amendment to the current CEDIT plan was presented adding Project 17 Real Estate Acquisition to the plan. Chad Kline made a motion so approve the amendment. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### TAX SALE PROPERTIES

Sheri Auld, Deputy Auditor, is present to discuss 4 properties that may be of interest to the commissioners.

- Bowers, Georgianna – this property has many court ordered sewer liens. Dennis Graft will contact Judge Laur for information concerning these liens.
- Lemon, Bonita - this is bare ground and Sheri will contact Shane Jackson – an adjacent property owner – to see if he is interested in the property.
- Smith, Paul - Sheri will send letters to adjacent property owners to gage interest.
- Meyer, Mike – Sheri had be contacted by Todd Pritchard expressing interest in the property. Sheri will talk further with him.

#### ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 12:19 P.M. recessed from day to day until the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2015.

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Gary D. Leatherman, President

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David J. Dolezal, Vice President

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Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tonya L. Marks, Auditor