

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD August 23, 2021**

Comes now the hour of 8:30am. on the 23rd day of August, 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
Anita Hess, Vice President
Justin Stump, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney
Matt Getts, KPC Media

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Treasurers Monthly report for the month of July.
- Monthly report from the Clerk of the Courts for the month of July for Odyssey and for CSI
- Town of Albion – notice of hearing for vinyl fence installation
- Mayors & Commissioners Caucus – Membership dues – Dues are not required but welcomed. The commissioners are not interested in membership at this time.
- IDEM – modification of a permit for Aluminum Recovery.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes of the Executive Session held on August 9, 2021 were also approved. Dave Dolezal made the motion with a second coming from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Claims dated August 23, 2021 were reviewed by the commissioners. The 13-page report totaled \$602,914.00 and was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll dated August 26th was reviewed for approval. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the 4-page report that totaled \$430,648.91, Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS- Findings & Orders

The Findings and Orders that were approved at the last meeting were signed for Hoover and Fitch. Copies will be furnished to the building department for distribution.

DODGE TITLE

Max Weber, Noble County Sheriff, has sold a 2015 Dodge Durango to Central Noble Schools for the police department in the amount of \$7,500.00. Motion to sign the title came from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, was present for a construction update:

- Three utility permits from Ligtel were approved. This was for Bear Lake, 450 N and 600 N and was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- Driveway Variance – A variance for a second drive was given to the Millers on 300E with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0. Richard reported no issues with drainage or sight distance on this request.

- Driveway Variance – A second drive on 500 S owned by Andorfer was also in need of a variance. Richard reported no issues with this request as well and it was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- The 3rd variance is for a Butler resident on 350 S. This is short 65 feet in sight distance but is a low traveled gravel road. Motion to approve the variance came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- Richard reported that the department was working on 2 miles of reconstruction and continuing work on drainage issues.
- The 3rd round of mowing will begin next week with the new mower arriving this past week.
- Brush spraying is complete in Noble Township and the crew will be moving on to Washington township to work.
- Berming will start this week and the HMA project will start by Pulver's next week.
- The department is asking for approval to purchase tires in the amount of \$8591.00 from Best One. Motion to approve the purchase came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- Also needing approval was a quote for grader blades. This is for 16 4 ft blades in the amount of \$15,104.00 and 8 3ft blades in the amount of \$5,656.00 for a total of \$20,760.00. Dave Dolezal moved to approve this purchase as well and Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

- Zack reported that there was a "drive-through" with Pulver's for the upcoming HMA project.
- The bridge repairs for this year are complete with only one bridge number 60 to work on this fall. Zack reported that he had conversations with the Council at budget time about increasing his portion of the CCD fund to 95% so that local bridge repair work could continue.
- Community Crossing – Zack is hoping to hear soon if any CC money would be awarded to Noble County for the projects submitted.
- 400N – Right of Way acquisition continues with 2 of the 17 parcels complete. The projected cost is coming in at \$253,840 which is below the projected \$264,116.00.
- Bridge Inspection – Zack has an LPA voucher for this project for engineering in the amount of \$7,715.47. Motion to approve the voucher was made by Dave Dolezal and with a second from Anita Hess, the motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 136 – there is an LPA voucher for engineering on Bridge 136 as well in the amount of \$9,440.66. This is approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- Zack has requested additional funds for right of way acquisition on county road 400 E for the Bridge 136 project. He has received an e-mail from INDOT granting that additional funding in the amount of \$263,852.00.
- Baseline Road Safety Project – two LPA vouchers were reviewed for this project, one for construction was received for this project in the amount of \$3,593.91 and one from engineering in the amount of \$305.88. Both were approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 44 and Bridge 69– Stage 1 submissions on these projects have been approved.
- Bridge 134 – Zack reported that Alternative Analysis has been done on this project.
- Old State Road 3 – Zack has a draft INDOT contract for the commissioners to review. Dave Dolezal moved to allow Zack to sign the final version on line when available. Anita Hess seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 73 – The preliminary plans on this project are complete and permit applications have been submitted.
- For the upcoming Baseline Road project from 600 E to Old State Road 3, a notice to proceed has been received and traffic counters will be going out next week.
- Little Long/Round Lake Project – Plans are under development and all DNR permits have been submitted. Zack reported a January bidding process.
- Oak Shores Draft Ordinance – based on the recent speed study done in the Oak Shores Subdivision a draft ordinance has been prepared for review. After review, Dave Dolezal moved to proceed with advertisement for the ordinance. Anita Hess seconded the motion and the motion carries 3-0.

- Diamond Lake Extended. Zack reported that he had met again with the City of Ligonier concerning this project and there are no updates to report.

ANNEX BUILDING

Zack Smith, Project Manager, had the following reporting to do for the annex project:

- FFE – there were still a couple of departments with some design requests pending.
- Construction – According the updated schedule the building should be complete in early May. Zack reported that the exterior work on the building is nearing completion.
- There are no change orders today but we should be expected soon for the security system.
- Jackie informed Zack that money has been appropriated for both the courthouse design work and the moving cost for new building move.

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BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT

Jen Grawcock and Scott Minnick, from United Consulting, were present to provide the final bridge inspection report for this inspection phase. Scott summarized the report with the following information:

- Noble county has 62 bridges with a span of at least 20 feet.
- There are two bridges with weigh limits at this time Bridge 134 and 136 and both are currently scheduled for build.
- The above-mentioned bridges are the only two with Fracture Critical ratings as well.
- There are 2 underwater bridge structures that require scuba divers to inspect.
- There 0 Scour Critical bridges at this time.
- Scott also provided the commissioners with a list of the top 5 bridges on the Replacement list that being:
 1. Bridge 33
 2. Bridge 59
 3. Bridge 61
 4. Bridge 73
 5. Bridge 136

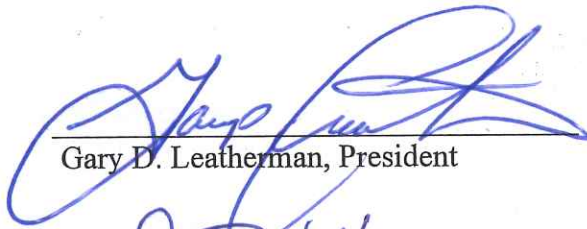
All are scheduled for work.

- Scott also reviewed the reporting of state comparisons in which Noble County fared well:
 1. Number of bridges – avg all counties 144 Noble County 62
 2. Average Daily Traffic – avg all counties 1600 Noble County 777
 3. Average age - 44 all countries Noble County 52
 4. Load Posted Bridges - Avg. all counties 11.5% with Noble County being 3.2%
 5. Bridges 50 yrs. old - avg all counties 31.3% Noble County 46.8%
 6. Sufficiency Rating – all counties 7.3% Noble County 3.2%
- With this information and the completion of this phase of inspection, Noble County is in full compliance with the Federal Government.
- Scott reinforced this reporting with the fact that even though some bridges are in need of repair, they are safe for the public, if they were not safe, they would completely close the bridge down.
- Zack was also in attendance for this session and reported that this is the reasoning for the need to increase revenue as the bridges mentioned in this report at some time will become critical. He reported that he will continue to seek federal funding etc. but even at that there is 20% local match. He will make the best of wheel and sur tax and his other sources of revenue.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at 11:05 AM recessed from day to day until September 13, 2021

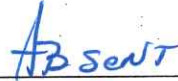
Dated this 13th day of Sept., 2021



Gary D. Leatherman, President



Anita Hess, Vice President



Justin Stump, Member



ATTESTED:



Tonya L. Jones, Auditor