

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

Comes now the hour of 8:30 am. on the 12th day of September, 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
Dave Dolezal, Member

Also present were:

Tonya Jones , Noble County Auditor
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

- IDEM – Notice of Public Comment – MD Kimmell Biogas LLC Air permit
- IDEM – Renewal for Creative Liquid Coatings – Air permit
- Request from Sal Lehman for returning a full week of sick time because of this situation and the County paying for her to attend mediation training to prepare for moving forward. Both requests were denied with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carries 3-0.
- Noble County Treasurers Monthly report – duly entered
- Noble County Clerk Monthly report – July duly entered
- Request from the EDC for additional money for dues. Gary will contact Mr. Gatman so that he can come to explain the request.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

There were four sets of Executive Session minutes that were reviewed. All were approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Claims dated September 12, 2022 were reviewed by the commissioners. The 15-page report totaled \$891,758.70 and was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll for September 8, 2022 was reviewed by the commissioners. The 4-page report totaled \$451,003.30 and was approved as presented with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

OLD BUSINESS

During the Covid Crisis of 2020/ 2021, a covid vaccine site was set up at the Noble County Public Library basement. At that time the traffic on the paved drive was extremely high and the county agreed to repaving the drive. The original quote back in June of 2021 was \$22,930.00 by Ranger Materials. Because of ongoing use of the facility, the work was not done at that time. The County is no longer using the facility and the new quote by Pulver Asphalt came in at \$35,280.00 due to the rising cost of material. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the paving by Pulvers. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Justin Stump had provided a new agreement between Noble County and US Geological Survey for the Streamgage at Rome City. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the agreement. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

WeCare Inc has a contract for renewal for September 30, 2022. Motion to sign the contract came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

BROKER

After broker sessions being held with 6 local brokers concerning health care, and after evaluation of the commissioners, the commissioners elected to retain Gibson as our health insurance broker. Dave Dolezal made the motion to finalize this and Anita Hess seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, had the following construction update for the commissioners:

- Utility Permits for ElectriCom LLC, Frontier Communications, and MediaCom – duly entered.
- Driveway variance – New Beginnings – Dave Dolezal moved to approve the variance. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- Driveway Variance – Brian Brown residence- Dave Dolezal moved to approve this variance as well with a second coming from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- Richard updated the commissioners on the mowing, spraying and chip sealing projects.
- Richard reported that Ditching and Berming started last week in preparation for next year's projects.
- Zack and Richard informed the commissioners of the new CDL requirements that the state has imposed.

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

- Zack indicated that there is a need to replace the lift in the shop area. The quote for the lift was \$5801
- 0.00. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the purchase to be paid from CEDIT funds. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- Zack provided updates for the HMA 2022-1, CCMG Applications, CR 400 N and the Bridge Inspection.
- Bridge 136 – Zack has a contract between United Consulting and Noble County for Bridge 136 for consulting services. Motion to sign the contract came from Dave Dolezal with Anita Hess seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 134 – Zack has an LPA voucher for this project in the amount of \$12,312.50. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the voucher. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 69 - there is also an LPA Voucher for this project for preliminary engineering in the amount of \$333.00. Motion to approve this came from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- Old State Road 3 – a preliminary engineering voucher in the amount of \$9,285.00 was presented for this project. Dave Dolezal moved to approve. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- FMIS has been requested for Bridge 59 and the Riley Road projects
- Little Long and Round Lake project is out to bid and is due on September 23, 2022. Bids will be opened at the commissioners meeting September 26, 2022
- Public Hearing – a public hearing was held for speed on 500 E between 600N and the Railroad Crossing. There were no public comments after the ordinance was read so Dave Dolezal moved to approve the ordinance. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- CR 200 N between SR 3 and the Noble County / Dekalb County line. Zack has a draft ordinance for this area reducing the speed to 45 MPH. Dave Dolezal moved to advertise the ordinance for a public hearing. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- Zack has completed a speed study in the Northshore Drive area and reported low volumes and low speed overall. Dave Dolezal made a motion to draft an ordinance changing the speed to 20 MPH. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

NEW ANNEX

There are still some "punch list" items that need to be received. Zack reported that products are still a couple of weeks out. The lobby feature is now complete and all moves have been made.

COURHOUSE RENOVATION

A design has been received for the courthouse, the process now will be to meet with the commissioners and the department heads for their input.

PICTOMETRY

Ben Castle, Noble County Assessor and Steve Hook, GIS Director, were present to discuss the flight schedule and contract for picometre. The contract was given to Dennis Graft, County Attorney, to review. Ben has budgeted within his reassessment budget \$50,000.00 for pictometry and Steve has \$50,000.00 within the CEDIT budget for this expense. Dave Dolezal moved to increase the flights from 3years to every 2 years. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

PART TIME EMPLOYEE

Ben also in requesting that a part time (going full-time) employee be given permission to drive the county vehicle as she will be doing new construction. Dave Dolezal moved to allow the part time employee to drive a county vehicle. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carries 3-0.

UPGRADE TO SYSTEM

Steve Hook is requested an upgrade to the GIS System. Dave Dolezal moved to allow the upgrade. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

STAR TEAM

Steve Hook and Dawn Jones, members of the Albion STAR Team, were present to request that on the day of caring that the Central Noble Students be allowed to do some work on the gazebo under the direction of the STAR Team. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the work but the students providing that there is clarification on the liability while the work is being done. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

911

Shellie Coney, 911 Director, came before the commissioners concerning the IT department's suggestion that tablets be bought for training purposes. This will be used for new training and the amount of 14 tables came in at \$2,099.00. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the purchase. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Shellie also had a concern about the camera that is outside the door of dispatch. The current camera will not zoom in enough to see who is requesting entry. Dave Baum contacted the company to see if something could be done to improve the picture but apparently this could not be done. Dave got a quote for a ring door bell system with video into dispatch. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the purchase. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF REPAIRS

Max Weber, Noble County Sheriff, along with Erin from Trane, came before the commissioners to update them on the repairs to the jail. They presented the commissioners with a handout concerning the progression of the project. Erin indicated that all was going well and they are working with Brad Rollins in replacement of the water lines.

Max Weber/Trane

Update on project with Trane. Erin is project manager here and works for Trane. Handout on the progress of the project. Everything is going well and staying on budget. They are working with Brad Rollins replacing water lines.

Max also talked about housing of county inmates and doing an ordinance to have some of the income from housing put in another fund to offset the increases in food expense. The commissioners asked that he check with the Auditor's office to ensure that this type of loss of income wouldn't significantly hurt the general fund revenue stream. No decision was made at this time.

UDO SOLAR

The commissioners met in the Conference Room of the New Annex for the solar session. The first amendment was concerning the Ordinance amending the 2021-26 overlay section of the solar ordinance. Motion to approve this ordinance came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

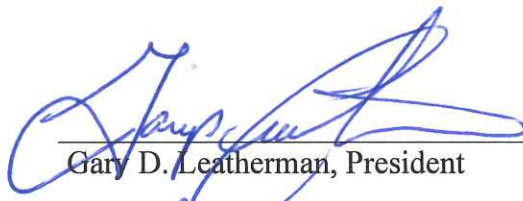
The second part of the amendment was concerning the moratorium Section 1 to extend that until October 31, 2022. The Section 2 would contain verbiage about the number of acres allowed to go to solar. This number being 4700 acres. Dave Dolezal moved to approve this as well. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave made a motion to adjourn. Anita seconded the motion. Motion carried.

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 1:45PM recessed from day to day until September 26, 2022

Dated this 26th day of Sept., 2022



Gary D. Leatherman, President



Anita Hess, Vice President



Dave Dolezal Member

ATTESTED: 

Tonya L. Jones, Auditor