

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD September 24, 2018 at 8:30AM**

Comes now the hour of 8:30am, on the 24th day of September, 2018, 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
Dave Dolezal, Vice President
Anita Hess, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney
Matt Getts, KPC Media
Brian Walker, Chief Deputy Sheriff
Justin Stump – Noble County Commissioner Candidate
Marvin Rodenbeck
Zack Smith – Highway Engineer
Richard Rogers – Highway Superintendent
Kenneth Hughes – Plan Director

ASSESSOR

Kim Carson, Noble County Assessor, is requesting to hire an outside firm to do new construction. The contract would only be until the end of the year. Kim indicated that some of her part time help has left employment and others are looking so she doesn't have the staff in place to get the information complete by the end of the year. Dave Dolezal asked how much time she would need and Kim didn't know the answer to that as permits are still being generated. Kim has information from 2 contractors that would indicate that the cost would range from 25 -40 dollars a parcel and is computing that times the permits they currently have. She is asking for up to \$10,000.00 of allowable expense to complete this task. Dave Dolezal moved to allow up to \$10,000.00 to be paid to complete the assessment of new construction by the end of the year. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PROSECUTOR

Suzie Pippenger, Victim Advocate, and Eric Blackman, Noble County Prosecutor, were present to request permission to decorate the courthouse square in observance of Domestic Violence month. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the activities with a second coming from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF

Brian Walker, Chief Deputy Sheriff, was present for any questions that the commissioners might have had in regard to the sheriff's department. Brian reported that there were 163 inmates in the jail today. Dave Dolezal had spoken with other counties at the recent AIC conference and passed the overcrowding issues of Dekalb and Huntington counties on to Brian as we have beds available at this time. He also spoke of upcoming issues such as funding increases for out of county inmates and DOC prisoners.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- IDEM – Notice of permitting for Wastewater Treatment Plant – town of Albion.
- Surveyor – Maintenance Hearing – Pollock system

PAYROLL

Payroll for the time period of 08/31/18-09/13/18 and dated 09/27/18 was reviewed. The report contained 6 pages totaling \$388139.76. Motion to approve the payroll came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Nicole Noe, Deputy Auditor, was present to review the regular claims dated 09/24/18. This report contained 11 pages and totaled \$543,473.06. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the claims with a second coming from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, was present to update the commissioners on the construction projects at the department:

- Utilify Permits were presented for Frontier Communications and Mediacom
- A driveway variance was requested for 15 W on Waldron Lake. The residents are putting in a pole barn and requesting a second drive. Richard reported no issues with site or any other concerns for the driveway. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the variance. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- On 850 N, Kyle Bailey is requesting a driveway variance for a 2nd drive. Dave Dolezal moved to approve this variance as well and Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Fog sealing was completed last week and now striping will need to be done.
- Pulver's have done some of the HMA Projects.
- Crewing are back on berming and starting doing some preparation for some of the sub division projects next construction season.
- Culvert replacement continues.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineering, is also present to update the commissioner on the engineering business at the Highway:

- Zack presented a letter of support to be signed by the commissioners. This will go with the packets when submitted October 8th, 2018 for the next round of LPA call for projects. Bridge 134 will be the submitted project.
- Community Crossing Grant – Zack reported that Noble County was one of the first counties to submit a project and should be hearing back from them by mid-October.
- The bridge inspection contract has been submitted to INDOT. Still waiting on their response.
- Bridge 147 – work continue and is going well. Zack reported an early November completion is expected.
- Baseline Road LPA Project – Zack presented a LPA voucher for preliminary engineering from Lawson Fishers. This project is ahead of scheduled and probably will be completed one year ahead of schedule. Motion to sign the LPA voucher came from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 400 N- the INDOT contract has not yet been received.
- Bridge 77 – an in-house project - has went out for bid and bids will be opened next meeting.
- Bridge 55 – all right of way around this bridge is owned by the DNR and Zack is expecting no issues with the acquisition process.
- Fuel Pumps – Zack reported a delay in the delivery of the new fuel pumps so the project date has been pushed back to November.
- Bayview Drive- Acquisition of the right of way is underway and Zack is expected no issues with the process.
- US 6 detour- Zack presented the commissioners with a detour reimbursement contract for 600 N because of the US 6 bridge construction for signing. Motion to sign the contract came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- Zack got the final okay to advertise the ordinance for reduced speed on 300 N between State Road 3 and 1000 E. Motion to advertise came from Dave Dolezal and Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Zack presented the commissioners with a speed study that had been recently conducted on 650 N. There were a few incidents of high rates of speed on the road and Zack recommended increased law enforcement presence, more signage and the reduced speed of 45 MPH. Dave Dolezal moved to reduce the speed limit on 650 N from State Road 5 to Rochester Road to 45 MPH and advertise the ordinance. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Zack has received a lot of complaints about roadside parking especially near bridges that people fish off of. Discussion among the commissioners and Zack resulted in enforcement being a problem. This issue happens quite often at auctions, garage sales, etc. Nothing will be done at this time concerning roadside parking.

- Zack asked the commissioner about what the department can do about a drainage issue at Diamond Lake. He indicated that a few residents are getting upset as this project is not yet complete, but Zack reported that they are waiting on the Surveyors office for information prior to finishing the project. The commissioners will speak with Randy at the drainage board meeting about this issue.

REZONING

Kenneth Hughes, Plan Director, is present for a rezoning ordinance. Scott Zieger, the surveyor for Floyd and Leona Beechy is also present. Kenneth informed the commissioners that this is for an Amish School and that the request for 3.00 acres to be rezoned from A1 to IS came with a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission board. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the rezoning. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Kenneth also reported that his department was continuing the comprehensive plan update and then after the first of the year would be completely revamping the UDO.

MAINTENANCE

Tim Lock, Maintenance, came before the commissioners with 3 quotes for a garage door for the maintenance storage. The 3 quotes were as follows:

1. Northern Lakes Overhead Door, Inc \$1,183.04
2. Raynor Door Authority \$1,155.00
3. ? \$1,300.00

The lowest bid was from Raynor however, that bid did not include electrical work. Motion to approve the bid from overhead door was made by Anita Hess. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

While Tim was present, the Dick Coats Law Service quote was discussed with the fill in work between the curb and sidewalk on the north side of the courthouse. Gary Leatherman asked Tim to contact Derek Lough and ask about the timing of the project to allow the growth of grass. Tim will be reporting back to Gary. (afternoon) Derek got back with Tim and suggested a fall planting and will be able to begin by the end of this week. Motion to do the project at a cost of \$2,430.00 came from Anita Hess and was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

STATEWIDE 911 UPGRADE

Mich Fiandt, 911 director, was present to discuss the quote that he had received for the upgrade of the 911 radio system. Mitch had warned the commissioners and the council previously that this system would need replaced. Parts are no longer available for the system and an upgrade in the software was past due. There had been some recent issues with the system that increased the immediate need for this to happen. Mitch went over the detailed quote with the commissioners and told them that the total cost for all stations and adding a 4th station would be in the vicinity of around \$124,000.00. Mitch indicated that he thought that his 911 fees could stand the cost of this upgrade now that the majority of his dispatcher's salaries come from the public safety tax. Dave Dolezal made a motion to accept the quote from ERS Wireless and Indigital to upgrade the 911 system. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

WORKMANS COMP

Jarrod Ramer, Black and Ramer Insurance, was present to explain the figuring of the workman's comp insurance. Employees are put into risk categories and then salaries from the previous 12 months are averaged to get the weekly amounts. The commissioners were concerned that longevity is figured into this process in the fact that it is paid one time after your anniversary date. Jarrod will look into that and get back with the commissioners on this issue.

RECESS FOR DRAINAGE

RECONVENE at 2:30PM

COURT CLAIMS

Court claims dated 10/1/18 were reviewed and approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0. This report contained 7 pages and totaled \$52,112.70.

CONTRACT WITH LIGONIER

Noble County Probation Chief Probation Officer, Stacey Beam, has presented a contract for signature with Ligonier Police Department for firearms training. Dennis Graft, County Attorney, reviewed the agreement and added Noble County Commissioners and Noble County to the "No instruction fees will be charged to Noble County Probation". The agreement (with amendment) was approved for signature with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

TREE DECORATION

Chris Magnuson had requested permission to again decorate the pine tree on the courthouse lawn for the Christmas season. Permission to do so was granted with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0

GAZEBO

Shelli McBride had also requested use of the gazebo for an ice sculpture event during the Christmas festivities on the evening of December 7, 2018. Motion to approve the use of the gazebo was made by Anita Hess and seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

ROOFING

A quote was also received from Leatherman Construction for leaking of the roof. This will be further discussed at the October 9, 2018 meeting.

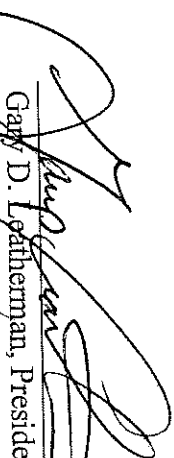
PARKVIEW CONTRACT

A new Parkview contract was finally received with all of the wording in it that Dennis Graft, County Attorney, thought was necessary. This was a 3-year contract and will renew automatically at the end of the three-year period unless either party would decide not to renew. Motion to sign the contract came from Anita Hess and was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

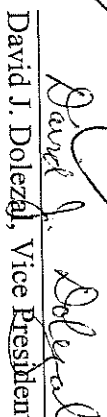
ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 3:40PM recessed from day to day until October 9, 2018.

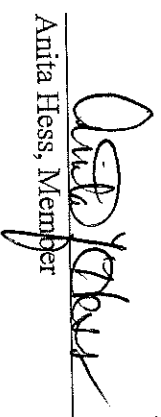
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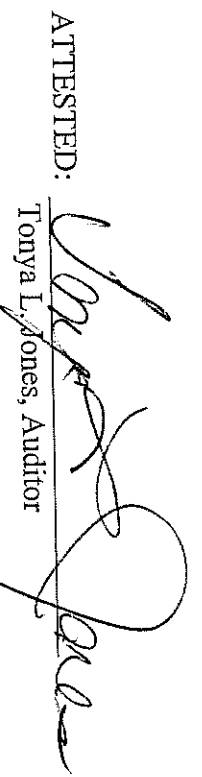
Gary D. Leatherman, President



David J. Dolezal, Vice President



Anita Hess, Member

ATTESTED: 

Tonya L. Jones, Auditor