

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD October 24th, 2016**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the 24 day of October, 2016, 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  
Dave Abbott, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L. Knafel, County Coordinator  
Dennis Graft, County Attorney  
and  
Steve Garbacz, KPC Media  
Allen Howard, Star Financial  
Lesley Derbeck, Star Financial  
Forrest Williamson, Unified  
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent  
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer  
Doug Keenan, Extension Office  
Kim Carson, Assessor  
Gregg Parker, Council on Aging  
Norm Lortie, Building Inspector  
Kenneth Hughes, Plan Director  
Mick Newton, EMA Director  
Michael Lewis, National Weather Service  
Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff  
Mitch Fiandt, 911 Director  
Randy Sexton, Surveyor  
Jarrod Ramer, Black & Ramer Insurance

President Gary Leatherman brought the meeting to order at approximately 8:32AM.

**PROCLAMATION**

Doug Keenan, Noble County Extension Agent, is present to request that the commissioners proclaim the week of October 23 through October 29 as 4-H week in Noble County. Doug explained that the program serves 600 + youth in Noble County and teaches responsibility and hard work through 4-H. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the proclamation. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Gregg Parker, Noble County Council on Aging, is present to get signatures on the 5311/ 5339 transportation/operating grant. Dave Dolezal moved to approve grant. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**WE CARE CLINIC**

Dave Abbott made a motion to table the contract with WE Care as the commissioners would like to see a one year contract rather than the 3 year contract received. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Jackie will contact We Care to request the one year contract.

**ASSESSOR**

Kim Carson, Noble County Assessor, is present to request that the commissioners go to a 3 man board for the PTABOA hearings. Kim explained the trouble she has with getting people to sit on the board and more recently the trouble with having a quorum at the meetings. Dave Dolezal moved to lower the PTABOA board requirement to 3 person board and to waive the requirement of a Level 2 or Level 3 for one of the members until such time that the level requirements be waived by the Noble County Council. If they would happen to waive this requirement, the commissioners will reinstate their requirement. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## HIGHWAY

Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, is present to discuss the following issues:

- Mark reported that the John Deere loader was in need of quite a few repairs, however Mark did not feel that the parts would exceed \$2,500.00. The commissioners okayed the department to proceed with repairs.
- Mark reported that the department was currently working on drainage issues and will also be working at the compost site to get that area cleaned up.
- Utility permits were filed on behalf of AEP.

Zack Smith, Highway Superintendent, was present for the following engineering business:

- Bridge 147 – Zack had no current update on this bridge
- Bridge 136 – even though this project is a couple of years out, Zack is requesting permission to start early communications on this project.
- Community Crossing Money- Zack has submitted the contracts as requested and is still waiting for communication as to when the money should be dispersed. Zack indicated that he is using the special distribution LOIT money until that Community Crossing money is received.
- Highway Garage – Zack reported that the company is putting in footers this week and hopefully the floor will be poured this week as well.
- Bridge 82 – Zack reported that this bridge is near completion. There was an additional cost in the amount of \$6,321.00 but this amount was still below the next competitors bid and is also below the engineering estimate. Dave Abbott moved to approve this additional amount needed. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Zack also reported that the county had ten 30 foot panels and a few shorter panels that if someone wanted them they could have them if they would be able to load and haul them. He thought that maybe the trails group may be interested and he would contact them with this proposal.

## MINUTES

The October 13, 2016 minutes were approved as written with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## RECESS

## RECONVENE

## UNSAFE HOUSEING

Norm Lortie, Building Inspector, reported that he had visited both of the residents in question this morning and had the following information:

- Ringler residence – Norm said that his intention is to use the buildings as a storage sheds. One of the buildings is all enclosed and Mr. Ringler is working on the second building. Even though both buildings were to be enclosed by today, Norm said that he would no longer consider them to be unsafe and is recommending that this case be closed. Dave Abbott moved to close the file on the Ringler case. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Wade residence - Norm took some photos this morning at this location. This property is located at Upper Long Lake and was supposed to be down by today's date. The structure is still there and does not appear that much work has been done at all. Norm indicated that this property has been the subject of many complaints and he had started dealing with this residence several years ago. Dave Dolezal made a motion to have Norm start the process of the county taking down the building. Norm is to solicit bids for removal with the cost of the demolition as well as a \$2,500.00 fine be at the owner's expense. The \$2,500.00 fine will be waived if the cost of the demolition is paid promptly. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## REZONING

Kenneth Hughes, Plan Director, is present to request approval of two rezonings:

- Miko and Christian Mikel property containing 1.54 acres if requesting that this be rezoned from RE to I2. After review Dave Dolezal moved to approve this rezoning. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- The second rezoning was requested by Seth & Jessica Tipton. This is for 1.18 acres and the request is that it be rezoned from RE to A1. Dave Dolezal moved to approve this rezoning with a second coming from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

#### PRESENTATION

Mick Newton, EMA Director, along with Michael Lewis from the National Weather Service are present to make a presentation to the commissioners. Many other individuals were also present for the Storm Ready Community Presentation. Mr. Lewis explained the process in qualifying for this certification and indicated that he had met several times with Mick and is very impressed with the work that Mick has done here in Noble County. The certification was based on several areas including an emergency operation station, creating multiple ways of communication for alerts, a system that monitors weather information, the promotion of community training program and staging formal training and exercises for the community. All application were reviewed by the National Weather Service and also by a board of EMA directors across the area. Certificates were presented to Noble County Sheriff, Doug Harp, 911 Director, Mitch Fiandt, EMA director, Mick Newton and President of the Noble County Commissioners, Gary Leatherman. Mick then thanked his staff as it takes a team to implement and make things happen to protect the county when an emergency happens.

#### SNOW REMOVAL

Snow removal quotes were received from two companies. The first quote was from Dick Coats Home, Lawn, Garden and Snow Removal, Inc and was for \$210.00 for four locations per incident. The second quote was from Stump's Lawn Care and was for \$220.00 for the four locations. Dave Abbott moved to accept the lowest bid with that being Dick Coats Snow Removal. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- Notice of a Public Meeting for Coordinated Public Transit- Human Services Transportation Plan to be held October 25, 2016 at the Library in Albion.
- Monthly Report for the Clerk of the Court - duly entered
- Court Security Monthly report – duly entered
- Convention & Visitor's Bureau invitation to Bicentennial celebration.
- Weights and Measures monthly report – duly entered
- East Noble School construction permit – IDEM
- Noble County Council on Aging project letter from DNR
- Report of Collections – Noble County Sheriff
- County Treasurer Monthly report – duly entered
- Wilcox Landfill billing summary

#### PAYROLL

Payroll for the time period of 09/30/16 through 10/13/16 and dated 10/27/16 was reviewed by the commissioners. Five pages totaling \$354,279.72 was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### CLAIMS

Nicole Noe, Deputy Auditor, was present for the review of 10 pages of claims totaling \$245,623.00. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the claims with the exception of \$600.00 in Coroners claims and \$93.10 in a mileage claim for the Health Nurse as she used her personal car rather than a county car for the mileage. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### ASSESSOR

Kim Carson, Noble County Assessor, is coming before the commissioners to request permission to spend more than \$500.00 for her department's vehicle. During a regular oil change it was discovered that the rear brakes were bad. Dave Dolezal moved to allow the expenditure. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### LOG JAM BIDS

Randy Sexton, Noble County Surveyor, was able to review the log jam bids that were opened at the last meeting. On Friday, Mr. Sexton, had received correspondence from Freels Machine

Works Inc declining the log jam job due to health issues. This left 2 bids – one from Sieber Bros in the amount of \$3,320.00 and one from Gilbert Drainage in the amount of \$1,500.00. Randy was then recommending that the commissioners accept the low bid being Gilbert drainage. Dave Abbott moved to accept this bid. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

RECESS to Drainage board.

RECONVENE

INSURANCE - Star Financial and Black & Ramer.

Star Insurance as well as Black & Ramer insurance were both present to discuss and/or answer any questions that the commissioners might have as they make their decision for the broker for the upcoming calendar year.

- Star Financial had their team of Allen Howard, Leslee Derbeck, and Forrest Williamson from Unified and again presented their program and plans for Noble County. Star had also again reached out to Parkview and had correspondence from Parkview concerning a discount for open accounts. Star also proposed starting their coverage on November 1, 2016 and presented a 14/14 contract for review. They also indicated that they would waive their fees for November and December.
- Jarrod Ramer was present representing Black and Ramer Insurance and indicated that he would be willing to do the same as Star with the 14/14 contract and the waiving of fees. He also indicated that he was under the understanding that any “deal” with Parkview would be the same regardless of which broker was selected.
- John Morr, Independent Consultant, was also present and after both companies finished their presentation, John was asked about his recommendation. He indicated that both companies has similar plans for the county but he felt that Star presentation and experience with the ELAP process was a huge asset in the recovery process from APEX/ GPA / ELAP coverage.

Dave Abbott made a motion to give Apex 30 day notice of termination of contract. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Dave Dolezal moved to make Star Insurance the broker of record beginning November 1, 2016 and continuing through December 31, 2017. Dave Abbott seconded this motion. Motion carried 2-1 with Gary Leatherman voting against the motion.

WE CARE CLINIC

Jackie had received the We Care Clinic contract for the duration of one year and with that Dave Abbott made a motion to accept the one year contract for the clinic. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 5:58P.M. recessed from day to day until the 14th day of November, 2016.

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Gary D. Leatherman, President

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David J. Dolezal, Vice President

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David Abbott, Member

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

