

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD April 24, 2017**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the April 24,2017, 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 Abbott, Member
Dave Dolezal, Vice President

Also present were:

Jacqueline L. Knafel, County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney
Steve Garbacz, KPC Media
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Mark Goodrich, Highway Supervisor
Richard Rogers, Highway Inspector
David James, Resident
Delbert Smith, Resident
Scott Ziegler, Surveyor
Norm Lortie, Building Inspector

Gary Leatherman, Commissioner President, brought the meeting to order at approximately 8:40 A.M.

CORRESPONDENCE

- IDEM – Wysong Prime Care Ag
- IDEM – Landfill information
- Wilcox – Landfill Methane reporting
- DNR - Land acquisition division
- Treasurer’s Monthly report – March – copy to state, copy for file
- Correspondence concerning Parking lots and driveways
- Town of Albion – Leachate disposal
- IDEM – CFO – Application Herschberger
- IDEM – Town of Rome City Sanitary Sewer Permit
- IDEM – Structural Composites

TYCO SIMPLEX

These are one year contracts for the fire systems at the courthouse, south complex, prosecutor’s office and the Weber Rd facility. Dave Dolezal moved to sign the contracts in the amounts of \$159.75 for the prosecutor’s office; \$159.75 for the Weber Rd. facility; \$213.00 for the south complex; and \$375.00 for the courthouse. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll dated April 27, 2017 for the time period of 03/31/17 thru 04-13-2017 were reviewed and approved with a motion from Dave Abbott. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. This report contained 6 pages and totaled \$350,016.67.

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, Highway Inspector, was present and had the following drive way variances for commissioners approval:

- Larry Balyeat – is requesting a second driveway at his property. Dave Abbott moved to approve the request on 825 E with no opposition from the highway department. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Mark Nolan on Baseline Rd and 300 W is also requesting a driveway variance. David James from James Construction is also present representing Mr. Nolan. According to the highway department this is short on sight distance and has concerns about the safety of the issuance of the permit. This is a drive immediately across from this requested drive that was installed several years ago prior to the permitting process. After a lengthy review, Dave Dolezal moved to approve the variance with the stipulation that the owner pay for hidden drive signs to be installed. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, is present for the following construction business:

- Mark had quote for 3 pieces of equipment that they are wanted to purchase for the new highway garage:
 1. A quote for a Mig/Tig Welder was \$2,800.00
 2. A quote for a Bandsaw came in at \$2,500.16
 3. And a quote for shelving for the parts room came in at \$2,628.02.

After review the commissioners approved these purchases with a motion from Dave Abbott with the purchases not to exceed the above received quotes. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- Mark had also received a call from Piercetron Trucking, requesting permission to sit a truck at our highway department in the off hours as one of their employees lived just down the road from the highway department. Mark indicated that this might be in our favor as the department does a lot of business with this company and this would allow the truck to work longer with our crews. Concerns of the liability of the truck sitting at our location was brought up and it was the suggestion of the county attorney and Zack that we have some type of agreement drawn up to address the liability issue, etc..... Once this is in place the commissioners will address the possibility of allowing the truck to sit at the highway department.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, had the following engineering business to discuss with the commissioners:

- Equipment Purchases – Zack reported that the Western Star has been ordered and all of the engineering requirements have been met for the Volvo so it also has been ordered as well as the chip spreader. The new trucks should be here in July and then will be sent to WA Jones for outfitting.
- Highway Garage – the garage is complete and just awaiting permanent power to the garage.
- Bridge Inspection – Bridge Inspection will begin shortly and this year the company will do the scour inspection at the same time.
- Baseline and Bridge 136 projects – Zack has notification from the state that the scoring has been reviewed and Zack has sent the notification to the firms that got the project as well as the firms that did not.
- Bridge 6 – this has gone out for advertising and bids are due May 19, 2017 with opening of the bids on May 22, 2017. Zack needs the title sheets on this bridge signed. Motion to sign the document came from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 16 and 24 projects are scheduled to start by the middle of summer.
- Legislation report – Zack indicated that the end result of the legislative session came back better than was expected. This should bring in more dollars to the locals for road and bridge projects.
- Community Crossing - This also will work to our advantage as for counties under 50,000 population, this will be a 75/25 split rather than the 50/50 split last year. Zack also feels that because of the money going into this account it will be less competitive this year which will be an added advantage.
- The 2017 road plan is under development at this time.
- Shop Supervisor – Zack advised the commissioners that the shop supervisor position will be readvertised – both internally as well as through a package deal with the newspapers.
- ADA Project - this has been sent out to different companies for quotes. The quotes are due by 2:00pm this afternoon.
- Drainage - Zack informed the commissioners that the department is exploring new project procedure for drainage. These will be less costly and will have longer life.

- Road Ratings - Zack reviewed the entire report with the commissioners and provided maps of the roads and their updated ratings. Zack told the commissioners that this would all be updated on the web.

UPS SAFE HOUSING

Norm Lortie, Building Inspector, was present to report on two properties:

- Gries – Norm reported that the cottage is down and gone so this file can be closed.
- Buckhardt – Norm visit this site this morning and this trailer is also gone. The frame remains so Norm reported that there is still work to be done but it is no longer an unsafe housing issue. This file can also be closed.

REZONINGS

Kenneth Hughes, Plan Director, was present for two rezonings that were scheduled. Kenneth reported that both of the rezonings before the commissioners had gotten a favorable recommendation from the plan commission.

- Hixon Sand & Gravel (under contract by John Metzger) was 1st on the agenda. John Metzger and Ashton Bauman were both present for this request. The Metzgers are requesting that 7.578 acres be rezoned from I2 to A1. After review, Dave Dolezal moved to approve rezoning #480 for the 7.578. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- A rezoning request was also reviewed by the commissioners for Hochstetler. Alan & Sue Hochstetler are requesting that 6.58 acres be rezoned from A3 to A1. Dave Dolezal moved to approve this rezoning. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Kenneth reminded that commissioners that after such time that the 3 homes on the west side of the courthouse come down there might be a need for rezoning through the town of Albion.

VACATION

Scott Ziegler, Surveyor Hand to Plow, is on the agenda for a vacation of a roadway. Scott explained that upon further review this is indicated to be a private drive. Dennis Graft, County Attorney, advised the commissioners that they would have no jurisdiction over a private drive. The commissioners advised Scott to contact the highway department for verification that this was NOT a county road in any way. If it turns out to be on the county maps, then Scott will need to reschedule.

CLAIMS

Claims containing 10 pages and totaling \$786,225.90 were reviewed and approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ASSESSOR AGREEMENT

The agreement for Midwest Presort was signed by the Commissioners for the form 11 mailings. Dave Dolezal moved to approve. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

RECESS

HIGHWAY ADA QUOTES

Zack returned for the quotes for the ADA Project which is for sidewalks in Wolf Lake. Dave Dolezal moved to okay the acceptance of the low bid for this project. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PERSONAL TIME EXTENSION

There was a request from the sheriff department to extend 5 hours of personal time for a jailer. Motion to approve the extension of time was made by Dave Dolezal and seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

LAWN CARE

Jackie had received an e-mail from our lawn care providers with requests to have the work crew from Chain O Lakes pick up sticks in the wooded area of the south complex to prepare the area for the first mowing. The commissioners will speak with the surveyor when he comes for the drainage meeting. The second request was a quote for monthly spraying at the jail and annex. The commissioners debated this and decided to okay one spraying and the monitor the situation prior to granting any future weed spraying. Jackie will notify J & J Landscaping of this decision.

BUSINESS SERVICES AGREEMENT

Kenneth Hughes, Plan Director, had approached the commissioners a few weeks ago and the agreement is now before the commissioners for signatures. Application and agreement was signed by the commissioners and given to the auditor for her signature for return to Kenneth for processing.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 12:30 P.M. recessed from day to day until the 8th day of May, 2017.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

David Abbott, Member

ATTESTED:

Tonya L. Marks, Auditor