

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD JUNE 13, 2016**

Comes now the hour of 8:31AM on the 13rd day of June, 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

Absent:

Dave Abbott, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney
Steve Garbacz, KPC Media
Kenneth Hughes, Plan Director
Derek Faulk, Wilcox Environmental
Joy LeCount, Star Committee
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer

President Gary Leatherman brought the meeting to order at approximately 8:31AM.

The commissioners were introduced to the new plan director, Kenneth Hughes, who begins work today for the county.

LANDFILL

- Derek Faulk, Wilcox Environmental, is present to discuss options for the Noble County Landfill in particular GP 15. Derek is suggesting the installation of more gas vents and turbines. This suggestion will be presented to IDEM for their approval before proceeding. An estimate of this project would be around \$10,000.00. The commissioners will be asking the highway to supply #8 or #9 gravel to help with this project.
- Another subject was in relation to a recent drainage issue in the north part of the landfill. During the repair, there was a pit dug in that area and needs refilled. The commissioners will speak with Mike Haines concerning this issue.
- GP 13R needs painted as it is a new port and was not there when the rest of the painting was done.
- GP 12 was installed on a slope and needs to be moved to flat surface. Derek is unsure of the cost of this replacement at this time.
- The Highway came in as the meeting with Derek was in progress and will be able to supply and assist with the installation of the two gas vents as discussed earlier with Derek
- The commissioners will talk with Mike Haines about the weep holes, the locks for the south cell of the landfill as well as the filling in of the pit at the north end of the landfill.

ALL IN BLOCK PARTY

Joy LeCount was present to discuss the upcoming block party on June 25, 2016. She is wanting confirmation on all of the issues that deal with government property during the day of festivities on Saturday the 25th for this bicentennial celebration.

HIGHWAY

Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, is present to share the following information:

- Cromwell Days is coming up on July 15 and 16 and would like to detour traffic around the town by using 900 and 200N. This has been done in the past and the commissioners did not see a problem with the detour.
- Frontier Communications has hired a contractor, Mudrack, to do brush trimming for them. They did work on Skinner Lake Drive and did not remove the debris. Mark has contacted Mudrack and they told Mark that they did exactly as Frontier had asked them to do. Mark

has tried to contact Frontier and has not had any success to date. The commissioners suggested that he continue to try and get a hold of Frontier to get the issue resolved.

- Mark is requesting permission to purchase a spray unit. This is expected to cost around \$3400.00 + shipping. Mark has looked at many of the option for right of way brush management and think that the in house approach is the most cost effective. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the purchase of the spray unit. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- Utility Permits were received from Frontier Communications for 550 S, 1000E, 400S and 100 E.
- Utility Permits were received from United Telephone of Indiana for W Baseline Road, Swan Rd, 1150N and 700 N.

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

- Bridge Inspection – New FMIS Request July 1, 2016
- Bridge 147 - Zack had a LPA voucher for bridge 147 on Pigeon Street in Ligonier. Motion to approve the voucher was made by Dave Dolezal with a second coming from Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0.
- Bridge 135 – CSX is requesting that the county contract the cul-de-sac and guardrail work at this location and then CSX will reimburse the county. There were bids put out and the low bid was received by Niblock in the amount of \$41,210.25. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the Niblock bid. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- Bridge 82 is ready to bid and Zack is asking for the commissioner’s signature on the Bid Sheet Coversheet. Dave Dolezal made a motion to sign the sheet. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Zack has spoken to Randy Sexton concerning the drainage right of way on this project and indicated that Randy would have something for the drainage board to sign at the meeting today.
- LPA Call for Projects – the projects have been received and accepted and Zack will be presenting his power point presentation on June 28, 2016 at IDOT in Fort Wayne. Noble County has the last 4 slots for projects.
- Highway Garage – We are in the bidding phase of the project now and bids will be accepted through June 24th and will be opened at the June 27th meeting.
- Local Bridge and Road Matching (Community Crossing Grant) – Zack had letters of commitment for the 3 projects – Contracted Preservation, Bridge 82 and the Chip and Seal Program – for the commissioners to sign. Motion to sign came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0.
- ADA and Title Six Plan - this is a requirement for any Federal money. Zack and Jackie will be attending the seminar on Wednesday in Fort Wayne for these guidelines.
- Reconstruction projects are on schedule.

UNSAFE HOUSING

- Ringler Property – Norm Lortie and Dennis Ringler are present to discuss an issue with a property owned by Mr. Ringler. Norm visited the site 2 weeks ago and there is no foundation to the building that Mr. Ringler had hoped to remodel. Mr. Ringler has now said that he will either demolish the building or do some repair to use it as a utility shed. He is wanting to put some figures together to determine the cost and will do the cheaper of the two option. It was decided that Mr. Ringler would need to let Norm know within 2 weeks which way he is going and Norm will determine what the next steps of the county will be.
- Wade Property - Norm is reporting that a complaint was received last June and Norm made contact with Ms. Wade. She reported that she was going to demolish the property and would have it done by November. Prior to that time a letter was received asking for an extension to June 1, 2016. The commissioners are suggesting condemning the home and start the process to get this issue resolved.

PROSECUTOR

- Eric Blackman, Noble County Prosecutor, is approaching the commissioners concerning smart phones for child support contempt cases. This will allow the county to monitor the activities of these individuals and their search for jobs. This contract/agreement is at a cost of \$44,000.00 and will be paid by the general fund IV-D money. The commissioners had many questions concerning this type of “enforcement” from “what if breakage and whose responsibility that would be” “what if the individual goes over data” etc..... After a

prolonged discussion, Dave Dolezal moved to approve the agreement. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

- Eric also wanted to clarify that there would be no advertisement made in the replacement of Greg Bricker for the investigator in his department. This is an appointed position so Dennis Graft said that this was indeed the case.
- The last issue is with Wendy Gensch whose is only working part time as the child support prosecutor. Eric would like to have another part time person to fill in the hours that Wendy is not working. This will then allow his department to have a smooth transition when and if Wendy decides to leave permanently. This subject had already been approved by the council at an earlier meeting.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Gregg Parker, Council on aging, is coming before the commissioners for signatures on the 5311 grant for next year. Dave Dolezal made a motion to sign the 5311 operating grant with Gary Leatherman seconding the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

There was also a resolution for this grant for signatures. The motion to sign this came from Dave Dolezal and was also seconded by Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

IDEM – Keystone Aggregates – duly entered

IDEM – Neenah Enterprises – duly entered

County Treasurers report – duly entered

County Clerk report – duly entered

Auditor/ Treasurer balancing report Oct 2015 – May 2016- duly entered

Sheriff – Report of Collections – duly entered

Noble County Court Security – duly entered

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll dated June 9, 2016 for the time period of 05/13/16 – 05/26/16 was reviewed. Payroll totaled \$356,857.21 and contained 5 pages. Dave Dolezal moved to approve payroll with a second from Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0.

CLAIMS

Utility claims containing 2 pages and totaling \$352,012.04 and regular claims containing 13 pages and totaling \$607,063.12 were reviewed and approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

PENDING ITEMS

- Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, indicated that she had some calls concerning whether or not the commissioners would be accepting bids for health insurance this year. The commissioners indicated that they only have a year contract with APEX and would be accepting information from other health insurance companies.
- Jackie had been notified late Friday that the Silver vacation of a roadway would be canceled and the party would notify the county once it was ready to proceed.
- Also, Jackie brought up some information about time keeping that was sent to her. Dave suggested that a meeting or phone conference be set up to discuss this in more detail.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 11:25 am recessed from day to day until the June 27, 2016.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

David Abbott, Member

ATTESTED:

Tonya L. Marks, Auditor