

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD July 25, 2016**

Comes now the hour of 8:00 A.M. on the 25 day of July, 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
Tonya L. Marks, Noble County Auditor
Dennis Graft, County Attorney
and
Eric Dreyfus, APEX Benefits
Bill Sylvester, APEX Benefits
Rebecca Leeman, APEX Benefits
Steve Garbacz, KPC Media
Michele Bricker, Noble County Treasurer
Shelley Mawhorter, Noble County Clerk
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent
Richard Rogers, Highway Inspector

INSURANCE

Eric Dreyfus, Bill Sylvester, and Rebecca Leeman from APEX Benefits are present to discuss our health insurance and a new plan that will go into effect on August 1, 2016. The cost of insurance is still an issue for the county and many options for moving forward were discussed. Some other employees were also present to inquire about their own personal issues that they had experienced which included a delay in payments, and the receipt of EOB's in a timely manner. These are all things that APEX will look into and address.

HIGHWAY

Bids were opened for the Noble County Highway Garage as well as the Bridge 82 project. Representatives from various firms were present for the opening including Tyler Fayler, Natalie Roe, Primco.Inc; Jake Fetters, Mosaic Building Solutions; Matt Jones, Pioneer; Andrew Waugh, Martin Riley Engineering; Jeff Brill, Civil Con; and Jack Ott, Ott Equipment. The following bids were opened for Bridge 82:

- LaPorte Construction \$756,439.00
- Pioneer Associates \$303,535.00
- Primco Inc \$393,957.82

With the opening of the bids, Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, suggested taking the lowest bid pending a complete review of the documents by the Highway department. Zack also informed the commissioners that the engineering estimations came in at around \$365,000.00. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the lowest bid pending review. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Highway Building Bids

Zack brought up Andrew Waugh, with Martin Riley Engineering, to answer any questions that the commissioners may have concerning Highway the new Highway Garage. Bids were received and opened by the following vendors:

- Mosaic Building Solutions LLC \$1,374,000.00
- Leatherman Construction \$1,493,068.00
- Michiana Contracting Inc \$1,478,260.00
- Schenkel Construction \$1,435,000.00

Zack again suggested approving the low bid pending review by the highway department. Dave Abbott moved to approve the low bid pending review. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Highway Construction Business

Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, reported the following:

- The gradeall is leaking antifreeze and has engine problems. The estimated cost of the repair is \$4,000.00. This amount could be less if we are able to do the repairs in house. Dave Dolezal made a motion to approve the engine repairs. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Mark also had a question as to the Highway's involvement in drainage issues. There is a project on 100 S east of 1100E which is a \$17,000.00 projects. The highway does not budget for these projects and is wanting clarification as to who pays these expenses. This will be discussed further at the upcoming drainage board meeting.
- Mark also informed the commissioners that one of the operators is retiring and he has posted the job.

Highway Engineering Business

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, presented the following engineering information:

- Bridge Inspection – Zack has submitted the paperwork requested by FMIS
- Bridge #147 - This is bridge is on schedule
- Bridge #6 – Permits has all been received and are good for some time, therefore Zack will be waiting until next spring to put this bridge out for bid. This will eliminate issues with school starting.
- LPA Call – Zack has tried to get update but is thinking that the awards will still be 2 months out.
- Title VI – This is complete and is posted on the Web as well as internal posting. Zack is still waiting to hear of compliance.
- Noble Trails – Zack had received a request from Scott Derby for signage for the newly developed Noble Trails. This is the first phase of this project and would signage for pedestrian crossings etc... Zack is estimating the cost of these signs to be approximately \$350.00 but wanted to make the commissioners aware that this is only the first phase and there would be future requests just like this once other phases were completed. Dave Dolezal made a motion to provide the signage as well as maintain the signs in years to come. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Zack also reported that the 1000 E project was finally completed and released from IDEM.
- Zack provided pictures of the ADA project in Wawaka. The new sidewalk is complete and he has heard very positive reviews from Wawaka residents. This project came in under budget.

UNSAFE HOUSING

Norm Lortie, Building Inspector, came before the commissioners concerning a complaint that was filed in June of 2015. At that time Norm visited the site on Upper Long Lake. In 2004 the occupant had gotten a permit to tear down the house and put up a garage. This has never happened and in June of 15' Norm asked for a written plan – which was submitted – giving a completion date of December of 2015. Still nothing was done and the occupant then requested an extension of time. Norm gave the owner a six month extension. Still nothing has been done. Norm is now asking that the commissioners set a hearing date for this property. The hearing will be held on August 22, 2016 at 9:30AM. Norm will take care of the notification.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Weights & Measures Monthly Report – duly entered
- Open House – Northeastern Center – Wednesday July 27th 1:00PM – 4:00PM
- ISO – building standards – duly entered
- DNR – Information about denial of the LARE grant for the Melvin Regulated Drain
- IDEM – Silgan Plastics Corp water quality permit
- Commissary Report from the Noble County Sheriff's department for January 1 through June 30, 2016 with a balance of \$36,317.86.
- A notice was received from the courts concerning a tort claim for right of way for the State Road 6 railroad bridge in Brimfield. Dennis will take of the response and indicated no need to send the information to the insurance company.

NOBLE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

A conflict of interest disclosure was received from the Noble County Public Library for Patricia Voors which required commissioner's signatures. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the disclosure statement. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

There was also a request to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Dave Ober. There were 3 interested applicants, Pattie Gatman, Ashley Libben, and Scott Truelove. Dave Abbott moved to approve Ashley Libben to fill this vacancy with a second coming from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

REZONING

Scott Ziegler, Surveyor, is present representing the Kruse family in their request for a rezoning from A1 to LR. Scott indicated that the Kruse's have a buyer for the .46 acre tract and would like to expand their property. Their property is zoned LR and in order to plat the property it must all be zoned the same way. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the rezoning with a second from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll for the weeks of 06/24/16 through 07/07/16 containing 5 pages and totaling \$324386.33 was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Noble County Auditor, Tonya Marks, was present to review claims dated 07/25/16. The commissioners reviewed 12 pages of claims totaling \$198,841.32. Claims were approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COMPLAINT

Kenneth Hughes, Plan Commission Director, is present along with Amanda Neigh and her father Chad Beasley. Mr. Beasley had a variance for a mobile home located on his property. The variance was for the lifetime of the occupant. When that person passed away, Mr. Beasley came back before the Board of Zoning and was told that they could not issue a variance because it was a rental property. Dennis Graft suggested getting an attorney to take the issue before the courts as this was something that the Board of Commissioners could not resolve. It was also suggested that the Beasley's maybe reapply for the variance prior to taking the court approach.

SHERIFF

Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff, was present to inform the commissioners that a new car had been ordered in replacement of the recent accident which totaled one of the cars. Doug also let the commissioners know that a current confinement officer had been offered a deputy position and that Doug also expects the resignation of another office who will be going to the City of Fort Wayne.

MINUTES

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

MILEAGE

Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, had received information from the state indicating a mileage change from .36 to .38 effective August 1, 2016. Dave Dolezal moved to accept the change in mileage and to send out the necessary notification to all employees. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

RECESS – The commissioners recessed until after lunch.

The Commissioner came back from lunch and had a brief discussion about the RFP for our Health Insurance. They also discussed the possibility of having someone more knowledgeable in the insurance field act as an advisor for the upcoming bidding.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 1:00 P.M. recessed from day to day until the 8th day of August, 2016.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

David Abbott, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Tonya L. Marks, Auditor