

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD August 8, 2016**

Comes now the hour of 8:00 A.M. on the 8th day August, 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
and
Steve Garbacz, KPC Media
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent
Shelley Mawhorter, Clerk
Dave Baum, IT Director
Shane Coney, Jail Commander
Doug Harp, Sheriff
Matt Brinkman, Region III-A
Shaun Tilghman, Region III-A
Zach Benedict, MKM Architect
Amber Bassett, Region III –A
Gregg Parker, Council on Aging
Regan Ford

President Gary Leatherman brought the meeting to order at approximately 8:45AM

CLERK

Shelley Mawhorter, Noble County Clerk, was present to review a Maximus contract for her office. This company reviews the IV-D program and Shelley has had their services for several years. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the contract. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF

A title was presented to the commissioners for their signature. This was on a sheriff's car that was recently totaled. Dave Dolezal moved to sign the title with a second coming from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0. Title was given to Sheriff Doug Harp.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Landfill – leachate report – copy to Derek Faulk and copy in leachate file
- Court Security – July report
- Clerk's Monthly report – June 2016 – copy to State Board of Accounts
- Treasurer's June Report - copy to State Board of Accounts
- Surveyor's drain increase
- I & M notice of survey work
- IDEM – Groundwater Monitoring Plan recommended changes

MINUTES

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

HIGHWAY

Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss the following:

- Mark brought a driveway variance recommendation before the commissioners. This is located on Riley Road and is Lot 16 in Kimmel's South Shores. Dave Abbott moved to approve the variance with a second coming from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- Mark also updated the commissioners on the season construction work. Mark is hoping to finish up work by the 19th of this month.
- Mark had reported an issue with a piece of equipment at the last meeting. Mark said the Grade-All required a new head and should be up and running very soon.
- Irving Gravel has also requested a paving project from the county. This will be at their expense and Zack indicated maybe an exchange of services.
- Mark also provided copies of the following Utility Permits: United Telephone, Frontier Communications, CenturyLink, Albion Town, and Noble REMC.

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

- Bridge Inspection LPA Voucher – Dave Dolezal moved to sign the voucher. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0
- Bridge 147 in Ligonier, Indiana– LPA Voucher – this is for Stage 2 of this project and was signed with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- CSX Bridge 135 amendment #1 – was concerning the crossing closure and the construction of a Cul-de-sac. This will be completed by Noble County and then reimbursed by CSX. Dave Dolezal moved to sign the amendment. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- LPA Call for Projects – Zack had no update and had heard that it may be October before we are notified.
- The Community Crossing Grant process has received 1592 applications. Zack is under the impression that most of the requests are small and they are close to fully funding most of the projects.
- Noble Trails request was approved at the last commissioners meeting however one sign had been overlooked and they are requesting that this be added. The commissioners had visited the site and had some safety concerns about one area of the trails. Zack will pass this concern on to the proper channel. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the extra sign request. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Highway Garage – Zack reported that the drawing have been submitted and we are currently waiting on Media Com to remove lines.
- Bridge 82 – Structural drawings have submitted.
- Bridge 6 - Sherman Street in Kendallville has been finalized and will be put out to bid next year. This required Geotechnical evaluation and Zack had received two quotes. One from GME Testing and one from Earth Exploration. The low bid was in the amount of \$4,100.00 from Earth Exploration and was accepted with a motion from Dave Abbott. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Fuel Contract – Zack indicated that the county is getting low on diesel fuel and have been watching the markets. He feels that it might be a good time to contract with estimates today being \$1.55 for unleaded and \$1.82 for diesel.
- New Employee – Zack reported that the highway had interviewed for an equipment operator and have offered the job to a local person coming back into the community from 20 years in the military where he worked with heavy equipment.
- Zack also provided the commissioners with a proposed contract for 2018 – 2021 for himself. Zack indicated that he has had several firms contact him trying to recruit and has some offers that make is hard to say no. He feels that he would like to stay and would feel comfortable staying here is this contract were to be approved.
- Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, discussed a recent call that she had from a Rich Anderson concerning a cul- de –sac in Cobblestone which is an extension of Shiregreen Ct. Zack suggested that the individual do the necessary steps for a vacation of the roadway. Jackie contacted Rich Anderson on 08/09/16 by phone to discuss the vacation process.

SPEED ORDINANCE

Zack had also conducted a requested speed study on County Road 25 N between CR 50 W and SR 9. The public hearing and ordinance adoption was held today and was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Doug Harp, Jail Commander Shane Coney and IT Director Dave Baum, were all present to discuss the replacement of the cameras in the Noble County Jail. Doug indicated that the servers, storage and cameras are all antiquated and need replaced. Four quotes had been received all of which are in the \$200,000.00 range and the questions then comes as to how the county will pay for this upgrade. After some discussion, Gary Leatherman suggested that Dave Baum, Shane Coney, Doug Harp and himself get together and structure a list of actual needs that this would entail and send this list to the current bidders for apples to apples quotes. That meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

REGION III-A

Matt Brinkman, Amber Bassett, and Shaun Tilghman, Region III-A, Gregg Parker, from Council on Aging along with Zach Benedict, MKM Architects were all present for the Council on Aging project. Matt conducted the public meeting reviewing the need for a new location for the senior citizens center. This is a center for low and moderate income citizens and the grant will be met with local funding from the Council on Aging. Zack Benedict reviewed the renovation project and indicated an increase in square footage from 4400 to 8400 sq. ft. This will currently meet the needs of the agency and has room for growth in the future. Regan Ford spoke on behalf of Kendallville City Council and senior citizens on the need for this project. Matt indicated that the probability of receiving the grant was very favorable due to the fact that the building was donated to the organization for this purpose. There being no further comments the hearing was closed at approximately 11:03AM.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Gregg Parker, Council on Aging, was present to get the commissioners signature on his 3rd quarter data report. After review Dave Dolezal moved to approve the report with a second coming from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

RECESS

The Commissioners resume their meeting after drainage board and lunch at approximately 1:00PM.

CLAIMS

Nicole Noe, Deputy Auditor, was present for claims review. The commissioners reviewed 10 pages totaling \$439,333.50. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the claims with the exception of a claim for mileage in the amount of \$45.90 until the commissioners could discuss the use of the county vehicle with the claimant. The amount of claims approved was \$439,287.60. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Utility claims were also reviewed and the commissioners questioned a claim for the irrigation system in the amount of \$721.51. Gary will discuss this with Tim Lock, Maintenance. These claims contained 2 pages and totaled \$406,965.48 and were approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll for 07/08/16 -07/21/16 was reviewed along with comp time currently on the books for employees. Five pages totaling \$345,083.19 were approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 2:15 P.M. recessed from day to day until the 22th day of August, 2016.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

David Abbott, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Tonya L. Marks, Auditor