

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD JANUARY 9, 2012**

Comes now the hour of 8:37 A.M. on the 9th day of January, 2012, in the Commissioners Court in the Noble County Courthouse, Albion, Indiana, being the time, date and place set for a special session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County, Indiana.

Present were:

Joy Y. LeCount, President
David J. (Dave) Dolezal, Vice President
Jack W. Herendeen, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor
Dennis Graft, County Attorney
and Greg Parker, Council on Aging
Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff
Bob Braley, KPC
Scott Perry, Albion New Era
Mark Goodrich, Noble County Highway
John Geiger, Concerned Citizen
Rick Anderson, Noble County Sheriff Security

Joy LeCount brought the meeting to order at approximately 8:37 AM.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Greg Parker was present with the 2011 final quarter report and voucher. This document also provided the 4th quarter financial statement. Dave Dolezal moved to allow Joy to sign the voucher. Jack Herendeen seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

E-911

A request from Mitch Fiandt was discussed that would allow him to purchase a repeater to enable better service to the Avilla and LaOtto areas. The amount is \$2,500.00 to upgrade this equipment. Dave Dolezal made a motion to allow the purchase. Jack Herendeen seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF

- Doug Harp was present to review an agreement received from the Corizon to pay half of a medical bill incurred by a DOC inmate that was housed in Noble County. The agreement provided for the Corizon to pay half of the medical bill with Noble County paying the remainder. Jack Herendeen moved to allow the Sheriff to sign the agreement. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- The commissioners also had some questions concerning overtime at the jail. Doug explained a medical issue with an inmate that required security plus call- in incidents that have occurred this month. The commissioners have set aside a noon visit to the Sheriff's department on January 23, 2012 to further discuss this issue.

SURETY BONDS

Bonds were reviewed for both Doug Harp and Scott Ziegler. Dave Dolezal moved to approve both bonds. Jack Herendeen seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

MOISTURE/HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Joy LeCount informed the board that she had spoken with Romary & Associates concerning the moisture issue at the highway department. She indicated that Romary was working on this issue and hoped to have more answers by the January 23, 2012 Commissioners meeting.

SECURITY

Rick Anderson was present to answer any questions concerning his yearly report he had provided the commissioners. He said the number of people entering the courthouse was down from 2010 by about 4,942 people. There were a total of 97,180 people coming through security in 2011. There were 5 more jury trials than there were last year. Security also had 40 more emergency responses than 2010. Yearly report was duly entered.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- John Geiger, a concerned citizen, was present concerning a speed limit sign on 450 S. Mr. Geiger lives at 4549 W on this road. There are signs dealing with the curves on this road but no other signs are posted. There are 17 houses within the 1 1/2 miles and Mr. Geiger feels that the speed limit should be reduced. He presented the commissioners with a few signatures from some other landowners in the same area. The commissioners will order John Strange, Sign Foreman, to do the necessary studies to determine whether or not a reduced speed limit in this area is legitimate.
- Jack Herendeen brought up an issue of a tree that is uprooted between 300 E and 400 E off of 600 S. The only thing preventing the tree from falling is the other trees. Mark Goodrich will get with Noble REMC to address this issue.
- Overtime – Jack questioned the overtime of a couple of the employees. Mark is aware of John Strange staying over a few times to finish things. Mark will look into this a little further and report back to Jack Herendeen.
- 800 N – Mark is reporting that the water was off the road and is draining well. There is also a plugged tile on 100 N at 150 E. They located the tile but have been unable to find the plug. It is draining on the west side but not on the east side. The highway department is continuing to work on this issue.
- Luther haven issue is being worked on today.
- Dennis Graft thinks that a policy concerning the issues of water on the roads would be a good idea to at least lessen the County's responsibility in these areas.
- Quotes for buildings at the highway department were given to the commissioners for review. These quotes involve 3 barns or sheds located on the Highway department grounds.
- Mark is being asked to gather information concerning miles and or hours on the vehicles at the highway department and report back to the commissioners
- Utility Permit for Noble REMC was duly entered.

PAYROLL

The payroll being reviewed and questions answered from various departments, Jack Herendeen moved to approve the payroll dated 1/12/2012

APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER REPORTS

Jackie Knafel had various appointments and reports for the commissioners to sign. They are as follows:

- Appointment of the Local Health Officer – Dave Dolezal made a motion to appoint Gerald Warrener M.D. as the Health Officer for Noble County. Jack Herendeen seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Appointment of Veterans Service Officer - Jack Herendeen moved to retain Michael Clouse as Noble county's Veterans Service Officer. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Advanced Imaging Solutions acceptance was signed with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Jack Herendeen. Motion carried 3-0.
- Covered Bridge Certification is a yearly report that needs to be sent to the state. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the signing of the report. Jack Herendeen seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Noble Twp Fire Department – The commissioners had received the semi- annual sub recipient report for the Fire Department in Noble twp. Jack Herendeen moved to allow Joy's signature on this report. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ALBION TWP POOR RELIEF STANDARDS

Poor Relief standards were filed by Casey Myers for the Albion Township trustee's office.

CORRESPONDENCE

Weaver Boos invoice – duly entered

Monthly Treasurers report – duly entered

4-H WEEK

Doug Keenan, Noble County Extension Agent, brought a 4-H week Proclamation before the commissioners for signatures. 4-H Week will be held January 22, 2012 through January 28, 2012. Jack Herendeen moved to approve the proclamation. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 3, 2012 commissioner's meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Jack Herendeen. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes of the December 19, 2012 were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Jack Herendeen. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes from the December 12, 2012 meeting were read and approved as submitted. Dave Dolezal made the motion and it was seconded by Jack Herendeen. Motion carried 3-0.

ELKHART RIVER GRANT

Joy LeCount had signed a cover letter for Scott Ziegler concerning the Elkhart River clearing of log jams at an earlier time. A copy was provided for the file. A copy of the grant that would allow up to \$110,000.00 worth of expenses for log jam removal on the North Branch of the Elkhart River came before the commissioners for Joy's signature. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the signing. Jack Herendeen seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DRUG COURT GRADUATION

An invitation for the upcoming Drug Court Graduation was received by all commissioners. The graduation will be held in the courts on January 26, 2012 at 3:00 PM.

Also, more correspondence was received from the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. Joy will draft a letter in response to this correspondence.

SECURITY- PROSECUTORS OFFICE

Jim Mowery reported that ERS Automation, the company hired to do security at the Noble County Prosecutor’s office, was there for a couple of hours last week but was then called away due to a death in the family and haven’t been back to date. Jim is hoping that the system will be operating correctly by the end of this week and will keep the commissioners posted.

EMPLOYEE NAME TAGS

Jackie questioned whether the commissioners wanted county employee’s to have name tags or not. Cheryl Munson, Health Nurse, was under the impression that the commissioners wanted all employees to have name tags. Joy indicated that it is not required by the equipment to make the tags is available if the employees want to utilize it.

UPCOMING DATES

The commissioners discussed the following upcoming dates:

- January 30, 2012 – commissioners will meet at the South Complex to discuss pending issues. Joy is asking Dennis Graft, County Attorney, to look into the fact that bids were requested last fall to renovate an area at the South Complex and no interest was shown by any contractors. Joy is wondering if - since there was no response to these bids - if the commissioners can just hire a construction company to do the work. Dennis checked and it is his determination that a company can be hired. Storage space at the complex will also be discussed at that time.
- A date to review the needs of repairs at the highway was discussed with no decision of a date or time to meet.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 11:45AM recessed from day to day until the 23rd day of January 2012.

Joy Y. LeCount, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Jack W. Herendeen, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor