

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD January 5, 2015**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the 5th day of January, 2015, 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
Chad Kline, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L. Knafel, County Coordinator
Tonya L. Marks, Noble County Auditor
Dennis Graft, County Attorney
and Danyel Wagner, Noble County Probation
Bill Etzler, Engineering Resources
Bob Braley, KPC Media
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Mitch Fiandt, 911 Director
Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff
Norm Lortie, Building Inspector

CLOSING OF THE 2014 COMMISSIONERS SESSIONS

Dave Dolezal made a motion to close the 2014 calendar year for the Noble County Commissioners. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

OPENING OF THE 2015 COMMISSIONERS SESSIONS

Tonya Marks, Noble County Auditor, opened the 2015 Commissioners sessions. Dave Dolezal made a motion to nominate Gary Leatherman for the office of President. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chad Kline made a motion to close the nomination. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chad Kline made a motion to nominate Dave Dolezal as Vice President. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Danyel Wagner, Noble County Probation Chief Deputy, was present to request a signature on the 2 year Community Corrections grant. Chad Kline made a motion to sign the grant with a second coming from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0

LANDFILL

Bill Etzler, Engineering Resources, is present to discuss the gas probes at the landfill and the submission of the landfill plan to IDEM. There is room on the east side of 125 E for the 3 additional probes in the County's right of way so no additional permits will be necessary. Bill also informed the commissioners that gas probe #1 is in the waste mass and he fills that is the reason for the changes in methane levels. Bill has been in contact with IDEM and has asked for an extension until January 13th, 2015 for the submission of the plan and has received notification that the extension has been approved. Bill also provided the landfill inspection report for December, 2014. June 2015 will be the next inspection and that will be done along with the Soil and Water Department inspections.

COURT CLAIMS

Dave Dolezal made a motion to approve the supplemental claims dated December 30, 2014 in the amount of \$193,337.68 for a docket consisting of 2 pages. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Weights and Measurers November/December report – duly entered
Courthouse Security Monthly Report - duly entered

Courthouse Security Yearly Report – duly entered

NOBLE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

A letter was received from the Noble County Redevelopment Commission requesting appointments to their board. Dave Dolezal made a motion to reappoint Scott Pounds, Rebecca Schroeder and Roger Diehm to the board. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent, made the following report to the Commissioners:

- Construction Update – Brush cutting and tree removal and cleanup continues.
- Crack Sealing on roads is in progress
- Saturday January 3 we had ice and crews were out sanding. We had one truck that slipped off the side of the road and required a tow truck also had 3 mailboxes hit during the day and the sign foreman was contacting the owners to discuss.
- Todd Fortman has been hired as the new truck driver and started today. He has experience as he worked for another government agency.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, discussed the following engineering business with the Commissioners:

- Bridge #70 – Zack is finishing up the paperwork of the construction of Bridge 70 which is complete.
- Bridge Overlays – Complete
- Call for Projects – should begin sometime this month.
- Bridge Inspection Proposals - Approval will begin in February
- CSX – There has still been no response from CSX concerning railroad bridges – Zack will contact them again this week.
- Equipment Management – Zack hopes to have a draft copy of the equipment management plan to the commissioners next week.
- Sign Study - Zack is working on this program
- New Hire - Zack told the commissioners that the process for hiring a new sign foreman which if hired from the internal employee base will create another opening.
- ADA – Zack received a message during Christmas break that there would be a Federal Audit concerning the ADA ordinance. Zack is working on getting all the information to the auditing firm.
- Gary Leatherman asked Zack about a previous request for him to take a county vehicle home during the possibility of inclement weather. Chad Kline made a motion to allow the take home vehicle as needed to check road conditions on the east side of the county. A reminder to Zack that there is a fee for the take home use and that the payroll department will need to be notified when this happened. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

E-911

Mitch Fiandt, 911 Director and Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff, were present to discuss 911 issues at the Sheriff's department.

- E-911 PSAP survey is requested by the state 911 board. Survey was completed and signed with a motion from Chad Kline and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- New permanent part time dispatchers – Mitch and Doug are requesting that the commissioners allow the hiring of 2 permanent part time dispatchers. Mitch said that he is currently missing 2 full time dispatcher with Jeremy coming to the courthouse and one dispatcher being on medical leave which works the remaining dispatchers extra hours to cover for the shortage. Both Mitch and Doug are worried that the current dispatchers will get “burnt out” due to working so many hours and it also opens up the possibility of mistakes being made. Mitch provided the commissioners with a report of all the calls taken in 2014. After some discussion, Chad Kline moved to allow the hiring of one permanent part time dispatcher working approximately 24 hours not to exceed 28 hours and pending Council approval. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COURTHOUSE REPAIR

Phil Jacob was present to request permission to have Reicke's Painting to touch up walls etc. in the courthouse. Phil had received a quote from Riecke's in the amount of \$4,000.00 or less. The commissioners requested that even though it does not exceed any bid requirement that they would like to have more than one bid from now on. Dave Dolezal made a motion to employ Riecke's Painting to do the touch up work. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PTABOA APPOINTMENTS

Kim Miller is present requesting the reappointment of James Cook, David Button and John Bender to the PTABOA board. Dave Dolezal made a motion to appoint Cook, Button and Bender as requested. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENTS

The following 2015 annual appointments were made with a motion from Chad Kline and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

- **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE** **HERTHA MYERS**
- **BUILDING INSPECTOR** **NORM LORTIE**
- **CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES** **GARY LEATHERMAN**
- **COMMISSIONERS ATTORNEY** **DENNIS GRAFT**
- **COUNCIL ON AGING** **CHAD KLINE**
- **CEMA** **DAVE DOLEZAL**
- **DISTRICT PLANNING COUNCIL** **MITCH FIANDT**
MICK NEWTON
- **DRUG FREE NOBLE COUNTY** **DAVE DOLEZAL**
- **E-911** **CHAD KLINE**
- **LEPC** **DAVE DOLEZAL**
- **EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** **GARY LEATHERMAN**
- **HEAD CUSTODIAN** **PHIL JACOB**
- **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT** **MARK GOODRICH**
- **MAUMEE RIVER BASIN** **DAVE DOLEZAL**
- **NOBLE COUNTY EDC** **CHAD KLINE**
- **NOBLE COUNTY ECON DEV TRUST ADV** **GARY LEATHERMAN**
- **NOBLE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION** **CHAD KLINE**
- **NEISW** **GARY LEATHERMAN**
- **REGION III-A** **DAVE DOLEZAL**
- **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** **MIKE CLOUSE**
- **WE CARE CLINIC BOARD** **CHAD KLINE**
- **WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR** **RICK WYSONG**
- **WOOD LAND & LAKES RC&D** **DAVE DOLEZAL**
- **WORK FORCE ONE** **CHAD KLINE**

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Norm Lortie, Building Inspector, was present concerning an unoccupied residence owned by a Jesus Sanchez. Notification have been sent certified which all came back as undeliverable. Notice was placed on the building with a request to call the building department and nothing was done. And more recently a notice was placed in the paper. The treasurer's office has been asked to watch for who pays the taxes in the spring as past payments show taxes have been paid in cash. Chad Kline made a motion to proceed with condemning the property allowing for a 6 month plan to be in place for removal of the property. This will be reheard at the June 8, 2015 Commissioner's meeting. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Norm also reported on a property located on the Wolf Lake Road. Norm has spoken with the heirs to this property whose owner is now deceased. The son spends winters in Florida and returns in late spring. He is telling Norm that he will address the issue when returning this spring.

EMA GRANT

Mick Newton, EMA Director, is present to request to get a sub grant agreement signed by the Commissioners. This is to purchase a camera that will monitor incidents in Noble County. An example of the Rome City Dam was given as an example of the type of monitoring this would be used for. Chad Kline moved to sign the grant and a second came from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

CLANDESTINE DRUG LAB ORDINANCE

Today being set for the public hearing of the adoption of the "Cleanup for Clandestine Drug Lab Sites", Dave Dolezal made a motion to sign the ordinance. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING ORDINANCE

The ordinance "Preventing Discrimination in Housing in the County of Noble" which had been adopted earlier was also signed.

CLAIMS

Claims dated 01/05/15 were reviewed. Docket containing 11 pages and totaling \$506,182.60 were approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and seconded by Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0. A claim in the amount of \$17.26 was denied for Shellie Geiger.

MUNICODE

Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney, had received correspondence from Municode concerning the finalization of Noble County's ordinance codification. Discussion resulted in Dennis recommending that Municode do as they are suggesting as far as eliminating outdated ordinances or overlapping ordinances then send a final document for review. Chad Kline will e-mail Municode to set up a conference call with the company on January 12, 2015 at 1:30pm. Dennis Graft, Chad Kline and Jackie Knafel will be in attendance for the call.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Discussion continued about weekly meetings of the Commissioners or whether two meetings a month would be sufficient. Dave Dolezal then made a motion to have two meetings a month that being the 2nd and 4th meeting of each month. This new policy will begin February 1, 2015. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 11:30 A.M. recessed from day to day until the 12th day of January, 2015.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor

