

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MARCH 10, 2014**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the 10th day of March, 2014, 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:

Gary Leatherman, President
David J. (Dave) Dolezal, Vice President
Chad Kline, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor
Dennis Graft, County Attorney
and Bob Braley, KPC
Scott Perry, Albion New Era
Stacy Beam, Noble County Probation
Danyel Waggoner, Noble County Probation
Bill Etzler, Engineering resources
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent
Grant Caskey, Contractor

CORRESPONDENCE

The Commissioners reviewed an invoice from the Town of Albion. There were 4 loads @\$120.00 each taken to Albion for Disposal of Leachate.

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 3, 2014 meeting were approved as written with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0.

ITEMS PENDING

Municode contract was reviewed. This will consolidate ordinances, review old ordinances, and put Noble County Ordinances on a web site for all to review. The total cost of the contract is approximately \$10,000.00. This can be paid over a two year span. Dave Dolezal moved to approve Municode contract dividing the payment into 2 fiscal years. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

VOTE CENTERS

Vote Center locations were presented to the commissioners for signatures. Chad moved to approve the centers as presented and Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NOBLE COUNTY LANDFILL

Bill Etzler from Engineering Resources reported on his progress with the landfill issues. He has met with IDEM concerning the landfill and is expecting an e-mail from IDEM today. He has prepared the map and feels that this issue should be resolved within the next couple of weeks.

HIGHWAY

Zack Smith and Mark Goodrich were present to discuss the following engineering issues and other highway business:

- Mark Goodrich discussed repair issues at the highway. The recent repair to the gas pumps at the highway department was over \$3300.00. With all the other repair bills that the highway has had to deal with this year, Mark feels that this bill should be paid from the departments that use the pumps. The Highway uses very little unleaded gas. After some discussion, Chad Kline made a motion divide the cost of repairs among the departments that use the unleaded pumps. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Mark also reported that there had been an accident – this time between two county vehicles.
- Zack and Mark have been in contact with IPEP – our insurance carrier – and they have sent a manual which will be reviewed and designed for what is appropriate for Noble County. LTAP will also be holding a plow safety session this fall for Noble County and surrounding counties.
- Zack Smith discussed engineering issues: Bridge #70 – the highway department is waiting on approval for right a ways.
- Distributor - Zack said some of the work on the distributor will be done in house to cut done on costs. Dave Dolezal made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the new distributor once additional is approved. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- CSX – Zack has been in discussion with CSX concerning replacement of 3 bridges east of Albion. He has spoken to several individuals from the railroad and has not made much progress as of yet.
- Highway Standards are just about done and Zack will do one more read through and will present to the commissioners within the next couple of weeks.
- March 14 -28, 2014 the highway will be receiving sealed bids for trucks the county is wishing to get rid of. There will be a notice to bidders in the papers, a posting on Craig's list and Dave Baum will be furnished a link for our website.

STATE ASSISTANCE

Scott Perry mentioned to the commissioners that he had seen on the local news that Allen, DeKalb and Whitley county's might be recessing assistance from the state for the excessive costs for this winters snow storms. He was questioning why Noble was not mentioned. Gary indicated that Mick had gathered all the data and that he would again talk to Mick about the issue.

CLAIM DENIAL

Grant Caskey was present to discuss the bill that was sent for his contracting of his equipment for use of pick up that was taken for safety reasons. He is questioning why the bill was denied. Chad and Dave indicated that had this been discussed and authorized that it would not have been an issue and that all claims from all contractors had been handled the same way. The rate charged in this instance was also well above the FEMA rate.

Grant also voiced his option about write ups when the county trucks are involved in accidents. Commissioners explained that these were only on at fault collisions and not for any other reason. Grant told the commissioners that the highway guys do a great job and was concerned that they were getting written up for getting stuck etc.

PROBATION GRANTS

Danyel Waggoner and Stacey Beam are present for approval of the grant application for a 2 year grant for services – treatment, drug screening, life skills, etc. The amount of the grant is for \$170,000 over a 2 year span. Chad Kline moved to approve and Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Grant 2 is for supervision and is for up to \$750,000 a year. This grant – however- is a country wide grant and only 6 will be awarded. This grant would include personnel and possibly vehicles. Criminal Code Bill 1006 is changing the face of the way felonies are handed and will increase the number of people that the probation is responsible for supervision. Danyel is still working on this grant. Chad Kline moved to approve and Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 10:40 A.M. recessed from day to day until the 17th day of March, 2014.

Gary Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor