

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD APRIL 7, 2014**

Comes now the hour of 8:34 A.M. on the 7th day of April, 2014, 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, Auditor
Marion S. Cavanaugh, Deputy Auditor
Dennis Graft, County Attorney
And Bob Braley & Scott Perry, News Media

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Mick Newton, EMA Director came before the Commissioners to get their approval to apply for a grant for two computers and a standalone video system for EMA. He said the video system has a high definition camera and it operates from an I-phone, I-pad or a computer. Mick said when we had the train derailment this would have been helpful. Dave asked what kind of computers he was looking at getting. Mick said he talked to Dave Baum (IT) and they are looking at Surface Pro-2's like they are putting as mobile data terminals in police cars. Mick said the camera and everything to set it up will be \$13,000.00. He said the computers would be about \$1,000.00 and a small digital projector would be \$600.00. Mick said they have \$25,000.00 available for each county, but he is only asking for \$16,000.00 of that. Gary asked Mick if the camera would stay in his control. Mick said it would stay with him. He said it is a 100% grant with no match needed, and he has to have a notice of intent filed by April 10th. Dave asked how close they have to be to it to operate it. Mick said 400 yards or about a quarter of a mile. He said it allows you to put a set of eyes in a hazardous material area where it might not be safe to put a person. Mick said he wanted to apply for this last year but the grant didn't go high enough.

Dave moved to approve the request for a grant application to approve the purchase of the two computers (tablets) and a rapidly deployable camera and projector in the amount of \$16,000.00. Chad seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

CLAIMS APPROVED

After reviewing the regular claims and the supplemental claims and getting answers to questions, Dave moved to approve them. Chad seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

TOWN OF ALBION – INVOICE FOR LEACHATE DISPOSAL

The Town of Albion submitted an invoice in the amount of \$210.00 for the disposal of 3500 gallons of leachate from the landfill, (H.I.).

MARCH 2014 SECURITY REPORT

The Commissioners received the above referenced report indicating that in March, 6 people were taken into custody from the courts and 7 people were taken into custody on warrants, (H.I.).

MINUTES APPROVED

After reviewing the minutes of the *March 31, 2014 executive session* Chad said that "Shelly" should be spelled "Shellie". With that change he moved to approve the minutes. Dave seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PROPERTY

Chad said he talked to Suzanne Handshoe, Mayor of Kendallville and the city is interested in acquiring one of the parcels of ground which is on the tax sale certificate list. He said it is bare ground and is right against the railroad tracks and sits right next to the McCray property. Chad said the city is working to try to get something done with the McCray property and if it works out they will assume the McCray property after it is demolished. He said they would like to have the Bowers property as an additional piece of property. Dennis asked Chad if he wanted to assign it or if we want to take it with the idea that Kendallville would then be taking it. Dave asked if that still gives them the opportunity to redeem the property. Dennis said he could redeem it within the next year.

After asking if Dave and Gary were interested in doing this, Chad moved to begin the process to assume the property, which is bare ground and is parcel number 008-100198-00 and Mikell Bowers was the legal owner. Dave seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS – ZACK SMITH & MARK GOODRICH REPAIR PARTS FOR TRUCK #9

Mark requested to purchase repair parts for the rear suspension on truck #9 which is a 2002 Volvo, at a cost of \$4,157.04. Chad asked how many miles are on the truck. Mark guessed that there are probably over 220,000 miles on it. He said it is the next truck in line to be replaced. Mark said it has been one of the higher maintenance trucks they have. Dave asked what township it is used in. Mark said it is used in Perry Township. He said it is completely down and had to be towed in by a wrecker. Mark said we either need to replace the suspension parts or let the truck sit.

Dave moved to approve the purchase of the parts to fix truck #9 to repair the suspension in the amount of \$4,157.04. Chad seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

BRIDGE #70 PROJECT

Zack gave an update on the right-of- way procurement for the Bridge #70 project.

SALE OF SURPLUS TRUCKS

Zack said in the last bid we sold both plows and one of the trucks. He said we didn't get any bids on the '97 truck, so he will be putting that truck and one from the Building Department out for bids and give them until April 11th to bid.

CSX RAILROAD – BRIDGE #136

Zack said he got an email this morning that CSX has permission to send a letter of support for the LPA request for Bridge #136. He said they just want some detailed information on what would be included and he will follow up with that.

LPA CALL FOR PROJECTS

Zack said he drafted letters for the Commissioners to sign for the six projects we scoped out. He said four of them are bridges and two of them are road projects. The projects are: 150 E; Baseline Road; and Bridges #82, 24, 136 and 147. Zack said on bridge #136 he is following up with CSX and with 147 he followed up with Ligonier's Engineering Department, so he should have a letter from their mayor soon.

Dave asked if we were granted all of the projects, what kind of money we would need to support them. Zack said it would probably be 3 – 4 million dollars. He said we would know about it 3 or 4 years ahead of time, so we would have time to work on getting the money. Zack said also since it is 80/20 we could schedule them so we have a balance. He said ideally we will get one road and one bridge project. Zack said he is going to put bridge #147 as our top priority.

Chad moved to sign the letters of support for the LPA projects. Dave seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Zack said he sent a preliminary map out to everyone (none for file). He explained how they came up with the basic layout of what needs looked at and he said they will prioritize from there. Zack said it is about 10% of the roads that need looked at. He said they should have a decent scope of road repairs and a cost estimate next week.

CULVERT ON 200 S

Dave told Mark about a driveway on 200 S at Harold Shoppel's driveway where there is a problem with water washing out under the road. He said he knows they put some rocks in there but they have washed out. Mark said he and Zack went out and looked at it and he talked to Harold Friday afternoon. Mark talked about his concerns with putting a bigger pipe in. After further discussion, Zack said he would run some hydrologic calculations to see what size of pipe we need in there and maybe get both property owners involved.

BRIDGE INSPECTION PROJECT - LETTERS OF INTEREST (LOI)

Present for this portion of the meeting was Michael Springer, Northwest Consultants, Inc. (NCI).

Zack said we received nine LOI's for the Bridge Inspections. He said he thought we would most likely need to schedule a special session to do the grading because he didn't think there was enough time today. When asked, Zack told how the grading is done. Letters of Interest were received from the following companies: United Consulting; Frost Engineering; Engineering Resources; Butler Fairman & Seufert; DLZ; NCI-Northwest Consultants Inc; Beam Longest & Neff Consulting Engineers; Janson and Spands Engineering; and CHA.

BRIDGE #82

Zack said if Bridge #82 doesn't go through on the LPA, it will need addressed in the very near future. He said he is going to talk to the Council about that today.

MUNICODE – ORDINANCE CODIFICATION

The Commissioners received a letter from Municode last week asking that they select a color for the binders that will be used and a color for the stamping. The Commissioners agreed on Burgandy for the binder color and gold for the stamping color. Chad will notify Municode about the selections.

RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The Commissioners recessed their meeting at approximately 9:35 A.M. and reconvened at approximately 10:24 A.M.

STEVE HOOK, GIS COORDINATOR - PURCHASE OF GPS UNIT

Steve said Mick Newton was able to get a grant through the Homeland Security Grant. He said he was awarded \$5,100.00 and they were planning on using that to purchase a new GPS handheld unit, which could be used by different departments. Steve said we have to purchase the unit and pay for it ourselves and then we would be reimbursed. Gary asked Steve how he would keep track of where the unit is if other offices are going to use it. Steve said there is not a lot of demand for it at this point. Steve said the first thing would be to purchase the GPS unit and we are looking at about \$4995.00 for the purchase through Seiler Instruments in Indianapolis. He said we currently have a 2008 GPS unit that he would have to purchase updated software for if he wants to continue using it. Chad said then we would have two GPS units. Steve said we would have. Steve said he would like to use money from a data sharing grant we entered into with the state for the last three years. He said they have been paying us \$2,000.00 a year. Steve said we could use that money to pay for the software.

Chad moved to approve the \$4,995.00 purchase for a GeoXT GPS unit and also \$1,245.00 to upgrade the software for the current GPS unit. Dave seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

PROCLAMATION RE: NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHT'S WEEK

Steve Clouse, Noble County Prosecutor as well as Susie Pippenger, Terri Skinner and Jim Mowery were present for this portion of the meeting. Steve said it is National Crime Victims' Right's Week and the county does a proclamation in connection with that. He told about a program that will be held this week to recognize child victims of crime and they are going to re-activate the Noble County Domestic Task Force.

Chad moved to proclaim April 6-12, 2014 as Noble County Crime Victims' Right's Week and to invite all citizens to take notice of the observance. Dave seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

COUNCIL ON AGING 5311 GRANT QUARTERLY REPORT

Joyce Hogge from the Noble County Council on Aging came before the Commissioners to get their approval and signature on the 5311 Grant quarterly report, (H.I.).

Dave moved to approve the quarterly contract invoice voucher for the Indiana Department of Transportation. Chad seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

LAWN CARE QUOTES

Jackie said she sent out for new lawn care quotes with an option to do the mulching. She said she sent it to people that she knew were interested, and it will be advertised Wednesday and we will open them on the 28th. Jackie asked if she could just send to different places for quotes for the weed control. Dennis said she could because the amount would be small.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 10:42 A.M. recessed from day to day until the 14th day of April, 2014 on a motion from Dave which was seconded by Chad and carried, 3-0.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor