

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD JUNE 24, 2013**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2013, 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:

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

Also present were:

Jacqueline L. Knafel Auditor  
Dennis Graft, County Attorney  
and Scott Perry, Albion New Era  
Mitch Fiandt, E-911 Director  
Mick Newton, EMA Director  
Marc Fisher, Highway Bookkeeper  
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent  
Mayor Suzanne Handshoe, Kendallville City  
Ron Hite, Kendallville Airport  
Mark Shellington  
Steve Hook, GIS  
Kim Miller, Assessor  
Lowell Davis, Pictometry  
Dr. Terry Gaff, Health Department

Absent was: Gary Leatherman, President

Commissioner Vice President Dave Dolezal called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30AM.

**PAYROLL**

Payroll for June 27, 2013 was reviewed and approved with a motion from Chad Kline and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 2-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Weights & Measures Report – duly entered
- IDEM – Voidance of a Confined Feeding Operation – Lloyd & Edna Miller – duly entered
- Report of Collections – Noble County Sheriff – duly entered
- Notice of Claim Against Political Subdivision – duly entered and copy sent to Black & Ramer Insurance via first class mail
- Final Permit for Structural Composites of Indiana (Ligonier) CD – received and filed.

**PLAN COMMISSION NOTICE**

A notice to interested parties was received from the Noble County Plan Commission concerning real estate in Elkhart Twp. Public meeting was set for July 3, 2013. Confirmation of Receipt

was signed by Chad Kline and Dave Dolezal after a motion to sign came from Chad Kline and a second was made by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 2-0.

## MINUTES

Minutes of the June 10, 2013 and June 17, 2013 were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Chad Kline and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 2-0.

## E-911

Mitch Fiandt was present to inform the commissioners of a pending issue with the radio system. The system is 15 years old and Mitch just learned about a month ago that the system is nearing "end of life" and parts are no longer being made. If the system would fail, we would have no service. Mitch presented a quote from ERS Wireless Communications for the upgrade to a new system. The upgrade would cost \$124,319.58. Mitch has a \$300,000.00 balance in the 911 fund but is slowing using up the balance to continue running the 911 department. The state funding is only funding at a "safe level" and does not meet all of the appropriations now in place. Mitch indicated that his biggest expense is personnel. Chad Kline suggested that Mitch pursue this upgrade and use his funding source at this time. If the balance of his fund becomes low then the county would possibly consider moving one or two of the dispatchers to county general.

The state is also promising an increase in funding due sometime in August and there is a possibility that may be substantial and will help with the funding of this project.

Mitch was also asked about a Memorandum of Understanding with Parkview and Noble County. This was tabled until next week after Gary is back and has a chance to review. Mitch indicated the next meeting with Parkview will be held July 10, 2013

## HIGHWAY

Marc Fisher, Highway bookkeeper, was asked to come to the meeting after some questions arose as to the way the gasoline is purchased and those costs distributed to various departments. Marc had handouts that he distributed showing the commissioners how this process worked.

Mark Goodrich was also present and discussed the following:

- LPA Invoice – Bridge 134 Preliminary Engineering claim \$636.80
- LPA Invoice – Bridge inventory claim \$3200.00

Both of the above invoices were approved with a motion from Chad Kline and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 2-0.

- Mark indicated that Ballenshire will be paved beginning Wednesday June 26, 2013 and that all residence have been notified of the project.
- The commissioners were given bids for the tandem truck that the Highway will be purchasing this year. The following bids were received:
  1. Mac Granite \$92,490.00 with a trade in price of \$22,000.00
  2. Freightliner \$98,490.00 with a trade in price of \$20,000.00
  3. Western Star \$99,759.00 with a trade in price of \$20,000.00
  4. Kenworth Did not have an acceptable motor
  5. VOLVO Concerns about attaching an underbody plow.
  6. Bed for truck quote was received from W. A. Jones at a cost of \$79,752.00

Mark indicated that choice would be the Western Star. He had talked with other counties that have this truck and they were very happy with its performance. The quoted price would also have the upgraded 90 or 100 gallon hydraulic pump.

Chad Kline suggested that Mark advertise the truck on Craig's list as we have had good luck doing so with other county owned vehicles. Mark will reserve the right to reject any bids if lower than the trade in value given above. Also, we will need to indicate that the truck will not be available until after receiving the new truck. The Commissioners will act on the purchasing of the truck next week when Gary returns.

- All 3 mowers are in operation today. The highway department will be done with the first round of mowing within the next 3 weeks – weather permitting.
- Also duly entered were the following Utility Permits:
  1. Noble REMC
  2. Town of Rome City
  3. NIPSCO
  4. United Telephone

#### CEDIT FUNDING

Mayor Suzanne Handshoe, Ron Hite, and Mark Shellington were present for discussion about the Kendallville Airport. Many local residents as well as Noble County Businesses use the airport and last winter there was an issue with the runway not being cleared because there is no full time person at the airport. Mayor Handshoe said the airport has other sources of income totaling \$104,367.00 but that is not enough to staff the airport. They have looked into fixed based operators which would be an expense of possibly \$125,000.00. The Mayor is asking the County to possibly use CEDIT dollars to increase their revenue in the amount of \$25,000.00 or more. The commissioners are taking this issue under advisement and will discuss further at next week's meeting.

#### PICTOMETRY

Steve Hook and Kim Miller, along with Pictometry rep Lowell Davis were present to further discuss a fly of the county for 2014 as well as another fly in 3 years. Total cost of the Pictometry for the 2 flights would be \$304,000.00. Steve has commitment from the Assessor's office for \$38,000.00, \$50,000.00 from his GIS CEDIT account, \$13,000.00 from Maumee River Basin, and around \$8,000.00 from some of the cities and towns. Kim is telling the commissioners that she would like to do in-house reassessment and this would be a great tool in accomplishing this goal. However, she is requesting 2 part – time employees to do this. The commissioners were reluctant to approve the Pictometry prior to Council approval of 2 more employees and Kim's uncertain commitment of doing in-house. After some more discussion, Chad Kline moved to table the decision until July 8, 2013 and at that time should have an okay from Council from the 2 part time employees. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Terry Gaff was present to express his thank you to the commissioners for the work done at the south complex to facilitate the health department moves. Also, he is a part of the Rails to Trails board and is interested in a piece of property that the commissioners will be taking deed to in a short time. Rome City has made a commitment to receive the property and it was suggested that Dr. Gaff also contact Leigh Pranger at the Town of Rome City.

#### RECESS

The commissioners recessed their meeting at approximately 12:25PM until after the Drainage board meeting.

**BACK IN SESSION**

The commissioners went back in session at 2:49PM to discuss budgets with Auditor Jackie Knafel. Jackie had prepared the budgets based on information at hand and went over the Commissioners, CEDIT, CAGIT, Cum Courthouse, and Debt Service budgets with them. In addition to what Jackie had prepared it was decided to add a County Coordinator to their Commissioners budget. This position will be discussed with the Council on July 1, 2013. Also, there was a suggestion to add \$30,000.00 to the CEDIT budget for the Airport. This can be removed if the decision is to not support this project at the next meeting.

**AIC CONFERENCE**

Jackie also provided the commissioners with information regarding the upcoming AIC conference in Switzerland County in September. Registration open July 9, 2013 and Jackie asked the commissioners to let her know by then if they are planning to attend so that all registrations can be done at the same time.

**KARR TUCKPOINTING**

Jackie was notified last week that Karr Tuckpointing LLC had sent a check directly to Leatherman Construction for the cement repairs that need to be done to the sidewalk etc after the recent repair to the courthouse. Jackie had Leatherman's send a copy of the check to the county and then our billing will reflect the \$5,011.00 that has been paid by Karr.

**ADJOURNMENT**

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 4:05 P.M. recessed from day to day until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2013.

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Gary Leatherman, President

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David J. Dolezal, Vice President

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Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor