

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD JUNE 30, 2014**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 Stephen Kromkowski, DLZ  
Toby Steffen  
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer  
Scott Perry, Albion New Era  
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent  
Randy Sexton, Noble County Surveyor  
Mick Newton, EMA  
Nathan Miller, Plan Commission  
John and Leona Troyer  
Bill Etzler, Engineering Resources.

DLZ

Stephen Kromkowski from DLZ was present to deliver the Draft Report of the space study to the Noble County commissioners. They reviewed the different sections of the draft copy and reviewed the options available. These options will be the topic of discussion at a July 9, 2014 meeting of the Commissioners, Council, Department Heads, DLZ and Umbaugh.

**DEDICATION OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

- John & Leona Troyer along with Nathan Miller were present to get Commissioner approval for a road right-of-way dedication for Hidden Meadow School. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the dedication and a second was made by Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0. The Troyer property also had a second right-of-way dedication. The second one was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0.
- Mantles Sub Division Road right-of-way was also brought before the commissioners. There were questions of drainage easement that were brought before the commissioners. Chad Kline made a motion to accept the dedication but that the

document should not be recorded until the easement issue was resolved. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## HIGHWAY

- Randy Sexton was present along with Zack Smith and Nathan Miller concerning Administrative Sub Divisions. Highway's concerns are that road right-a-ways on administrative sub division are not reflecting correct amount of road right-a-way. One solution might be to take the roads out of the documentation but fear that this might cause problems with the setbacks were brought up. Another solution which seemed to be a better idea was to include the highway in the approval process of an Administrative Sub Division. This will be discussed at a future plan commission meeting and hopefully get things resolved.
- Bridge overlay bids – Zack had received two bids for the overlay project. The first one was from Pioneer and the bid was for \$231,595.92, the second bid came from Niblock and came in at \$196,595.92. Zack would like time to compare the bids, review them and will bring back his recommendation to the commissioners on July 7, 2014 during highway business. Chad Kline made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The engineering estimate was made at \$177,754.00.
- Bridge 70 – The revised railroad agreement had been received and Zack reviewed the agreement with the commissioners and county attorney. Zack indicated that he thought that this was as good as it can be and recommended that we not hold up the Bridge 70 project any longer. Chad Kline moved to approve the agreement with Norfolk Southern. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The agreement was approved not to exceed \$154,590.00 with the expectation not to use all of this.
- With the Railroad agreement being signed, Zack ask that the commissioners award the Bridge 70 project to Primco which was the lowest bid at \$572,944.04. Motion to award the project to Primco was made by Chad Kline and seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- Zack updated the commissioners on the Bridge 147 project as it is preceded as scheduled.
- Albion was awarded the West Main Street project and Zack said that there was nothing in previous minutes to indicate that the county had agreed to help fund this project.
- Bridge Inspection information was sent to IDEM.
- Budget transfers were proposed to help alleviate shortfalls in different account. These were approved with a motion from Chad Kline and a second from Dave Dolezal. These transfers will go before the Noble County Council on July 7, 2014.
- Zack also reported that the 2015 budget had been turned in to the Auditor's office and because of the shortfalls in allowable budgeting; Zack was looking at alternatives as far as funding goes. He had researched the surtax and found that the maximum is 10% and Noble County is at 6%. Increasing that to 10% would bring in an additional \$300,000.00. This would also put the county in a position to get distressed road funding grants. Increases to Wheel tax and buggy plate fees were also discussed.
- Zack also mentioned that the CEDIT fund recent funding was a huge help and is asking the commissioners if they would consider this funding in the future.
- LPA call for projects will come up again this fall for the year 2019.

- Highway standards will be advertised on July 2 and 9 and then come before the commissioners for final hearing.
- 300 S project is underway and should be complete by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September.

#### LANDFILL

Bill Etzler from Engineering Resources was available to discuss the placement of a larger holding tank for leachate. He had spoken with IDEM and had preliminary approval to proceed. The tank must have a double wall or the site must have some type of containment provisions. Bill will contact companies to get prices for the tank and report back to the commissioners on July 7, 2014 at 10:15 AM.

#### CLAIMS

The commissioners reviewed court claims to be paid. Chad Kline moved to pay the claims and it was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

#### IN COUNTY CLAIMS

Jackie Knafel, Auditor, brought an in county meal claim before the commissioners. She indicated that it was her understanding that you must be out of county to receive reimbursement for meal expense. The commissioners verified that it must be “out of county”.

#### 2015 BUDGETS

The commissioners again reviewed the 2015 budgets and accepted them as presented.

#### JOINT MEETING

Discussion again came up about the Space Study and Jackie was directed to sent meeting announcements to the papers concerning the Joint meeting of the commissioners and council. The meeting will be held Wednesday July 9, 2014 at 9:00AM.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The blighted property grant was again discussed and Chad Kline asked that the commissioners be put on the July 7 council agenda for finance discussion for this grant.

#### ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 11:39 A .M. recessed from day to day until the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

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Gary D. Leatherman, President

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David J. Dolezal, Vice President

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Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: 

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Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor