

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD AUGUST 5, 2013**

Comes now the hour of 8:35 A.M. on the 5th day of August, 2013, 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:

Marion S. Cavanaugh, Deputy Auditor
Dennis Graft, County Attorney
and Scott Perry & Bob Braley, News Media

QUOTES FOR METAL DETECTOR

There was a brief discussion with Judge Laur, Judge Kramer and Sheriff Doug Harp about the need for a new metal detector for the courthouse. Doug presented two quotes that he had received, one from AUTOClear and one from NOVA Security Group, (H.I.). Gary asked about the possibility of getting a grant. Judge Laur said he would call and check on that, but he thought most grants are geared for counties without any security at all. Doug said he has a third quote coming that he will get to the Commissioners when it comes in. He said the metal detector equipment we have now is not serviceable any longer because of its age.

PAYROLL TO BE PAID 8/08/18 APPROVED

After reviewing the payroll from 7/12/2013 – 7/25/2013 Chad moved to approve it. Dave seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

CLAIMS APPROVED

After reviewing the regular claims to be paid today and the special claims that have already been paid, Dave moved to approve them. Chad seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY REPORT – JULY 2013

The Commissioners received the above referenced report, (H.I.).

MINUTES APPROVED

After reviewing the *Executive session minutes of July 22, 2013*, Chad moved to approve them. Dave seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

JAIL DOCTOR AMENDED CONTRACT – DR. PAUL BLUSYS

Dave moved to approve the contract with Dr. Paul Blusys that was presented. Chad noted that it is an amended contract. Dennis said it is making reference to the Indemnification

Ordinance. He said it is a two-year contract and it automatically renews unless someone cancels it. No copy for file. Chad seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

JAIL GENERATOR INSPECTION AGREEMENT

Sheriff Doug Harp presented an Inspection Agreement from W.W. Williams, (H.I.). Chad moved to approve the inspection agreement for the jail generator in the amount of \$2,546.00 for one year. Dave seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

EMC INSURANCE – CLAIM RE: BREAK IN & THEFT AT SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

The Commissioners received notice from EMC Insurance that they had received a claim on the Inland Marine Policy and they had assigned it a claim number, (H.I.). The Commissioners briefly discussed the break in with the Sheriff.

There was discussion about a request that is being made by the Surveyor for security cameras, better lighting, and making the buildings that houses the equipment more secure. The Commissioners and Auditor Jackie Knafel talked about what funds might be available to accomplish what the Surveyor is requesting.

The Commissioners also talked to Dave Baum, IT about what could be done regarding cameras for video monitoring, an alarm system, etc. There was a question about the cost to monitor the South Complex as well as the storage buildings there. Dave Baum talked about the added space that it would take on the network. He said he thought every building should have some kind of camera at least over the entry/exits, because if someone broke in and stole something we would at least have a video recording of them leaving the building. There was a brief discussion about where to locate cameras if we go with them. Gary asked if there was a way to put a motion activated camera inside the garage. Dave Baum said there is, but they would have to run access wiring to the garage.

Richard Adair, Building Inspector was present and he explained the recent electrical upgrade that was done for outside buildings at the South Complex. Dave Dolezal asked if the lights have been fixed since the break in when they disconnected the power service. Richard said they had. He said the REMC put a security lock on the meter base. Richard suggested having a concealed camera inside the garage.

Chad asked Dave Baum if he could get a quote from the guy that does the security in the courthouse. Dave Baum said it would be better if the Commissioners speak to them so they could explain what different options they want quoted. He said he thought motion detected flood lights would be a great deterrence.

DISCUSSION RE: REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS AROUND COURTHOUSE

The Commissioners discussed the proposals for sidewalk repairs they had received previously from Leatherman Construction, and whether they should do the repairs this year or next year. There was discussion with the Auditor about what funds could possibly be used.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS – MARK GOODRICH **FEUD BETWEEN PROPERTY OWNERS**

Mark said there is a feud going on between property owners and he could be getting asked to testify in court that it is right-of-way, even though we don't have anything on it. He asked Dennis about testifying. Dennis told Mark if he gets anything about testifying, to contact him at that time.

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS ON PRIVATE TILE OR WATER LINES CROSSING COUNTY R-O-W

Mark said he would like to start requiring maintenance agreements on private tile that are on county right-of-way. He said our drainage crew spent about half of this spring working on private tiles. Mark said any time there is a tile in our right-of-way they want us to investigate it if a tile is plugged up. He said that costs us a lot of time and money. Mark said Randy Sexton recommended we start having private property owners sign a maintenance agreement on any tile that comes onto our right-of-way, saying that they will properly install it and they will be responsible for maintenance. He said it sounded like a good idea to him, and he asked if there would be an issue with it. Chad said we would probably have to put a maintenance agreement together and look at it from there. Mark said in order to cut on county right-of-way they have to fill out a right-of-way work permit, and we could have that agreement ready for them to sign. He said that would make it a lot easier on the county.

MOWING

Mark reported that it has been a bad year for keeping up with mowing. He said Mike had some complaints in Wayne Township the other day. Mark said we have had several issues with private drives and people wanting us to cut weeds. He said he hasn't had he weeds cut, and he tells them if it is a private drive they are responsible for keeping the site distance cleaned up. Mark said Mike is concerned that some of the roads are looking pretty shabby. He said with the manpower he has he can't keep a full crew out every day. Mark said before we got into a money crunch we had three part-time mowers and they worked from about Memorial Day until about the end of September. He said in order to get more than two passes a year we are going to need some part-time help. Gary asked if Marc Fisher, Bookkeeper was going to ask for money to be put back in the budget for part-time mowers next year. Jackie said the budgets had already been turned in, but there is a possibility of transferring from other funds. Chad suggested bringing someone in part-time for a month this year to try to help get the mowing caught up. Gary asked about the possibility of spraying like the utility companies do, where there is brush encroaching on the right-of-way, and if it would be more economical. Mark said if we started a spraying program the brush would stay down longer than when using the brush cutter. He said he would check with REMC about the liabilities, and he could check with some companies that do spraying. Chad suggested checking with the company that does work for the Surveyor's Office.

REQUEST TO USE EXTRA FUNDING

Mark presented a request to use the money we are supposed to be getting from the state. He said they are asking for \$250,000.00 for road maintenance and \$25,000.00 for an engineer's salary. Jackie said she didn't understand from the information she had received how much money we will be receiving each month. There was a considerable amount of discussion about the additional money the Highway Department is supposed to be receiving for two years.

Chad moved to approve the additional appropriation. Dave seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

DAWN BARR UNSAFE BUILDING @ BEAR LAKE

Richard Adair, Building Inspector reported that the Dawn Barr property had been sold and the house has been torn down and the property has been seeded. He recommended closing the case.

Chad moved to close all further action on 1948 S 7th Street, Albion. Dave seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

BEAR, HIGH, WOLF LAKE SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Present for this portion of the meeting were: Duane & Debra Crisp; Gloria Gusching; Judy Weisenburger; Matt Shipman; and Mark Goodrich.

There was discussion about the length of the terms for the five board members that are to be appointed. Matt Shipman, Attorney for the Sewer District said it was supposed to be one for one year; two for two years; and two for three years. He said IDEM messed that up and did one for one year; two for two years; and two for one year. Matt said it would take three to four months to get IDEM to change it so he thought it was best just to leave it the way it is. It was noted that once the appointments made today expire, the normal term of four years will apply.

When asked, Matt said he knows the three current board members and the other two that are here, but he doesn't know June Strayer. Chad asked if there is any preference of the applicants as to whether they wanted to be appointed for the one-year term or the two year. Mark Goodrich said he would prefer a one year term, and Tim Tomcik would prefer a one year term. Duane said when he was talking about becoming a member of the board, it was important to him to have some of the people that know what is going on remain on the board for a while during the transition of new members. He said he would be willing to accept a two-year term.

Dave moved to appoint to the Bear, High, Wolf Lake Sewer District Board, Gusching & Crisp for two year terms; and Goodrich, Tomcik, & Weisenburger for one year terms commencing today. Chad seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The Commissioners recessed their meeting at approximately 10:32 A.M. and reconvened at approximately 11:00 A.M.

LANDFILL SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Chad moved to approve the report done by Stacey at the Noble County Soil and Water Conservation District regarding the D-3 semi-annual post closure inspection to be sent to IDEM, (H.I.). Dave seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The Commissioners recessed their meeting at approximately 11:04 A.M. to go to the South Complex to meet with the Surveyor and an alarm dealer to discuss security issues. They reconvened at approximately 12:56 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 12:56 P.M. recessed from day to day until the 12th day of August, 2013.

Gary Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor