

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

Comes now the hour of 8:35 A.M. on the 2nd day of September, 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
Dennis Graft, County Attorney
and Bob Braley, KPC
Scott Perry, Albion New Era
Kathy Strange, Deputy Assessor
Zack Smith – Highway Engineer
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent
Chad Willet – Chief Deputy Sheriff

PAYROLL

Payroll for August 8, 2014 – August 21, 2014 in the amount of \$327,260.44 was reviewed and approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lt Governor Sue Ellspermann – duly entered
IDEM - Quick Tanks – duly entered
INDOT – detour information – duly entered
Court Security –monthly report for August – duly entered

MINUTES

Chad Kline made a motion to approve the August 25, 2014 minutes. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The commissioners interviewed 5 individuals for the position of Noble County Building Inspector, Dave Dolezal moved to hire Norman Lortie to fill this position beginning September 5, 2014. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ALBION TOWN / LANDFILL

Discussion continued concerning the contract between Albion Town and the Noble County Landfill leachate disposal. Chad has a version of the contract which will be given to Albion Town for review. If accepted the contract will be signed at a future meeting.

ASSESSOR

Kathy Strange, Deputy Assessor, was present to discuss the mailing of their Form 11's. The assessor's office had gotten quotes from three vendors and Midwest Presort had the lowest quote coming in at \$8,623.00. The company is from Indianapolis, Indiana and will process and mail the forms. Dave Dolezal made a motion to approve Midwest Presort to provide this service. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Chad Kline moved to approve the executive session minutes as corrected. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Mark Goodrich discussed the following issues with the commissioners:

- Jack Owen has been hired to replace a culvert between 400 E and 500 E on County Road 300S.
- The new distributor has had many issues since its purchase. A Technician with the company determined that the computer was bad and it has now been replaced. Mark is working with the company to insure that since the warranty will be expired by the next time it will be used that there will be some type of guarantee in place.
- Chip sealing is progressing and should be complete within the next few days.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, had the following issues to discuss with the Commissioners:

- Bridge #70 – We still have no “notice to proceed” from the railroad but work continues on the bridge.
- Bridge Overlays - We are looking at a mid – September start date on the overlays.
- Bridge #147 – Contract negotiations are still ongoing and then the contract will be sent to IDOT for review.
- Road Program - There is still money left in the striping line of the budget so once quotes are received a few more road will be striped.
- LPA - Call for projects - Zack continues talks with the Railroad concerning Railroad Bridge #136 and Bridge #55. He indicated that these talks were going better than last attempt. Also on the “call for projects” list is Baseline Road.
- AID submission – no update
- County Road 1000E - Zack provided the commissioners with a copy of the speed study and recommended a speed limit change of 35 MPH from the entrance to the sports complex to 500 N. An ordinance will be prepared and submitted for advertisement. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the ordinance advertisement. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 30 MPH Sign removal study – An issue developed in Ligonier concerning Urban Zone speeds. Zack will be looking into this issue for a resolution. An ordinance will follow once the study is complete.
- Guardrail - The guardrail damaged earlier this year will be replaced by the county at the cost of around \$5,000.00. Chad Kline moved to proceed with the replacement. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Slip Lining Contract – Zack informed the commissioners that a pipe under a railroad on county road 200 W north of US 6 will be repaired with a slip lining in order to not disturb the railroad overpass. This will be at the cost of \$70,628.00 for the 54” pipe liner. The money is currently in the highway budget. Dave Dolezal moved to proceed with the repair. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Driveway Permitting. Zack has revised the handling of driveway permits to allow the building department to waive this process when it comes to certain building projects such as decks, lean-to’s etc..

SHERIFF

Chad Willett, Chief Deputy Sheriff, was present to discuss the purchase of a Mini Van for the Sheriff’s department. The purchase price is \$21,842.00 with an add-on of \$260.00. Chad had gotten a trade in value of \$1000.00 on a 2005 Ford Crown Vic but feels that the car would get more than that on the internet so was pursuing that avenue. He also had money from two other vehicle sells that could be used toward the purchase of this van which led to the request of around \$11,000.00 from a county source. After some discussion the commissioners suggested that Chad discuss the purchase with the Council this afternoon and check out balances of various funds of the Sheriff’s department.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 9:50 A.M. recessed from day to day until the 8th day of September, 2014.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor