

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 2013**

Comes now the hour of 8:53 A.M. on the 23rd day of September, 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:

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, News Media

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES –
ALBION COURTHOUSE SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The Commissioners received information from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) informing them that the Albion Courthouse Square District, roughly bounded by Highland, Oak and Hazel Streets and the alley east of Orange Street, has been proposed for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, (H.I.). Dave said he didn't think it would be a good idea from all that he has heard. He said once it becomes on the historic register he thought we would have to go through the DNR to do anything we wanted to do to the courthouse. The Commissioners didn't know who filled out the request. Dave said once it becomes historic it becomes expensive to do anything. Chad said the courthouse is already a historic structure. Chad asked why we need them to tell us it is historic. Dennis said he thought we should have more information on what the ramifications would be. He asked what the benefits would be. There was discussion that possibly the Town of Albion submitted it. No action taken.

**GLADFELTER INSURANCE GROUP & VFIS - PRIVACY
POLICY RE: ACCIDENT & SICKNESS COVERAGE**

The Commissioners received privacy policies from the above referenced insurance companies, as well as information on services they can provide, (H.I.).

**INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE –
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN APPROVED**

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute notified the Commissioners that the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana has reviewed and approved Noble County's new Comprehensive Community Plan, (H.I.). (The plan is in the vault on a shelf in a 3-ring binder).

MINUTES APPROVED

Having reviewed the minutes of the *September 16, 2013* meeting Dave moved to approve them. Chad seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS - MARK GOODRICH **KNAPP LAKE SEWER PROJECT – UTILITY PERMIT**

Mark said he had received a request for a utility permit from the Knapp Lake Sewer Project along with a set of plans for the project. He said they came up in the spring when they got under way and had a preliminary set of plans. Mark said he and Mike worked with them on some issues, and they were good enough to take care of those issues in their current plans. He said Mike looked through the current plans and said they are ok. Mark said the majority of it will be directional bored, which will save a lot of work on the roads and save on traffic problems. He said there would be a couple of manholes and they are working with us on them because we have had some problems with them being too high in the past and it is hard on the plows. Mark said they have been good to work with and he didn't foresee any problems. Chad asked if this was tying in with the Wolf Lake Sewer District or if they would have their own. Mark said it would go to North Webster. He said he had been told that they kind of set the sewer districts up according to the direction that the river water flows. Chad asked if it was Knapp Lake that actually started the process. Mark said the Knapp Lake Association started it.

CHIP SEALING & SLAG DISCUSSION

Mark said on the Cromwell Road they put #9 stone down and they put slag on top of that. He said there is a farmer over there that complained three or four weeks ago. Mark said they went and cleaned things up and when it warmed up again he said they could just barely creep down the road with their farm equipment because it is picking up so bad. Mark said you could see where stones were picking up. He said he didn't know why it was doing that so he called a representative from Pierceton Trucking who provides the oil for us and he came over and met with him on the road. Mark said they are going to chip seal over it with pea stone today and that should cure the problem. Mark said he wished he had a better understanding of why it is doing that. He said we have other slag roads. Mark said he had a complaint earlier this year on Baseline Road, and they cleaned it up and hasn't heard any more about it. Mark talked about the possibility of farm equipment breaking the stone up. There was discussion about which portion of the Cromwell Road is the problem. Mark said one of the men that had done this for more years than him, said that is typical with a chip seal road. He said it is possible with the slag being so much heavier that it is more noticeable. Mark said they are putting stone on to try to get everything sealed tight and see where it goes from there. Mark said slag is a real hard stone and it has more sharps on it than limestone. He said it makes a really nice surface. Dave asked who puts it down. Mark said it is a chip sealing process that is run through the chip spreader. He said he put it on two roads last year and had pretty good luck with it and he put it on three roads this year and has had trouble with the one road.

Mark said on 1000 E where they were picking up stone and breaking windshields it wasn't slag, it was a native stone. Chad said the problem was with people sitting at the intersection and cars going by throwing stones onto their windshields and chipping or breaking them. Mark said with chip sealing you have loose stone, and if it rolls and has tar on it then a tire is going to pick it up and fling it, and he didn't know how to get away from it.

JANITOR

Mark said he talked to Marc Fisher and he said that in the winter they won't be able to keep the janitor's hours under 2 ½ hours a week. He asked if the Commissioners wanted him to start looking at getting a part-time janitor. Chad said probably not, because the Commissioners might have to look at getting someone to take care of multiple facilities.

Sheriff Doug Harp was present and he said that would be the same for him too. He said there is no way that it is a 2 ½ hour cleaning job. Chad said that is why he thought it would be best to look at getting somebody to take care of both facilities as a permanent part-time employee since they are across the street from each other. Doug expressed his concern about the sensitive information they have there. He said because of that, he was hoping they could keep it so current Sheriff's Department employees could continue the cleaning. Dave said we are paying a premium for that, and that is the problem. There was much discussion about what the options would be. Dave and Chad said they thought we should stay with an individual rather than a cleaning company. Chad said whoever would be doing the cleaning should have a background check like anyone working for the Sheriff's Department has to and maybe Doug should have a say in who it is. There was further discussion about the amount of cleaning time needed, the pay rate, etc. The Commissioners told Doug and Mark to keep doing what they are doing until we get someone.

CR 415 RESIDENT

Mark said there was discussion last week about a resident (Gerald Ross) that was upset on CR 415. He said he talked to her son for about 20 minutes this morning, and he told him we weren't going to make any changes in what we had to do and he wasn't happy with that. Mark said he thought he would be calling to schedule an appointment with the Commissioners and he talked like they were going to get an attorney. Mark said he told him that we were on our right-of-way and doing the drainage that was required. He said he told the lady's son that the driveway wasn't put in right in the first place.

ELEVATOR REPAIRS AT SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION

Sheriff Doug Harp was present to talk about the Upgrade Order Agreement the Commissioners had received from Schindler Elevator Corporation regarding the elevator at the Sheriff's Department, (H.I.). Doug said there would be an issue with getting replacement parts if they were needed. He said the elevator isn't used a whole lot, but it is a requirement that they have one. Chad asked if they gave a time line on getting the elevator fixed if it went down. Doug said they hadn't. The Commissioners agreed that if it could be fixed within a week that probably wouldn't be a problem, but if it would take a month then it probably would be a problem. Doug is going to check to see what the turn-around time would be.

WELLS FARGO INSURANCE – SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS RE: HEALTH INSURANCE

The Commissioners received the above referenced Schedule of Benefits re: Noble County Employee Health Insurance, (H.I.). Chad asked Auditor Jackie Knafel if it is something the Commissioners need to act on or if they need to wait for Shelly (Hanson, Wells Fargo Ins.) to actually present it. Jackie said she thought it was for Shelly to proceed and go ahead and print out everything she needs, if the Commissioners want to give their preliminary okay. She said it is not the contract or anything else. Jackie said the Commissioners could just make a motion to

accept the rates as proposed or something like that. Chad asked if there is an average percentage of increase. Jackie said she didn't think so. She said there is more on the HSA side of things than there is the others, so she didn't think there was an across the board rate increase.

Chad moved to approve the preliminary rates for the three insurance plans as presented. Dave seconded the motion, noting that the date on the Schedule of Benefits is wrong (should be January 1, 2014 - not 2013).

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 9:43 A.M. recessed from day to day until the 30th day of September, 2013 on a motion made by Chad, seconded by Dave which carried, 3-0.

Gary Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor