

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 29, 2014**

Comes now the hour of A.M. on the 29th day of September, 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 Bill Etzler, Engineering Resources
Steve Clouse, Noble County Prosecutor
Brent Eckenberger, Deputy Prosecutor
Suzie Pippenger, Victim Advocate
Zack Smith, Engineer
Mark Goodrich, Superintendent
Bob Braley, KPC
Scott Perry, Albion New Era
Norm Lortie, Building Inspector
Jonathan D. Klopfenstein, Resident
Mike Klopfenstein, Resident
Dennis Ringler, Resident
Ed Jones, Resident
Representatives for Patsy Panyard
Art Buchanan

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Suzie Pippenger, Steve Clouse and Brett Eckenberger was here to request permission to display banners in various spots around the courthouse. YWCA also wants to “chalk it up” which would include displaying messages on the sidewalk concerning healthy relationships. Suzie is also wanting to place bows on the gazebo. Dave Dolezal moved to approve permission to do various activities the month of October around the courthouse. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

LANDFILL

Bill Etzler, Engineering Resources, is present to discuss the following:

- Waste Disposal Agreement with the town is complete
- Tank Installation - Mike Haines has been working with Bill concerning installation and tank installation should be complete by the end of the week.
- Metering for tank and rain gauge - Bill has estimated the cost to be less than \$2000.00 and NEISW is possibly going to supply the rain gauge equipment.
- New 500 gallon transport tank – Bill’s estimate on the cost to expected to be less than \$500.00. Bill is still waiting on quote for the tank.
- Mike and Bill will do the first Landfill inspection report. This is more or less a check list to complete.
- Bill provided a draft letter to IDEM for the commissioner’s review and will discuss further at next week’s meeting.
- File search – Bill is continuing IDEM search of landfill records.
- Bill requested leachate disposal summary records for January – September. Jackie will provide this information to Bill via e-mail.

PAYROLL

Payroll for weeks 09/05/14 – 09/18/14 in the amount of \$324,201.58 was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Dave Dolezal moved to approve the utility claims in the amount of \$162,307.72. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Weights & Measurers monthly report – duly entered
Weaver Boos landfill billing – duly entered
Burnworth Zollars 3rd quarter Newsletter – duly entered
Crossroads Pipeline letter – duly entered

MINUTES

Minutes of the September 22, 2014 meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from Chad Kline and a second from Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 3-0.

QUOTE

Phil Jacob had given the commissioners a quote this morning for the combustion blower on the boiler. Dave Dolezal moved to approve this repair. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Mark Goodrich reported that the crew was in Washington Township replacing a culvert on 900 W. Also work was being done in Wayne Township on Co Rd 900 N. The main focus now is doing repair work. Mark report that they will be setting up interviews later this week for the new hire. Tony Geary is assuming the operator position which will leave a truck driver position open.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer had the following report:

- Bridge #70 – working on the pilings at this point and should be off the railroad right of way by the end of this week.
- Bridge Overlays – work is continuing and according to the contract must be done by the end of this week to avoiding paying damages.
- Bridge #147 – Preliminary contract should be here by the end of this week. Once received Zack will forward it on to Dennis Graft for review and also send to IDOT for review.
- Road Projects – the only project not yet complete is the contracted slip lining. This project should be complete soon.
- Striping Contract – has been completed
- LPA Call for Projects – Primco should be sending cost information to the railroad concerning the railroad bridges. We will wait for a response from the railroad.
- Safety Policy - programs and training sessions are scheduled
- Equipment Management – The department will be reviewing needs and/or replacement concerns. Zack is looking into many different options to accomplish this task.
- Sign Study - Zack will be reviewing signage in the county once time allows.
- Guardrail work - Guardrail work is complete, however Zack has not had a chance to inspect the repair to date.
- Job Classification appointment – The highway department has been asked to have someone sit on the Job Classification committee/ personnel committee. Zack will assume that responsibility.

ORDINANCE

The 1000 E Speed Ordinance was adopted with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0. Zack will begin work with the City of Kendallville to clean up the signage in this area.

PERF

Jackie Knafel, Noble County Auditor, discussed with the commissioners the possibility of discontinuing PERF for new employees. The rates are getting extremely high and Jackie feel that we need to be looking at other options. To opt out of the PERF program it would require a resolution by the commissioners. Jackie is waiting to hear from the Allen County Auditor concerning this issue.

DRIVEWAY VARIANCE

Jonathan and Mike Klopfenstein were present representing the Messiahs House of Yahvah church requesting a driveway variance on 800 E ½ mile south of St Rd 8. After Wayne Baker and Mark Goodrich of the Highway department did their inspections, they found the site to be short of the required sight distance. Safety concerns are the main focus of the sight distance inspections done by the department. The petitioners sighted low travel on this road but the highway department pointed out that the traffic count would increase with the building of the proposed church. After much discussion, Zack Smith feels that if proper signage is placed at the location, there will be less issues. With that, Dave Dolezal moved to approve the variance with the condition that proper signage be placed in the area and special signage located at the driveway for south bound traffic. All signage must be paid for by the church. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

UNSAFE BUILDING

Dennis Ringler was present to discuss his property with the Commissioners. Norm Lortie, Noble County Building Inspector, was also present to report his findings. Norm indicated that he had visited the sight and most of the external debris had been cleared from the area. Mr. Ringler indicated that he would be removing lean-to from both building and had this yet to complete. These buildings will then be used for tool sheds/storage. The commissioners asked how long he thought it would take him to complete the clean-up. Mr. Ringler said he would have it done by the end of the year. Chad Kline then made a motion to revisit the property clean up progress on December 15th, 2014 at 9:30AM. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Edmond Jones from Brimfield was also present for an update on this property. Norm indicated that he had visited the site on Friday and at that time most of the structure had be taken down. Mr. Jones said he had a crew working there today and it should be completed shortly. Mr. Jones asked about burning once the structure was down. The commissioners reminded Mr. Jones to contact the Sheriff's department to let them know before they proceed with burning. Mr. Jones is to contact Norm at the building department once everything is complete. Chad Kline moved to table this until December 15th at 9:30am to review. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Jones was reminded that he need not show up for this meeting if the project is complete.

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Representatives for Patsy Panyard were present to discuss property issues. Norm indicated that former building inspector, Dick Adair, had given the Panyard's a list of unsafe issues that existed on this property. When Norm was there all items on the list had been taken care of. Norm advised that building is now safe and in compliance as well as the outside of the building. Chad Kline moved to release the property from the unsafe building list and that no further action will be required. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

COURTHOUSE LAWN IRRIGATION

Tom Miller from Miller Irrigation was present to discuss options as far as irrigation of the courthouse lawn and landscaping is concerned. Tom will quote based on a few questions he had concerning the irrigation project. Tom explained the system he uses and indicated that he tries hard to use parts that require very little maintenance. He will quote for the boring, automatic fill for the fountain, and a drip system for the landscaping areas. Chad asked that he also quote an annual maintenance in the quotes. Tom expected to have a quote to Jackie by Tuesday of this week.

RETIREMENT

Art Buchanan is present to advise the commissioners that he will be retiring effective 12/31/2014. Art has served the county as Weights and Measurers inspector for the last 29 years. He told the commissioners that he inspects 29 gas stations in the county as well as 8 grocery stores and various other areas when requested. If a scale is rejected, the company has 10 days to comply and at that time if still rejected is red tagged. Inspections are set up by Art on a timely bases. Requirements of the job are training sessions in Indianapolis or now can be done over the internet. Art was thanked by the commissioners for a job well done and for his many years of service.

COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

The commissioners discussed the possibility of changing commissioners meetings to twice a month rather than weekly. Or changing the drainage board to meet earlier in the day. Meetings have been getting done in about 2 hours and the above possibilities were discussed. No decisions were made at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 11:11 .M. recessed from day to day until the 6th day of October, 2014.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor