

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the 8th 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 Judy Weisenburger Bear High Wolf Lake Sewer District
June Strayer, Bear High Wolf Lake Sewer District
Bill Etzler, Engineering Resources
Bob Braley, KPC
Scott Perry, Albion New Era
Danyel Wagner, Chief Deputy Probation
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Norman Lortie, Building Inspector
Shelley Mawhorter, Noble County Clerk

LANDFILL

- Bill Etzler provided a site plan for the new tank at the landfill. This will have a weather station also to collect weather information. The tank will be south and east of the current tank. The tank is ready, but will not be picked up until the site is ready. All details should be completed by the end of the week.
- Leachate agreement has been sent to Albion Town for their approval.
- Bill is working on a "Compliance Plan" to be submitted to IDEM.
- Another compliance issue is Semi Annual Inspections which Bill indicated could be done in cooperation with the soil & water department.

CLAIMS

The Commissioners reviewed the claims dated 09/08/14 with Deputy Auditor Tonya Marks. Dave Dolezal made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$731,522.52 as well as the utility claims amounting to \$274,021.36. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PROBATION

Danyel Wayner, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, was present to inform the commissioners of additional money being awarded from the Department of Corrections. This requires a signature by the commissioners as an amendment to the current contract. Danyel also had the CSI contract for Community Corrections. This is the computer software company being used by the courts, clerk and probation. Chad Kline moved to sign both the amendment and the CSI contract for Community Corrections. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Business

- Utility permits for Frontier Communications, Northern Indiana Public Service, and Ligonier Telephone Company were presented to the commissioners for review.
- The culvert work on Co Rd 300 S is complete.
- The chip sealing project for the summer has been completed.
- Paving on 600 S will begin today.

- Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent is also requesting permission to begin the hiring process for a new truck driver. Money will be available October 24, 2014 so that a driver can begin work and get familiar with roads in the area before winter. A current truck driver will be moving up to an operator beginning the first of the year. Chad Kline made a motion to allow the process of hiring to begin. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Mark also informed the commissioners that the summer mowing crews would be finishing up around the 18th of this month.

Engineering Business:

- Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, informed the commissioners that the Notice to Proceed had finally arrived from the railroad on the Bridge #70 project.
- Bridge Overlays “notice to proceed” were issued for 09/11/14.
- Bridge 147 - Contract negotiations have begun on this project
- Bridge Inspection approval will be in February
- Road Program - with the summer projects coming to an end, Zack has issued a call for striping quotes. 12 miles of roads will be striped yet this fall. Quotes are due by September 22, 2014.
- LPA Call for Projects – The 2014 – 2019 projects will be Bridge 136, Bridge 55 and Baseline Road.
- CSX RR - Zack continues to work with CSX Railroad and hopes to enter into an agreement with them concerning bridge 136 being a LPA project, then the possible closing of another bridge and then the railroad picking up the cost of the bridge on 225E that was scraped earlier.
- CR 1000 E speed limit ordinance will be published and will come before the commissioners on September 29, 2014 for approval.
- Safety Policy – Zack updated the commissioners on the safety policy at the highway department and told them that Jarrod Ramer from the insurance company would be attending those monthly meetings also. They have currently scheduled an October safety training session.
- Sign Study - Zack is continuing work on speed limit, stop, yield and additional signage issues.
- Zack presented the CCD ordinance to the commissioners for review. At the September meeting of the County Council they moved to increase the highway’s percentage of the CCD fund – making it a 75/25 split. The new ordinance was reviewed by the commissioners and the county attorney and adopted with a motion from Chad Kline and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

A letter received from a concerned citizen, Kim Huntsman, concerning CR 200 N and CR 900 W was discussed with Zack and Mark. Zack had pulled the accident history of this location and will do more investigation in the area and will report back to the commissioners to address Ms. Huntsman’s concerns.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Chad Kline and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Glenn Hunter & Associates – applied for air quality permit – duly entered
Medicom – rate changes – duly entered

DAY OF CARING

Shelley Mawhorter had been contacted by Central Noble Schools in reference to a “day of caring” that middle and high school students will be doing throughout the area. She is asking if the commissioners would be interested in having about 10 students do some work around the courthouse for about 2 or 3 hours. Commissioners agreed with the understanding that there would be someone supervising the students.

UNSAFE BUILDING

Norm Lortie, Noble County Building Inspector, was present to discuss a property at 3862 S State Rd 9 which had been deemed an unsafe building. Contact had been made with the current owners and a letter received 09/04/14 from Mrs. Ott indicated that they were not going to be

able to attend today's meeting due to a family issue but offered a letter of intent to tear down the home within the next year. She also wondered if there was money available through a recent program that had been applied for through the county. Chad Kline indicated that is property was not on the list of submitted properties when the application went to the state. The building inspector was asked to contact the Ott family and request a plan for removal including a time line and completion date. This plan is to be to the commissioners no later than October 13, 2014. This motion came from Chad Kline and was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0. Another issue concerning a property on Albion Road was discussed. The property has been unoccupied for the last 3 years due to a fire in the back of the building. Norm has spoken to the owner and they are indicating progress in getting a clear title for the property in order to allow them to proceed with a loan to fix up the property. The commissioners suggested giving the owner another month to finalize this issue.

BEAR HIGH WOLF LAKE SEWER APPT

Judy Wiesenburger and June Strayer, members of the board, came to the commissioners to request this appointment. Carl Nix was the only party that had shown any interest in being on the board and both Judy and June recommended him for the appointment. Chad Kline moved to appoint Carl Nix to the Bear High Wolf Lake Regional Sewer board for a period of 4 years. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SNOW REMOVAL

The Commissioners asked Jackie Knafel, Noble County Auditor, to check on the locations for snow removal for the upcoming winter months. She will report back to the commissioners next week for possible call for quotes.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 10:30 .M. recessed from day to day until the 15th day of September, 2014.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor

