

NOBLE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday June 2, 2025 1:00 pm
NOBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOBLE COUNTY NEW ANNEX

PRESENT:

Tom Janes
Mary Wysong
Brandon Chordas
Doug Harp
Max Franklin
Casey Myers

ABSENT:

Trey Forbes

ALSO PRESENT:

Gary Leatherman, Noble County Commissioner
Jackie Knafel, Noble County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, County Attorney

Doug Harp, Council President, brought the meeting to order at approximately 1:08 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Indiana State Board of Accounts - notice of state called conference in Indianapolis on June 21, 2025.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Tom Janes and a second from Mary Wysong. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Shelley Mawhorter, Noble County Auditor, is present to speak about the effects of SB 1 and ask for a recommendation as to what to recommend for 2026 raises. Jeff Peters, Peters Financial Consultants, is recommending no more than a 3% increase for General Fund. The Council discussed an across the board raise and also percentage raises. The final decision was to go with a 3% raise for advertising purposes, asking that Shelley remind the department heads of the financial situation and that the raises - if given - might be less.

HIGHWAY

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, was present to update the council on Highway business:

- Storm Damage – Zack reported that the insurance company has the estimate complete with the total being \$522,324.42 minus a depreciation of \$65,026.53 leaving a balance of \$457,297.89. The wind deductible for the county sits at \$100,000.00 leaving the net balance of \$357,297.89 of which has been received from Liberty Mutual. Zack is having a 3rd party review the details of the estimate and also told the council that this did not include the temporary work done and the in-house labor that was preformed to get the department back up and running the day following the storm. When asked about structural damage, Zack indicated that sometimes that is not completely apparent until the work gets underway.
- Zack provided copies and summarized the reports for the following:
 1. 2025 Road Evaluation Report along with maps and the road ratings by township
 2. Payment asset inventory report for 2025
 3. The 2025 road rehabilitation and maintenance plan

4. 5-year (2025- 2029) roadway asset management plan

- 2025 CCMG overlay and bridge projects – have been awarded for 2025. There is no start date as of yet.
- 2024 CCMG Cement project at Brookside Estates should be wrapping up this week
- LPA Projects - There have been many changes to the ADA and TITLE VI programs and Zack has utilized the services of USI to make sure all is in place and compliant so that federal awards will continue.
- Ball Road – Zack reported that work began today on this project.
- Old State Road 3 – Letting will be in July
- The two bridge projects to start this year were pushed out a few months due to right of way issues.
- Zack also reported that the appraisal for the Weber Road facility had come in at \$350,000.00. This was done to see of the comparison to a building downtown that was of interest to the County. There was no comparison so the county will continue ownership of the Weber Road facility for storage purposes.
- Zack again reviewed the salary information for highway departments in the region. He indicated that he would put in for the 10% for the highway employees as the summary indicated a shortage for the region.

ASSESSOR

Ben Castle, Noble County Assessor, was present to request reappointments to the PTABOA board. He is requesting that Kyle Bolyard and Pat Monroe be appointed by the council for 2 years terms. Max Franklin moved to approve. Brandon Chordas seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Carrie Ryan, Health Nurse, was present to discuss the additional she is asking for in the Crisis Coag School Liaison Grant. The school liaison employee had been coming out of the Health 1st Indiana fund but do to changes in the allowed expenditure dealing with “lawful Indiana residents” this would restrict who the school liaison nurse would be able to service. Carrie indicated that the Crisis Coag fund had no such restriction and this would allow the health department to continue to service the school systems that they have previously serviced. Mary Wysong moved to approve the additional. Casey Myers seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Jackie spoke to the council again concerning the work-based learning at the local high school. This year there are two students interested in participating in the program and the health department has indicated that they can use the two students. Jackie is asking the council to indicate approval of this program so that an additional can be advertised to pay for the students. Mary Wysong moved to approve the advertisement of additional. Tom Janes seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

TRANSFER – SUPERIOR COURT I

- Judge Steven Clouse is requesting the following transfer of funds:

Decrease 1000-14703-038 special appt	\$3,000.00
Decrease 1000-14713-038 mediation	\$2,500.00
Decrease 1000-33100-038 Printing	\$1,000.00
Decrease 1000-36500-038 equipment repairs	\$1,000.00
 Increase 1000-14704-038 Pauper Transcripts	 \$7,500.00
- Motion to approve came from Brandon Chordas. Tom Janes seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Max Franklin had stepped out of the meeting at the time of this vote.

TRANSFER – 911 DISPATCH

- Shellie Coney – 911 Dispatch director, had requested the following transfers:
Decrease 1000-22100-045 gas oil and lube \$600.00

Increase 1000-13301-045 education & training \$600.00

Decrease 1000-24400-045 uniforms \$300.00

Increase 1000-36200-045 service contracts \$300.00
Brandon Chordas moved to approve the above transfers. Casey Myers seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Noble County Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council being July 7, 2025

Dated this 7th day of July, 2025

ABSENT
Trey Forbes

Mary Wysong
Mary Wysong

Tom Janes
Tom Janes

Doug Harp
Doug Harp

ATTEST: Michelle Mawhorter
Michelle Mawhorter, Noble County Auditor

Max Franklin
Max Franklin

Brandon Chordas
Brandon Chordas

George Bennett
George Bennett