NOBLE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY January 3,2022 1:00pm NOBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT NOBLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present:

Jerry Jansen

Mary Wysong

Denise Lemmon

Tom Janes

George Bennett

Doug Harp

Bernie Lawson

ALSO, PRESENT:

Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator Matt Getts, KPC Media Gary Leatherman, Commissioner

Denise Lemmon, Council President, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00PM.

CLOSING 2021

Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, closed the 2021 calendar year after determination that there was no unfinished business before the Noble County Council

Opening 2022

Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, opened the 2022 calendar year with the election of President of the council. George Bennett nominated Denise Lemmon for Council President. Jerry Jansen seconded the nomination. Jerry Jansen moved to close the nominations, Bernie Lawson seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0. Motion carried 7-0 to elected Denise Lemmon as President.

Denise Lemmon opened nominations for Vice President. George Bennett nominated Jerry Jansen to serve as vice president, Tom Janes seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Larry Wolf excise tax
- Legislative Conference February
- INDOT installation of small structure SR 5 Noble County
- DNR notice of spraying for Gypsy Moths

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from Doug Harp. Mary Wysong seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-2 with Jerry Jansen and George abstaining due to their non-attendance at the December meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

The following board appointments were made:

Denise Lemmon Council on Aging

Community Corrections

Job Classification Committee

Doug Harp Region III_A

Northeastern Center

Bernie Lawson EMS Board

Solid Waste

Compensation Committee

George Bennett Plan Commission

E-911

Job Classification

Abatement Committee

Jerry Jansen Drug Free Noble

CVB

Compensation Committee

Abatement Committee

Tom Janes ED

Abatement committee

Compensation Committee

Mary Wysong EMA
 LEPC

LIAISONS

Jerry Jansen – Auditor, Maintenance, Treasurer, and Assessor

- Denise Lemmon GIS, IT, Recorder and Clerk
- Mary Wysong Public Defender, Prosecutor and Probation
- George Bennett Surveyor, Plan Commission, Highway
- Tom Janes E-911, EMA and Extension
- Bernie Lawson Building, Health and Sheriff
- Doug Harp- Circuit, Superior I and Superior II

ADDITIONAL

The Noble County Surveyor is requesting an additional out of the surveyor's perpetuation fund in the amount of \$6,000.00 for furniture and equipment. Motion to approve the additional came from Tom Janes and was seconded by George Bennett. Motion carried 7-0.

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, was present with the following updates:

- The department continues the brush cutting in preparation for the upcoming construction season
- Drainage work continues.
- Richard reported that there has been some snow but nothing major and the department deals with the issues when presented.

Engineering Agenda

Zack Smith is present for the engineering update:

- Zack reported no new update when it comes to ARP funding and what those funds can be used for. He was able to calculate a lost of highway revenue during the COVID pandemic – but the loss is calculated for total funds and he finds it unlikely that any revenue will be recouped.
- Community Crossing Zack is submitting 2 projects and is asking that the council sign letters of support for Bridge 73 and HMA overlay projects. Motion to sign the letter for Bridge 73 came from George Bennett and was seconded by Jerry Jansen. Motion carried 7-0. Doug Harp moved to sign the letter of support for the HMA project. Tom Janes seconded and motion carried 7-0.
- Zack reported that the current LPA projects were all on track and that submission for the next round of LPA projects would include Old State Road 3 and the Baseline Road project.

PUBLIC HEARING WHEEL AND SURTAX

The public hearing was held for the proposed Wheel and Surtax hike. Zack went over the taxes that support the roads and explained that legislation that increased gas taxes did little for the counties as it increased the state portion of the tax. Zack referred to the KPC article and indicated that they had done an excellent job of reporting the changes that have occurred and the reasoning for the request. He also had example of the revenue based on the options available. Members of the public were in attendance and asked many questions of Zack and the council. Gary Leatherman spoke on behalf of the highway department and told the group that 10 years ago there was little getting done to our road. Zack was brought on board and immediately began the process of improving the road through 5-year plans. Our bridge which was on a downhill trend as well has taken on toll on funding and with no existing bridge fund has stressed the funding as well. Subdivision is getting brought up to date and this is all through Zack's visionary process. Zack has brought in millions of dollars to the county by having shovel ready projects, but those grant dollars also carry a financial commitment from the county. Members of the council also indicated a need to keep moving forward and the importance of good road

for economic development. The Council will take all comments and questions under advisement and indicated that they would likely make a decision at the February 7, 2022 meeting.

ANNEX

- Zack Smith, Project Manager, presented the council with a "time-lapsed" video of the new
- The furniture and equipment have been ordered and expected to be delivered on time.
- The project is currently underbudget with most exterior work being complete.
- Zack will be discussing the moving plan with the commissioners at one of their upcoming meetings, but hopes to do it in 4 phases. This will allow the IT department time to work with the departments and get them up and running.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATAION

- The plan now is once the prosecutors office moves into the new annex we can move the probation department to the space now occupied by the prosecutor and get drug court out of the rented space. This will free up space in the courthouse and allow the renovation process to begin.
- It was indicated that we will keep the south complex for the time being and sell the Weber Road facility.

ABATMENT

Gary Gatman and Lori Gagen from the EDC were on hand along with Nick Busche and LeeAnn Gray from NA Busche Real Estate LLC to request a real estate abatement for this new project in Noble County. The facility is located at State Road 9 and CR 150 E and the abatement request is for \$2,640,000.00. According to Gary, the company – when up and running – will add around 100 new jobs which will pay in the \$30,000.00 a year range. The abatement is requested for 7-year span. Jerry Jansen moved to approved the abatement. Bernie Lawson seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

CCD CLAIMS

Max Weber, Noble County Sheriff, is requesting that a claim for \$726.00 to WW Williams for jail repairs be paid from the CCD fund. Motion to pay the claims came from Jerry Jansen and was seconded by Doug Harp. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tonya L Jones, Noble County Auditor

There being no further business before the Noble County Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council being Monday February 7, 2022.

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