

NOBLE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY January 3, 2023
1:00pm NOBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOBLE COUNTY NEW ANNEX

PRESENT:

Max Franklin
Brandon Chordas
Mary Wysong
George Bennett
Tom Janes
Trey Forbes
Doug Harp

ALSO PRESENT:

Gary Leatherman, Noble County Commissioners
Jackie Knafel, Noble County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, County Attorney
Matt Getts, KPC Media
Zack Smith Highway Engineer
Richard Rogers, Highway Supervisor

Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, closed the 2022 Council year with no unfinished business being before the council.

Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator, opened the 2023 Council year with the election of the president of the board. Mary Wysong made a motion to nominate George Bennett for President of the Noble County Council. Tom Janes seconded the motion. Motion carried. Doug Harp moved to close the nomination with a second coming from Tom Janes. Motion carried. George Bennett was elected President of the County Council with 6-0 vote with George Bennett abstaining. Doug Harp nominated Mary Wysong for the office of Vice President. Tom Janes seconded. Nominations closed and Mary Wysong was elected Vice-President of the County Council with a 6-0 vote. Mary Wysong abstained.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from Doug Harp. Mary Wysong seconded and the motion carried 4-0 with the new member abstaining from vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Northeastern Fiscal Year 2022 report was shared with the council.

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, had the following construction update for the Council:

- The department is cleaning up after the recent snow storm
- The department is currently down 2 drivers and a brush person.
- A safety check list is in place for all drivers and was reviewed
- Training sessions are scheduled for various pieces of equipment and highway operations.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, has the following engineering update:

- Community Crossing grant – projects for this \$1,000,000.00 grant have been submitted. This would be for overlay projects in the Northeast part of the county. Zack is hoping to be notified of the award by April. A Financial Commitment letter was prepared by Zack for signing. Motion to sign the letter came from Doug Harp. Mary Wysong seconded and the motion carried 7-0.
- LPA projects FY 2028 – Zack has submitted 3 LPA project to the state. Bridge 61, Baseline Rd from 600 E to 800 E and 100 N at 50 W for the Safety project. Zack will do the presentations for these projects to INDOT on January 19, 2023.

- Zack talked to the council about a program for No-Passing Zone Study with mobile mapping. This would cost the county approximately \$54000.00 the first year with \$40,000 + the next two years. Zack is thinking this program will be usable by other departments as well. This is a 3-year contract that the commissioners have agreed to. Zack indicated that there will be an additional coming before the council at their February meeting for this very purpose.

NEW ANNEX

Zack Smith, Project Manager, advised the council that the new annex project is close to being closed out. There are still some furniture issues to resolve and the acoustic paneling issue is still in the works. The water softener project for the cold water should be done by the end of January.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

Zack Smith, Project Manager, is reporting that the project is moving along with funding options being studied and evaluated. ARP money as well as CEDIT for the furniture and equipment and Rainy Day for relocation costs as well as some design and engineering costs may be options for some of the funding. Zack explained to the new members of the council that this project will consist of Mechanical and electrical improvements as well as office space and modification of the entrance. There will be additional restrooms and improvement to the courts.

CCD FUND

Noble County Sheriff, Max Weber, was present for the following update from his department:

- Max informed the council that the improvements to the jail are coming along on schedule. Roofing repair, Boiler repairs, new grinders and mechanical and lighting are all a part of this projects using ARP money for the funding.
- Max has a “memorandum of understanding” for the commissary fund. Motion to sign the memorandum came from Doug Harp. Tom Janes seconded and the motion carried 7-0.
- Max is reporting 15 inmates in the work release program which about the maximum amount due to tracking and management of the program.
- Max did not report the amount of Federal inmates now at the jail but is getting \$70.00 a day for their expenses.
- CCD Fund - The following claims were submitted for review and permission to pay out of the CCD fund:

1. Kendall Electric	\$ 15.02
2. Kendallville Glass	\$1,971.28
3. Equiparts	\$2,878.31
4. All Phase Electric	<u>\$ 732.89</u>
	\$5,597.50

Claims were approved for payment from the CCD Fund with a motion from Doug Harp and a second from Brandon Chordas. Motion carried 7-0.

The following appointments were made to various boards:

- Max Franklin will serve on the Council on Aging, Northeastern Center and Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Doug Harp will serve Community Corrections, Region III-A, E-911
- Mary Wysong - Job Class Committee, EMA and LEPC
- George Bennett - Job Class Committee, Plan Commission
- Brandon Chordas – EMS Board, Compensation Committee, Drug Free Noble County
- Tom Janes – Compensation Committee, EDC Board
- Trey Forbes – Compensation Committee, Abatement Committee,

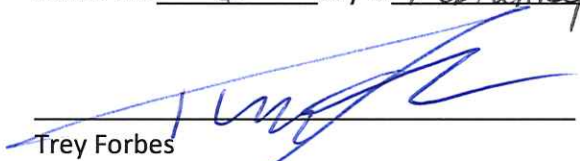
Liaisons were also appointed:

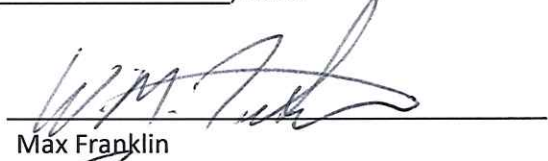
- Max Franklin – IT, Clerk, Assessor and VSO
- Brandon Chordas – Health, Sheriff, Coroner, and Statewide 911
- Mary Wysong – Public Defender, Prosecutor, and Probation
- George Bennett – Surveyor, Plan and Highway
- Tom Janes – EMA, Extension, Courthouse Maintenance and Recorder
- Trey Forbes – Auditor, GIS and Building
- Doug Harp- Circuit, Superior I and Superior II and Treasurer

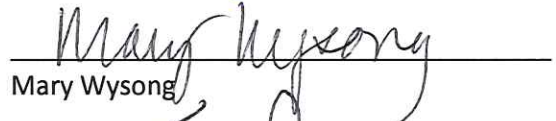
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Noble County Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council being Monday February 6, 2023

Dated this 6 day of February, 2023

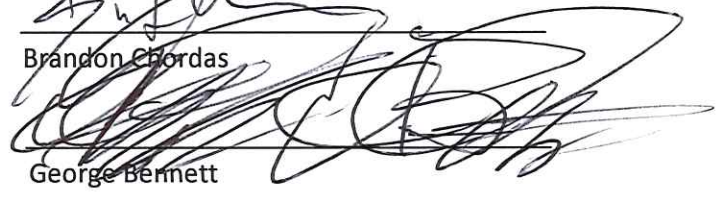

Trey Forbes


Max Franklin


Mary Wysong


Brandon Chordas


Tom Janes


George Bennett

ABSENT
Doug Harp

ATTEST: 
Michelle Mawhorter, Noble County Auditor