

**NOBLE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY October 3, 2022**  
**1:00pm NOBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**NOBLE COUNTY NEW ANNEX**

**PRESENT:**

Bernie Lawson  
Jerry Jansen  
George Bennett  
Denise Lemmon  
Mary Wysong  
Doug Harp

**ABSENT:**

Tom Janes

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jackie Knafel, Noble County Coordinator  
Matt Getts, KPC Media  
Dennis Graft, County Attorney  
Zack Smith Highway Engineer

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

**MINUTES**

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

Minutes of the budget hearings held in August were also approved as written. The motion to approve came from George Bennett and was seconded by Doug Harp. Motion carries 6-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

George Bennett reported that the plan commission board has reviewed the commissioner's proposal for the solar ordinance. The board accepted the 4700 total acreage, but asked that the moratorium be shortened to October 31, 2022 rather than December 31, 2022. This request went back to the commissioners and was accepted on September 12, 2022.

**HIGHWAY**

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, updated the council on Highway business:

- Applications have been submitted for 2 CCMG projects. Zack is hoping to know by late October/early November if the projects will be awarded.
- Bridge 73 – this is on track for a winter build.
- The 11 LPA projects currently awarded to the county are all on schedule. 2023 will be the Bridge 136 and the county road 400 N project. Both are large projects.
- For the next round of LPA awards. Zack will be submitting Bridge 61 and Baseline Road from 600 E to Old State Road 3.

**ANNEX:**

The county is still awaiting some minor items for furniture. This company- like many places - are having issues getting delivery of parts etc. Zack informed the council that they were looking for some acoustic paneling for the Lobby and also some furniture to help cut down on the noise/echoing that happens with several people in the lobby.

**COURTHOUSE RENOVATION**

The commissioners along with Zack and American StructurePoint will be getting together to review the plans and the approach that will need to take place to speed the process through renovation. The project is set for an early spring start.

**CN SECURITY**

David Worman and Tyler Osenbaugh from CN School Corp came before the council to request funds from the Public Safety Tax for the CN Police Department. Of the three school corporations in Noble County, CN is the only one with their own police department. West Noble and East Noble use SRO's which are City employees for their security. According to some information that was sent from the DLGF, the school would need to "apply" each year prior to July 1, 2022 for consideration by the Noble County Council. The information sent seems more for Fire and medical units that police but more research will need to be done before this is considered.

**SHERIFF**

Max Weber, Noble County Sheriff, is present for the CCD discussion. There were two claims being requested to be paid from the CCD fund:

1. Town of Albion - \$804.70
2. Schuber Treatment Solutions LLC \$2,400.00

Motion to approve the CCD Claims came from Doug Harp and was seconded by Bernie Lawson. Motion carried 6-0.

Max also had an additional request for Meals at the Jail in the amount of \$110,000.00. The price of food in some cases has almost tripled. Max told the council that he will be meeting with another food vendor in the near future and hopefully that will help with some of the costs and supply. Motion to approve the additional in the amount of \$110,000.00 was made by Doug Harp and seconded by Jerry Jansen. Motion carried 6-0.

Max reported 227 inmates today and staffing is looking better, only a couple of openings at this time.

**2023 BUDGET ADOPTION**

Tonya Jones, Noble County Auditor, was present to adopt the 2023 budget. A public hearing was held at the last council meeting and the adoption of the budget was set for today. Tonya read the proposed budgets for all funds. Jerry Jansen made a motion to adopt the budget as it was read. Bernie Lawson seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

<b>2023 BUDGETS</b>			
FUND	ADVERTISED	4.5% PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
RAINY DAY	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -
GENERAL	\$ 17,070,175.00	\$ 16,700,361.00	\$ 369,814.00
REASSESSMENT	\$ 304,602.00	\$ 304,602.00	\$ -
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 913,668.00	\$ 909,070.00	\$ 4,598.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 1,315,600.00	\$ 1,308,100.00	\$ 7,500.00
CUM COURTHOUSE	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
HIGHWAY	\$ 6,119,636.00	\$ 6,119,636.00	\$ -
LOCAL RDS & STS	\$ 775,000.00	\$ 775,000.00	\$ -
HEALTH	\$ 544,547.00	\$ 537,584.00	\$ 6,963.00
WORK CREW DRAINAGE	\$ 175,800.00	\$ 175,800.00	\$ -
STORM & EROSION	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 13,600.00	\$ -
STATEWIDE 911	\$ 760,913.00	\$ 732,255.00	\$ 28,658.00
LEPC	\$ 12,825.00	\$ 12,825.00	\$ -
CCD	\$ 1,647,500.00	\$ 1,647,500.00	\$ -

CEDIT	\$ 1,274,000.00	\$ 1,274,000.00	\$ -
SALES DISCLOSURE	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 9,150.00	\$ -
TRANSFER FEE	\$ 15,833.00	\$ 15,833.00	\$ -
DRUG FREE	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ -
PROSECUTOR STOP GRANT	\$ 26,200.00	\$ 16,506.00	\$ 9,694.00
CLERK INCENTIVE	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
PROSECUTORS INCENTIVE	\$ 62,516.00	\$ 61,538.00	\$ 978.00
PROBATION	\$ 390,779.00	\$ 390,779.00	\$ -
WORK RELEASE MAINTEN	\$ 3,025.00	\$ 3,025.00	\$ -
VICTIM WITNESS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
SECURITY PROTECTION	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
MISDEMEANANT	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ -
RECORDERS PERP	\$ 41,850.00	\$ 41,850.00	\$ -
PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
SURVEYORS PERP	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ -
CLERKS PERPETUATION	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -
LOCAL HEALTH	\$ 33,139.00	\$ 33,139.00	\$ -
TOBACCO MASTER	\$ 25,250.00	\$ 25,250.00	\$ -
JUVENILE PROBATION	\$ 15,451.00	\$ 15,451.00	\$ -
APRA	\$ 6,400,000.00	\$ 6,400,000.00	\$ -
	\$ 38,301,059.00	\$ 37,872,854.00	\$ 428,205.00

#### ADDITIONALS

The other 2 additional were then discussed. There is a need for more funding for the Landfill in the CEDIT fund. The new trewell system was recently installed and the request is for an additional \$75,000.00 to finish out the year. Motion to approve this additional came from Doug Harp. George Bennett seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

The last additional was for self-funding insurance in the commissioner's general fund budget. Claims were more than expected and an additional for \$300,000.00 is being requested. Motion to approve this additional came from Jerry Jansen. Bernie Lawson seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

George Bennett suggested that with 3 veteran council members leaving the board that the council appointments to various boards be reviewed. Jackie will send a copy of the list of appointments with the next packet so that members can be thinking of the appointments in 2023.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Noble County Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:05 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council being Monday November 7, 2022.

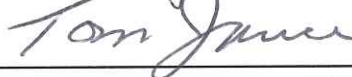
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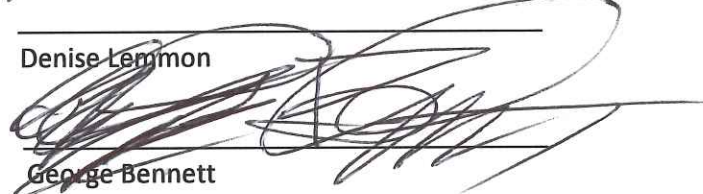
  
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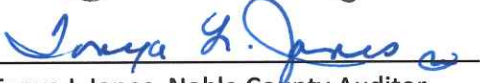
  
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