

**NOBLE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday July 5, 2023**  
**8:00am NOBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**NOBLE COUNTY NEW ANNEX**

**PRESENT:**

Max Franklin  
George Bennett  
Trey Forbes  
Doug Harp

**ABSENT:**

Brandon Chordas  
Tom Janes  
Mary Wysong

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jackie Knafel, Noble County Coordinator  
Dennis Graft, County Attorney  
Matt Getts, KPC Media

George Bennett, Council President, brought the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 am

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Jackie shared the information for the 2023 annual conference of the Association of Indiana Counties with the council members.
- George Bennett shared a letter from a Noble County resident Fred Ishmael concerning the wheel and surtax charges.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting we read and approved as written with a motion from Doug Harp and a second from Max Franklin. Motion carried 4-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

George and Max Franklin attended the State called Council meeting and reported on that meeting. Max indicated that the networking was a very good way of sharing ideas of different council members throughout the state.

**CONTRACT NURSE**

The contract for the school liaison nurse came before the council. This is for Jennifer Saggars. Motion to sign the contract came from Doug Harp. Max Franklin seconded and motion carried 4-0.

**HIGHWAY**

Zack Smith was present from the Highway department to update the council members on the department:

- George discussed the letter mentioned above with Zack and asked him to send Mr. Ishmael information concerning the wheel and surtax. He will also send the Road evaluation plan showing what the tax is being used for.
- Zack had the 2023 Road Rehabilitation Plan for the council's review and went over the plan with the council members. This information will be available on the County's website.
- CCMG - HMA 2023-01 should start very soon with the HMA 2023 -02 to be done sometime this fall.

- LPA Projects – currently there are 12 LPA projects going on for Noble County. All are going well with Bridge 136 and Bridge 44 set for October letting.
- The most recent LPA project is 100 N and 50 W which will probably be a 2029 project with 2030 applications consisting of Baseline Road and Bridge 61.
- Zack told the council that Richard Rogers has now stepped back to the inspector position and the commissioners have now appointed Rob Hull as the highway superintendent. Richard will continue with some of his responsibilities and will include the CDL training in those responsibilities.

**NEW ANNEX**

Zack Smith, Project Manager, reported on the new annex building:

- The shell space work continues and should be done by the end of this month.
- The memorial plaque for Dave Dolezal should be installed yet this week.
- The move of the courts should be done the last week of this month.

**COURTHOUSE RENOVATION**

- The clerks should be moved by the end of this week into their temporary space.
- Again the courts will be out of the courthouse (hopefully) by the end of this month.
- The “check-in” boards are up and running and ready for the court schedules.
- The bids for the courthouse renovation will likely happen in September.
- Banker selection - at the last meeting of the Noble County Council, the bids were opened. Only two were received – one from Community State Bank – the other from Lake City. The council had some questions about the bids and Zack was asked to consult with our Financial advisor and bond counsel. He had received the information and shared with the council members. Both advised to go with the fixed rate offered by Lake City Bank. Doug Harp moved to select Lake City Bank’s option 1 with the fixed rate of 5.4% and with the understanding that the cost would only be that of the borrowed amount. Trey Forbes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

The highway department had some transfer they were requesting:

- Local Roads and Streets      Decrease 1169-44101-202
  - Equipment crew                      \$500,000.00
  - Increase 1169-44801-202
  - Road Maintenance                      \$500,000.00
- Highway fund                      Decrease 1176-19600-102
  - Sign Tech                                  \$30,000.00
  - Increase 1176-11240-102
  - Highway Inspector                      \$30,000.00

Motion to approve both of these transfers came from Max Franklin with a second coming from Doug Harp. Motion carried 4-0.

The Health department is also asking for a transfer of funds:

- Immunization fund                      Decrease 8177-13700-919
  - Part time /overtive                      \$13,055.50
  - Increase 8177-11164-919
  - Immunization nurse                      \$13,055.50

Motion to approve this transfer came from Doug Harp and was seconded by Trey Forbes. Motion carried 4-0.

**CCD CLAIMS**

Sheriff Max Weber is requesting that the following claims be paid from the CCD fund:

- Hossinger Refrigeration                      \$490.59
- Fort Wayne Door                                  \$235.00

- All-Phase \$ 34.00
- Equiparts \$655.31
- Total \$1,414.90

Motion to approve the CCD Claims came from Doug Harp and was seconded by Max Franklin. Motion carried 4-0.

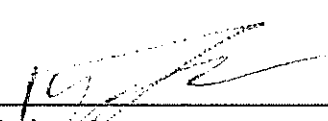
**PARK BOARD**

Grace Caswell -on behalf of Diane Scott – came before the council concerning a grant that the park board wanted to pursue. John Metzger, a member of the park board, was also present. The board would like to apply for funding for the spring and summer seminars that they provide and according to the ordinance must come before the council for that approval. Jackie asked about the grant money if it was awarded, would it be a pass through for the county? Grace indicated that there is no bank account for the park board. There seems to be a number of issues that need to be worked out prior to any grant application that is submitted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Noble County Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 am until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council being Monday August 7, 2023

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023

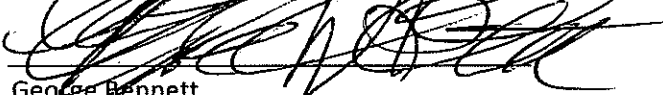
  
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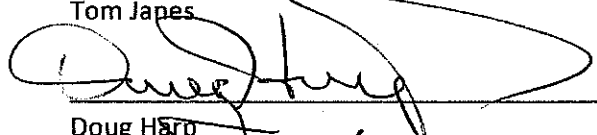
  
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ATTEST: Michelle Mawhorter  
 Michelle Mawhorter, Noble County Auditor