

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD October 24, 2022**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 am. on the 24th day of October, 2022 in the Commissioners Room in the Noble County Annex building, Albion, Indiana, being the time, date and place set for a regular session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County, Indiana.

Present were:

Gary Leatherman, President
Anita Hess, Vice President
Dave Dolezal, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney
Matt Getts, KPC Media
Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer

Gary Leatherman, Commissioner President, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30am.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Town of Albion – Notice of Public Hearing – proposed rate increases
- INDOT - Notice of bridge replacement – LaOtto area SR 205
- County Treasurer’s Monthly report
- Clerk of the Court – Monthly report
- Joseph John Parks – interest in property owned by Noble County

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, was present to update the commissioners on the construction at the Highway department:

- Ditching and berming work continues
- Micro Seal is complete
- Pulver’s have shoulder work yet to complete for the HMA project
- The department still has a bit of tree work to do have the recent snowfall
- The department has hired two new employees to replace retiring employees.

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

- Zack reported that the HMA project is complete except for that shoulder work.
- The 2022 HMA projects have not been awarded as of yet. Zack is hoping to hear yet this month or early November
- Bridge 136
 1. An LPA voucher was presented for this project in the amount of \$4175.00 for preliminary engineering. Motion to approve the voucher came from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
 2. There was also an LPA voucher for right of way services in the amount of \$4760.00. This was also approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
 3. Zack also discussed the CSX construction agreement for the construction of Bridge 136 in the amount of \$227,803.00. Dave Dolezal moved to approve and Anita Hess seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
 4. The Hague property that went through court was also resolved. The original amount offered was approximately \$106000.00 The estimate that the court received was for \$85000.00. At this point the Hagues agreed to settle at the original \$106000.00 offered and with this the right of way for this project is complete.
- Baseline Road at 600 E – an LPA voucher in the amount of \$1494.86 was reviewed. Motion to approve the voucher for construction engineering was made by Dave Dolezal and seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- Zack reported that the tree removal at bridge 136 and bridge 44 was complete as to not get into the restriction of tree removal in the spring.

- Bridge 134 – There has been a field inspection done for this project
- Zack will be submitting 3 projects for the next round of LPA projects and is asking the commissioners to sign letter of commitment for the projects:
 1. Bridge 61 – This is a \$3,175,000.00 project of which the 20% by the county would be \$635,000.00. Motion to sign the letter was made by Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded and motion carried 3-0.
 2. 100 N at CR 50 W is the next project costing \$2,485,000.00 of which the 10% county portion would be \$248,500.00. Motion to sign this commitment letter came from Dave Dolezal contingent on the 90/10 award of this project. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
 3. The last project that Zack brought before the commissioner was Baseline Road from 600 E to Old State 3. This project was originally estimated at \$8,200,000.00 but because of the inflation costs is now at over \$11,000,000.00. Zack is asking the commissioners their thoughts but feels that this is out of our budgetary means. He suggested that this project be broken down into phases. Dave Dolezal moved to not sign the letter before them today but to do as Zack suggested and break this project into phases and bring back a letter to the next meeting for the 1st phase of the project. Anita Hess seconded his motion and it carried 3-0.
- Bridge 72 - Hoping that this winter project will begin shortly after Christmas.
- Little Long/Round Lake project:
 1. Notice of Award for this project was presented for signature. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the signing of the document. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
 2. An agreement between Kwest and Noble County was also received. Motion to sign this came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carries 3-0.
- The public hearing and adoption of the speed ordinance for 200 N between SR 3 and the Noble/DeKalb County line in Allen Township was held. This will reduce the speed in this area to 45 mph. There being no public opposition to the ordinance it was adopted with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
- There was also the public hearing for the speed ordinance for Northshore drive in Noble Township between SR 109 and the dead end which will reduce this to 20 miles per hour. Dave Dolezal moved to adopt this ordinance and Anita Hess seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW ANNEX

Zack Smith, Project Manager, reported that things are winding down for the new building. A few punch items yet to come but mostly due to the supply chain issues. Zack is hoping that the lounge furniture will be here by the holidays. Samples of the acoustic paneling were discussed and the light grey was the color of choice.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

Zack has a scheduled meeting with American StructurePoint this afternoon. There is still no firm estimate of cost but hopefully that will be available within the next month or so.

DRAINAGE ISSUE

Chris Fairchild, a resident in the Wolf Lake area, came before the commissioners with issue of water drainage. She brought pictures of the issues she was having and explained what she had already tried to do to resolve the issue. Gary Leatherman will get with Richard Rogers from the highway department and go down to the location to come up with a solution to the issue. Gary will then get back with Chris at the number she provided.

REZONING

Teresa Tackett, Plan Director came before the commissioners with a rezoning for Perry Jay Bontrager. This will rezone 25.03 acres from A1 to RE. Teresa informed the commissioners that this rezoning comes with a favorable recommendation from the plan commission board. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the rezoning. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0. In other business, Teresa is asking permission to spend over \$500.00 for signage. This will correct the address of the meetings for BZA and the Plan Commission. The estimated cost is at

\$554.46 and is approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carries 3-0.

COURTHOUSE RESTROOM USAGE

Steve Hook, Star Committee member, came before the commissioners to ask that the committee have access to the courthouse restrooms for their STAR events. They will be responsible for clean-up and re-supplying what has been used. Motion to approve the usage came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll dated 10/20/22 was reviewed and approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0. This 4-page report totaled \$451,376.41.

CLAIMS

Regular claims were reviewed by the commissioners. This was a 13-page report that totaled \$387,954.27. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the claims. Anita Hess seconded and motion carries 3-0.

MISC CLAIMS

There were also misc. claims for review. This 4-page report totaled \$7,303,465.36 which had the reporting of a \$7,000,000.00 investment. Motion to approve came from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

CEDIT AMENDMENT

A CEDIT amendment was done for the startup money for Child Care and the Tri-Share Program. This will be a one-time contribution of \$50,000.00 and will be payable in 2023. Motion to approve the CEDIT amendment came from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

SOUTH COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS

Gary discussed with the commissioners some improvements that need to be done at the South Complex such as parking lot, sidewalk improvement and drainage at the old extension office entrance.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 3:30 PM recessed from day to day until November 14, 2022 scheduled meeting.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2022

Gary D. Leatherman, President



Anita Hess, Vice President



Dave Dolezal Member

ATTESTED: _____
Tonya L. Jones, Auditor