

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD March 12, 2018**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the 12th day of March, 2018, in the Commissioners Court in the Noble County Courthouse, 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
Dave Abbott, Member
Dave Dolezal, Vice President

Also present were:

Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator
Matt Getts from KPC Media

Gary Leatherman, President of the Commissioners, brought the meeting to order at approximately 8:30AM

CORRESPONDENCE

- IDEM – Colwell, Inc. Air permit – duly entered
- IDEM – Cranberry Development construction permit – duly entered
- DNR – Floodplain information – copy to Kenneth Hughes, Mick Newton and Randy Sexton.
- Parkview – health forum – Mirro Center Fort Wayne. Gary indicated that he would try to attend.
- County Treasurer’s Monthly report – duly entered
- Courthouse security – monthly report – duly entered
- USS Indiana – request for county participation for commissioning of the submarine USS INDIANA.
- Bridge 136 – historical request for information.

CHAIN O LAKES FESTIVAL

The Order of Eastern Star is requesting permission to use the courthouse lawn to conduct a 50/50 Bingo session on Friday and Saturday of the Chain O Lakes festival. Dave Dolezal has concerns about the relationship to gambling and would like the county attorneys feedback prior to making a decision. Dennis will be back on the 26th of this month and a decision will be made then.

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, new appointed Highway Superintendent, was present and provided the commissioners with SOP’s that he has developed for the highway department. Richard would like the commissioners to review the documents and give feedback as to the contents.

Engineering:

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, was present to provide the following information:

- Zack will be preparing the request for proposals for the upcoming 4-year cycle of bridge inspections. The RFP will go out in April.
- Zack has a bridge inspection LPA voucher for United Consulting for preliminary engineering. Motion to sign the LPA voucher came from Dave Abbott and was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 147 – Zack reported on the pre-construction meeting and that the utility plan may have to be reworked. There is also a LPA voucher for this bridge on Pigeon Street in Ligonier. Motion to sign the LPA voucher was made by Dave Abbott and seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 136 – An LPA voucher was also presented on bridge 136 on 400 E for preliminary Engineering. Motion to sign this voucher also came from Dave Abbott. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Zack reported no updates on the Baseline Road/600 E project.
- RFP have been sent out on the 400 N project and Zack indicated he has had many companies contact him already showing interest in the project. Zack feels that we should get several RFP’s on this project.

- Bridge 6 - a pre-construction meeting will be held this week on this project. The project will be a summer project as it needs to be done when school is out of session.
- Bridge 77 – Zack is submitting supplemental cost to this project as the DNR is requesting a wetland full study investigation for this project. The costs are not to exceed \$11,930.00. Dave Abbott moved to approve the supplement costs citing that the county would not be able to move forward on the project unless this study is done. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge 55 – Zack is putting together a proposal for this bridge.
- Equipment – Randy Jordan has found a good used forklift for the shop and grounds. The unit has 1900 hours and a price of \$19,500.00. Zack reported that the unit was currently at the highway department for testing and Randy has indicated that it is very suitable for what they need. There will be no rental charge for the 1-month testing period if the county purchased the equipment. Motion to approve the purchase of the forklift for \$19,500.00 came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.
- Randy had also secured a quote for seamless roofing for the office building. There have been leaks in this area and the building has a flat roof. The estimate for this project came in at \$14,000.00. Zack indicated that there is a building repair line with an appropriation of \$50,000.00 which will pay for this project. Dave Abbott moved to approve this roofing repair project. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Road School at Purdue – Zack reported that the state will now be requiring the county to separate the Wheel & Surtax money from MVH. This will require a new fund to be setup by the Auditor's office and will require some shuffling of budget items for the 2019 budget year.
- Oversize load permit – Zack continues work on the oversize load permit. Having looked at LaGrange and Steuben counties permitting process, feels that Steuben is better suited to the needs of Noble County. There will still be some changes to even better fit our needs. Zack is suggesting a \$50.00 permit fee and is suggesting that the fines not be determined which would allow the violator to simply lose permitting rights and would then be fined according to state's non-permitted fines. Zack will continue work on this and send to the county attorney for final review.
- The DOC contract was sent to the state for review and was accepted with the verbiage changes that were made.
- A letter of request has been received from the Little Long/Round Lake homeowner's associations requesting a larger culvert be placed under Riley Road connecting the two lakes. Zack has inspected the location and finds that the water is flowing with no problem through the existing culvert and cannot justify the placing of a larger structure in the area. Zack is thinking that the purpose is more to allow pontoons etc. to pass through the area from one lake to another. The difference in cost is extreme and Zack will respond to the homeowner's association explaining the cost difference which to replace the current culvert would be in the area of \$50,000.00 and one that they are requesting would cost in the vicinity of \$470,000.00. If the homeowner's association wants to pay the difference then we will proceed – otherwise – the culvert will have to remain as is.

CCD REESTABLISHMENT PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was conducted for the purpose of reestablishing the CCD Fund. This is necessary to allow the county to collect the maximum of taxes for the cum fund. Currently we are at .0251 and the maximum is .0333. This will be a minimal tax rate increase of .008. There being no public comment, Dave Dolezal moved to approve the reestablishment of the fund. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

RICOH COPIER – ASSESSOR

Kim Carson, Noble County Assessor, has provided a contract order agreement for a color copier she is purchasing from her reassessment fund. This is a 60-month contract maintenance agreement. Motion to approve the contract came from Dave Abbott and was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 26, 2018 meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Dave Abbott. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes of the February 12 and 27th, 2018 executive sessions were read and approved as written with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll dated 03/15/18 for the time period of 02/16/18 -03/01/18 containing 6 pages and totaling \$396,941.72 was approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS REGULAR

Claims dated March 12, 2018 containing 13 pages and totaling \$647,453.10 were approved with a motion from Dave Abbott. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS SUPPLEMENTAL

There were 2 pages of supplemental claims that were presented for approval. These totaled \$752013.97 and were approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Dave Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ENTERPRISE LEASING


Four more vehicles will be coming from Enterprise Leasing. One for the EMA Director, one for the Building Department and two for the Noble County Surveyor. The commissioners will have 4 vehicles going to Enterprise to sell in return. The commissioners signed the titles of the vehicles going back that being a 2012 Dodge Ram 44271, a 2012 ford supercrew 75297, a 1998 ford ranger 24847 and a 2007 ford expedition 65090. Motion to sign the titles came from Dave Abbott and was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 11:15A.M. recessed from day to day until March 26, 2018.




Gary D. Leatheman, President



David J. Dolezal, Vice President



David Abbott, Member

ATTESTED 

Tonya L. Jones, Auditor