

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD May 29, 2018**

Comes now the hour of 8:30am. on the 29th day of May, 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
Anita Hess, Member
Dave Dolezal, Vice President

Also present were:

Jacqueline L Knafel, County Coordinator
Dennis Graft, Noble County Attorney
Steve Garbacz from KPC Media
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Richard Rogers, Highway Inspector

Gary Leatherman, President of the Board of Commissioners, brought the meeting to order at approximately 8:35AM

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 14th, 2018 commissioners meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Weights & Measures monthly report – duly entered
- IDEM – Ozinga Ready Mix Air Quality amendment – duly entered
- Letter from John Janson concerning an action suit – Christopher Burke Engineering
- Clerk of the Courts – Monthly report – duly entered
- Treasurer of Noble County – Monthly report – duly entered

PAYROLL

Payroll dated 05/24/18 was reviewed and approved by the commissioners with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0. The report contained 7 pages and totaled \$390,406.55.

CONTRACT – ASSET MANAGEMENT

Tonya Jones, Noble County Auditor, has received the contract for the upcoming asset management report from Peterson Consulting Services. Motion to approve the contract and the cost of \$3,200.00 came from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

MAYORS & COMMISSIONERS DUES

Dave Dolezal reported that he had requested clarification on what the dues for the newly formed Mayors and Commissioners Caucus of Northeast Indiana would be used for. All commissioners were furnished a copy of the e-mail that was sent with the breakdown of expenses. After some discussion, Dave Dolezal made a motion to contact Joy Hudson to receive a membership dues invoice. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

RESPONSE

Gary Leatherman signed the letter to Special Prosecuting Attorney Donald Shively in response to the findings in the case of Noble County vs Scott Zeigler. Letter will be mailed.

HIGHWAY

Richard Rogers, Highway Superintendent, had the following highway information for the commissioners:

- Utility permits for NIPSCO, Frontier Communications and Noble REMC – all were duly entered
- Richard also had two driveway variances to bring before the commissioners:
 1. Appleman Road – resident is requesting a 2nd driveway, Richard reported no problem with the sight distance and is recommending the variance be granted.

Motion to approve came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

2. The second request was also for a second drive on 250 W. Again, there was no problem with sight distance and Dave Dolezal moved to approve the variance. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- Richard reported that construction was well underway
- Crack sealing is complete
- Mowing will begin Tuesday for the part time mowers who mow the road sides.
- Richard indicated that a trailer for the sign department had been purchased. This will ease the transportation of road signs.
- The highway has completed repair work to 600 N. This is the local detour for the Brimfield Bridge project. Zack is tracking all repair work in this location and will work with the state for reimbursement once the project is complete.
- Richard told the commissioners that the Highway department will be putting in 2 of the new trucks in the Chain O Lakes parade on Saturday June 9, 2018.

Zack Smith, Highway Superintendent, had the following engineering business to bring before the commissioners:

- Zack presented a copy of the 2018 HMA bid package for approval by the commissioners. After review, a motion from Dave Dolezal will allow Zack to proceed with this packet for overlays etc. in sub division and be able to use Community Crossing monies for such projects. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
 - LPA Voucher to sign for United for bridge inspection. Motion to sign the voucher came from Dave Dolezal and was seconded by Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.
 - LPA Voucher to sign for bridge 136 for preliminary engineering was also approved by Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
 - LPA Voucher for preliminary engineering for Lawson Fisher for the Baseline Rd / 600 E project. Motion to sign came from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
 - Zack also had a LPA Voucher for Bridge 147 in Ligonier which will begin construction next month. Dave Dolezal moved to sign and Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
 - Zack reported the construction on Bridge 6 in Kendallville would start this week, weather reporting.
 - Bridge 77 – is under design with no update to report today.
 - Zack reported no update on the Culvert replacement @ Loon Lake
 - Oversize Load – Zack reported that the oversize load ordinance had spurred many questions from local contractors as well as farmers. Dave Dolezal moved to amend the policy to read over 13.5 feet. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
 - The bids for the Fuel Pumps and fueling station were opened. Bids were received from the following:

Gasoline Equipment	NO BID
Lawrence Building Corp	NO BID
Mercer Construction	\$136,093.00
- Dave Dolezal moved to take the bids under advisement for review. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Kammerer Rd Damage – Zack reported working with the at-fault party's insurance carrier to recover money for the repair work.
 - Zack reported that mileage certification is down this being due to annexations by cities & towns.

KIMMELL COMPLAINT

Norm Leitch a resident of Kimmell Indiana is before the commissioners to voice his concerns about the roads in Kimmell. Norm indicated that he has lived in Kimmell for 26 years and sees many issues that he feels the highway department has not addressed. His issue is that gas taxes continue to go up and yet we are not fixing the roads. Some issues he mentioned and would like answers to:

- Potholes in Kimmell
- Sunken tile on Rochester Road
- Safety concern for playground area due to speed – more signage
- Roadside drainage
- Parking due ballgames at the park

Zack pointed out that the road plan was on-line and that Kimmell is on that plan for 2019. Mr. Leitch was insistent on getting the information given to him and will be back for the answers to these questions.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Dave Dolezal made a motion to accept and sign the revised department of transportation contract invoice. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

911

Mitch Flandt was present to request the 10% reduction in pay be waiver for James Cheshier. He has been a dispatcher for many years and is experienced. He has caught on very quickly to our system and will be put on his own Friday June 1, 2018. Anita Hess moved to waive the 10% - 90-day reduction in pay. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

EMA

Mick Newton, EMA Director, is present to request permission to purchase a cap for the vehicle that the county is leasing. The equipment that Mick carries needs to be in a secured place. Mick is thinking that he would be able to transfer money within his budget to purchase the cap. Motion to approve this request came from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mick also talked with the commissioners about again applying for the State Homeland Security Grant. Last year he was able to stock 82 police cars for the county, cities and towns with laptop computers. This year he would like to again apply for routers. Dave Dolezal made a motion to allow Mick to proceed with the grant application. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS

Dave Dolezal moved to appoint Anita to sit on the Plan Commission Board. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The BZA appointment will need to be looked into and some names were mentioned as possible candidates.

Dave Dolezal also moved to appoint Anita to sit on the EDC, Council on Aging and the SJRBC boards with Dan Lash serving as an alternate to the SJRBC board. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

RECESS 10:50AM

Drainage

Back in session 1:10PM

LANDFILL

Derek Faulk, Wilcox Engineering, was on the phone with the commissioners concerning various landfill issues. The commissioners are wanting answers on the issue of purchasing ground adjacent to the landfill and if that step would alleviate some of our costs. They talked about constructed wet lands, water sampling etc.... Ongoing issues and no clear answers was the result of the discussion.

CLAIMS

Nicole Noe was present for the regular claims review. 11 pages of claims totaling \$515,140.07 were approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Anita Hess. Motion carried 3-0.

Court claims were also presented to the commissioners for approval. 9 pages of court claims totaling \$56313.64 were approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Anita Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

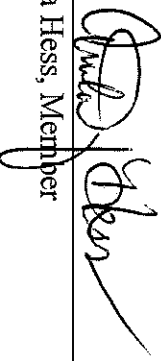
ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 3:00P. M. recessed from day to day until June 11th, 2018.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2018


Gary D. Ledfemman, President


David J. Dolezal, Vice President


Anita Hess, Member

ATTESTED: 
Tonya L. Marks, Auditor