

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 22, 2014**

Comes now the hour of 8:40 A.M. on the 22nd day of September, 2014, in the Commissioners Court in the Noble County Courthouse, Albion, Indiana, being the time, date and place set for a special session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County, Indiana.

Present were:

Gary Leatherman, President
Chad Kline, Member

Absent: David Dolezal, Vice President

Also present were:

Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor
Dennis Graft, County Attorney
and Bob Braley, KPC
Scott Perry, Albion New Era
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Mick Newton – EMA Director
Norm Lortie – Building Inspector

CLAIMS

Claims dated 09/22/14 in the amount of \$479,357.51 were approved with exception. Chad Kline made a motion to accept claims with the exception for Quality Correctional Care in the amount \$29,783.32 because no contract has been entered into beginning September 1, 2014. A contract was approved earlier beginning January 1, 2015. Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff, will be contacted to correct this problem. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- CSI Monthly report clerk – duly entered and copy sent to State Board of Accounts.
- Auditor / Treasurer – balancing for the month of August. A motion to approve the balancing report was made by Chad Kline and seconded by Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0.
- DNR –Notification by the DNR of Stanley School at Chain O'Lakes Park is being considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Meeting will be October 22, 2014 at 1:30.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 15th 2014 minutes were read and approved as corrected with a motion from Chad Kline. Motion was seconded by Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0.

PLAQUE

Phyllis Herendeen had contacted the commissioners concerning the placement of a plaque on the courthouse square. Chad Kline made a motion to approve the placement of the plaque around the fountain area. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

HIGHWAY

Mark Goodrich was present to discuss the following issues:

- The summer schedule of projects is complete.
- Crews are now catching up on some patching areas.
- Mark also indicated that he has a couple of small projects to complete. Mentioned were some in Washington Township and 150 E.

Zack Smith was also present to discuss the following issues:

- Bridge #70 – The crew has encountered minor issues with sub soils which should be addressed today. Zack indicated that he has updated Mark Goodrich who will be on sight in Zack’s absence this week.
- Bridge Overlays - work is in progress and the area has had issues with vehicles driving around road closures signs. Sheriff’s department had been contacted and there were several tickets issued.
- Road Programs – Zack is very satisfied with the programs that was implemented this year. The new policies appear to be very successful and cost efficient.
- Striping Contract – Zack had sent quote requests to 3 companies of which 2 had returned their quotes. Three Rivers quote was for \$14,658.00 and Airmarking Company’s bid was for \$14,920.00. Chad Kline moved to accept the lowest bid from Three Rivers at \$14,658.00. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.
- LPA Projects - Zack has spoken with the railroad and IDOT and is coming closer to an agreement.
- HSIP Call for Projects - Zack will meet with IDOT and representatives from the Federal agency and IDOT on October 7th. This meetings were organized through LTAP.
- 1000 E ordinance will be adopted next week and then Zack will begin work with Kendallville as far as signage goes.
- Issue of a concerned citizen for the intersection of 100 N and 900 W. Zack had prepared a letter with his study findings and ask review of the letter by the commissioners and county attorney. With their approval the letter will be mailed today.
- 1000 E Mitigation area – Zack has been in contact with state officials concerning the issue with this mitigation site on 1000 E. Zack will set up a future meeting with a consultant to address the issues brought before the board.
- Long Lake Road – Zack has received a complaint from a citizen on Long Lake Road concerning dirt on the roadway from agricultural fields. There is nothing that the county can do to prevent this from happening unless it presents a safety hazard.

ESPY SERVICES

Jackie presented the commissioners with e-mails she had received from other counties concerning the services that ESPY provided. Most were about the telephone systems which Noble County had recently done. As far as utilities go, the commissioners feel we are okay and do not feel it is necessary to use this service at this time.

FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE

Mick Newton and Norm Lortie were present to review the flood plain ordinance with the commissioners. Mick had gotten a call from the Federal agency indicating that our flood plain ordinance needed updated. Mick has been in contact with the agency and there was a template that was used to update our records. Mick has also spoken with Rodney Renkenberger of the Maumee River Basin and his recommended changes have been included. This ordinance will make one more round of reviews and come again before the commissioners for final approval.

REVIEW HEARING – UNSAFE BUILDING

Norm Lortie reported that at a recent review of the property owned by John Gries, that there has still been nothing done to the property. The Gries’s were to be at this review hearing to explain their plans for the property and were not present. As the commissioners have not yet heard from the blighted property grant, Chad Kline moved to table any decisions concerning this property until October 20, 2014 at 10:00AM. Gary Leatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

A request by Ronald & Richa Fulkerson to increase road right-of-way from 20 to 30 feet was granted with a motion from Chad Kline and a second from Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0.

Additional road right-of-way from 20 to 30 feet was also granted to Lance Parker with a motion from Chad Kline and a second from Gary Leatherman. Motion carried 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 10:40 A.M. recessed from day to day until the 29th day of September, 2014.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor