

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MARCH 12, 2012**

Comes now the hour of 9:42 A.M. on the 12th day of March, 2012, 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:

Joy Y. LeCount, President
David J. (Dave) Dolezal, Vice President
Jack W. Herendeen, Member

Also present were:

Marion S. Cavanaugh, Deputy Auditor
Dennis Graft, County Attorney
and Scott Perry & Bob Braley, News Media

HIGHWAY BUSINESS – MARK GOODRICH & MIKE FITCH

UTILITY PERMITS

Mark presented the following utility permits: #UP-006-12 from Noble REMC for work on Steinbarger Lake Road between Lakeview Drive and CR 50 E in Orange Township at the David Winebrenner residence; #UP-007-12 from Frontier Communications for work on E CR 400 S between SR 9 and CR 100 E at the Milt Tarlton residence; #UP-008-12 from Frontier Communications for work on S CR 50 W between CR 100 S and CR 200 S for work at the Dennis Rowland residence; #UP-009-12 for work on W CR 1050 N between CR 250 W and CR 125 W at the Elva Miller residence; and #UP-010-12 from CenturyLink d/b/a United Telephone Company of IN Inc. for work on CR 200 N between CR 800 W and CR 900 W at the Amy Lowe residence, (H.I.).

SIGN PROJECT DISCUSSION

Joy asked if Wayne (Sign Foreman) was going out and monitoring the progress on the sign project. Mark said he hadn't been out there. He said the Schneider Corporation is supposed to have an inspector working on that. Joy said she thought they should be giving the county a progress report.

Dave asked how they know when to pick up scrap. Mark said he had Wayne go up Friday and pick up a trailer that had signs and posts in it, which Wayne sorted and took out what could be re-used. He said they are keeping the signs and posts separate, which is good.

LPA CLAIM VOUCHER – BRIDGE #134

Mark presented a claim voucher for preliminary engineering on the Bridge #134 project. After some discussion, Jack moved to approve it. Dave seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0. There was discussion that the project parameters had been changed by the Railroad.

TRUCK #9 & #49 UPDATE

Mark reported that Truck #49 is near completion. He said there is an air leak yet, and they will hopefully have that repaired today. Mark said there is an electronic issue within the truck, but the mechanics talked to Vomac and they said it is apparently not a serious issue and it is a very costly repair. He said they would have to put a new electronic part in that would cost \$300.00 - \$400.00, and it would have to go down to Vomac and they would have to reprogram everything.

Jack told Mark he would bring him some literature on someone that can be called if they have any problems with Cummings engines. Jack said the man would bring his own testing equipment up to the Highway Department.

Mark said truck #49, the bucket truck, is up and running again. He said it seems to be running well.

UPDATE ON ROAD WORK

Mark said they are catching up on the tree work. He said they have removed hanging limbs and a split tree, and there are three more bad trees that are scheduled for removal.

Mark said CR 200N /Long Lake Road/ 300 N has been crack sealed from the Albion city limits to U.S. 33. There was discussion about the material and the truck that was used.

There was discussion about ditch work, berming, and the replacement of pipes. There was also discussion that utility line locations weren't asked for when they are doing the berming, but they are asked for if pipes are being replaced or they are working in the ditches.

CSX RAILROAD CLOSED CR 700 E

Mark said the CSX Railroad closed 700 E, and they did not notify us. He said he is going to keep after them until they start notifying us when they are closing the roads. Mark said they are getting ready to close CR 900 E too. He said they are supposed to notify us, and he would think they would at least notify the Sheriff's Department. Mark said he would continue to try to find the right contact person at CSX to discuss the road closing issues. Joy said they are supposed to notify the schools and the emergency response people too.

BODY WORK ON TRUCK #3

Mark said Andy Steffe is working on the body of truck #3 at his shop, because he has all of the equipment that he needs there.

CHAIN O'LAKES CAMP CREW

Jack asked Mark if the Camp Crew works inside at the Highway Department if it is raining. Mark said sometimes they do. He said if there is trash that needs picked up they do that sometimes. Mark said sometimes they clean the shop. He said the crew is keeping the inside of the shop pretty clean. Joy told Mark he should have a list of things for them to do when it is raining and they can't be outside.

EQUIPMENT THAT IS INSURED

There was a brief discussion about the equipment that is covered by insurance, and whether or not there is any equipment that shouldn't be on the list. There was also discussion about some of the things that will be discussed at the meeting at the Highway Dept. Wednesday.

SHERIFF'S DEPT. CAR TITLE

Jackie presented a title for a 2007 Ford Five Hundred that is going to be traded in by the Sheriff's Department, (H.I.). Dave moved to approve for Joy to sign the title. Jack seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

UNITED CONSULTING – BRIDGE INVENTORY

Jen Grawcock from United Consulting presented the bridge inventory books to the Commissioners re: the 64 bridges in Noble County. She also brought 5 CD's which she will leave here. Jen said all of the data has been uploaded to the state, so the Commissioners are all up to date legally. She said the state will also get a book this week. Jen said they are about 90% done with scanning the bridge plans for GIS and the bridge data overlays for GIS.

Jen showed the Commissioners and Mark Goodrich and Mike Fitch how to use the CD. She told Mark there are updates in the book about things that need to be done to prolong the life of each of the bridges, such as clearing brush and other things.

Jen presented two maps with the bridges in Noble County shown on them. One map will be kept in the Commissioners Room and the other at the Highway Department.

CLERK'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2012

The Commissioners received the above referenced report, (H.I.).

MEDIACOM INDIANA LLC – CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY

The Commissioners received the above referenced certificate from Pinnacle Risk Solutions, (H.I.).

COMMON CONSTRUCTION WAGE COMMITTEE – REMINDER OF PARAMETERS TO WORK WITHIN

The Commissioners discussed a letter they received from the City of Kendallville Engineering Department regarding the rules to be followed when appointing someone to a Common Construction Wage Committee, (H.I.). Joy said she will respond to the letter.

MINUTES APPROVED – MARCH 5, 2012

After the Commissioners reviewed the minutes of the March 5, 2012 meeting and made corrections, Dave moved to approve them. Jack seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

EZPASS - TOLL BOOTH ISSUES

The Commissioners and Auditor Jackie Knafel discussed with Dennis Graft County Attorney, the letter that was received last week from EZPass. This was in regards to the toll booth fees that EZPass indicated hadn't been paid by a vehicle registered to Noble County.

GIS – DATA SHARING AGREEMENT WITH STATE

The Commissioners had Dennis review the above referenced agreement received last week. Dennis said it is ok as to the form of it, if it is ok with the GIS Coordinator as to what they are requiring us to do. Dave moved to approve it. Jack seconded he motion and it carried, 3-0.

MINUTES APPROVED – OCTOBER 17, 2005

Jack moved to approve the minutes of October 17, 2005 to the best of his recollection. Dave seconded the motion and it carried, 3-0.

**INSURANCE INFORMATION FROM
BLACK & RAMER INSURANCE**

There was a brief discussion about some additional information that Jarrod Ramer from Black & Ramer Insurance was going to provide for the Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 11:23 A.M. recessed from day to day until the 12th day of March 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the South Complex.

Joy Y. LeCount, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Jack W. Herendeen, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor