

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD APRIL 14, 2014**

Comes now the hour of 8:37 A.M. on the 14th day of April, 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
David J. (Dave) Dolezal, Vice President
Chad Kline, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor
and Bob Braley, KPC
Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff
Dave Baum – IT Dept
Scott Perry – Albion New Era
Zack Smith – Highway Engineer
Mark Goodrich – Highway Superintendent
Sheri Auld – Deputy Auditor
Mitch Fiandt – 911 Director

PAYROLL

Payroll for 04/17/14 was approved with a motion from Chad Kline and a second from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

IDEM – Confined Feeding notification for Kenneth and Lori Troyer – duly entered
IDEM - Air permit notification for Ashley Molding – duly entered
Arc Foundations sent in their budget request for 2015. They are requesting \$60,000.00 which is \$5,000 more than last year – duly entered.

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 31, 2014 meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from Dave Dolezal and seconded by Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0. Minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting were read and approved as written. Motion to approve came from Chad Kline and was seconded by Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF

Noble County Sheriff Doug Harp informed the commissioners that the security system at the Noble County Jail had gone down last Thursday. The system is up and running at this time but had to be taken to Indianapolis last Friday for the company to do a temporary rebuild of the system. If the system fails the only access to the jail is with key entry and poses a safety issue

for jailers and inmates alike. Doug had been before the commissioner last May telling them the system would need replaced as some time in the future and that time has come. Dave Baum joined the conversation as the commissioners review 3 quotes that Doug had obtained. Stanley Convergent Security Solutions – who has the current system at the jail came in at \$76,500.00; Security Automation’s quote was \$205,000.00 and Advanced Systems Tech was \$198,620.00. Stanley Convergent will be able to update and upgrade the system where the other two would begin from scratch.

Commissioners asked Doug to get a contract from Stanley Convergent and e-mail it to Dennis Graft to review prior to the April 21, 2014 meeting. Jackie will contact the council to get their thoughts on allowing \$50,000.00 to come from the CCD Fund. Doug has agreed to pay \$26,500 from the commissary fund.

IT DEPARTMENT

Dave Baum is requesting a contract from Medicom be signed by the commissioners. Dave is converting a residential connection to a business connection which will allow a substantial savings as there is no cap on business connections. Dave Dolezal made a motion to allow the upgrade to business, this was seconded by Chad Kline and motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer and Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent were both present to update the commissioners on the following highway business

- Mark Goodrich, a mechanic and the operator of the new distributor will be traveling to Illinois to tour the plant where the distributor is made and take training on the operation and maintenance for the new piece of equipment. They will be gone a couple of days.
- The new suspension on truck #9 repair is \$600.00 more than expected.
- Culvert update on 200S was discussed. According to Zack the driveway permitting and procedures leaves most of the culvert and maintenance issues on the shoulders of the land owner.
- Zack and Mark were asked about the overtime for the secretary. They explained that the bookkeeper had been off for 3 weeks and the overtime was accumulated due to Marc Fisher being off. Typically this is just a “once a year” situation.

Engineering issues:

- Zack Smith updated the commissioners on the Bridge #70 project. He has had a small issue with Northfolk Southern Rail as far as right a-way goes but project is still on schedule.
- Zack has the bridge overlay permits – utility issues and right a-way issue done. The county will be doing “temporary access” on the right a-ways rather than purchasing in this situation.
- Truck bids on the 1997 truck at the highway and the building department truck will be due Friday. There have been no bids received to date.
- Zack is continuing to work with CSX on bridges 134, 135, and 136 over the railroad.
- The letters of interest for the upcoming Noble County Bridge Inspections will be reviewed tomorrow at a special meeting.

- On the LPA call for projects, Zack is getting other agencies in the area for letters of support such as schools in the matter of bus transportation, businesses using truck routes etc.
- Highway standards – there have been no comments from the plan commission or the surveyor to date so this will be put out on the web for public input. Zack will also send a press release to the papers informing them of the web posting.
- Equipment management and purchasing plan has been put on hold to gear up for the summer projects.
- Road Improvements – Zack and Mark have been out on the roads taking pictures of roads needing repairs.
- Highway Employee Safety programs will continue as scheduled.
- Zack informed the Commissioners that he had been to the Council discussing the possibility of using Rainy day funds or CCD funds for projects that might be unfunded by the Highway. The council was willing to support such projects and Zack has suggested keeping this support very minimal as to not exhaust the rainy day fund.
- The new trucks that the highway department ordered should be arriving early May.

TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

Sheri Auld, Deputy Auditor, was present to update the commissioners on the tax deed certificates. There was a question on a ditch or ditch bank being taxed. Jackie Knafel will talk with the tax mapper to get this parcel removed from taxation.

PERF

Jackie Knafel, Noble County Auditor, brought up a discussion of PERF and employee taking leaves of absence whether that is FMLA or Military. Jackie suggested that the County pay the County's portion of PERF only if the employee also continues their 3% share of PERF. This will be discussed further and possible be added to the policy portion of the handbook.

E-911

Mitch Fiandt, 911 Director, was present to have the Frontier Contract signed. Mitch has switched to Frontier for the savings of \$1500.00 a month. Dennis Graft has reviewed the contract and has indicated it is a uniform utility contract. Mitch also informed the commissioners that the switch from IDACS to IP will reduce that payment to less than \$100.00 a month which had been over \$200.00 a month. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the contract with Frontier and Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 10:40 P.M. recessed from day to day until the 15th day of April, 2014 at 12:30 P.M.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Jacqueline L. Knafel, Auditor