

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

Comes now the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the 14th day of September, 2015, 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
David J. (Dave) Dolezal, Vice President
Chad Kline, Member

Also present were:

Jacqueline L. Knafel, County Coordinator
Tonya Marks, Noble County Auditor
Steve Garbacz, KPC Media
Bill Shultz, Noble County Historical Society
Sarah Knopp, Noble County Historical Society
Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff
Mick Newton, Noble County EMA Director
Zack Smith, Highway Engineer
Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent
Stacey Beam, Noble County Probation
Cheryl Munson, Health Nurse

President Gary Leatherman called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30AM.

Bill Shultz and Sarah Knopp from the Noble County Historical Society were in attendance to present an 1844 document concerning making Port Mitchell the site of the county seat at that time. The document was received by them from a gentleman in New York. The historical society had it framed and presented it to the commissioners for hanging in the Noble County Courthouse.

EMA GRANTS

Mick Newton was present to request that a resolution be done to appoint one elected and one other employee to approve grant documents rather than to have the process wait for commissioner meetings. This will speed up the process and allow the appointed individuals to do approvals on line. Chad Kline made a motion to appoint Tonya Marks, Noble County Auditor, as well as Jackie Knafel, County Coordinator as their designee. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF

Doug Harp, Noble County Sheriff, is present to discuss new laws concerning Medicaid coverage for inmates. Doug said there were many questions yet to be answered and that he would be having a conference call on Thursday the 17th concerning this issue and invited the commissioners to join him for that call. Doug would like to bring Lisa, from Quality Care into the conversation also. Doug will return to the commissioners when more information is available.

Doug also reported that the new flooring in the lobby as well as the intake shower area is nearing completion.

Doug reported there were 105 in the jail this morning with 9 of those being DOC inmates.

PAYROLL

Payroll for weeks of 08/21/15 through 09/03/15 payable 09/17/15 were reviewed. 5 pages totaling \$342,338.29 were approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Minutes of the August 24, 2015 meeting were read and approved as written with a motion from Dave Dolezal and a second from Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Mark Goodrich, Highway Superintendent was present to discuss the following:

- Utility Permits for United Telephone were presented
- Mark has received a claim from Frontier for a damaged line. Mark explained that Frontier was called and the county received a location for the line. The dig was made and the active was lying below an abandoned line. The commissioners agreed with Mark that if "not good" information is received when we call for location that it no longer becomes our responsibility. Mark will contact Frontier and let them know of this decision.
- Culvert replacement on 900 N is complete
- Repairs on 650 W are proceeding slower than expected but should be completed by next week which will allow drainage and brush work to begin.
- WA Jones has begun work on the new route truck.

Zack Smith, Highway Engineer, is presenting the following engineering business to the commissioners:

- Zack presented an LPA voucher for Bridge 147 engineering. Chad Kline made a motion to approve signing of the voucher. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bridge Inspection - There is no update on the inspection but Zack is expecting the final report in October.
- CSX Agreement – Zack has received a draft memorandum of understanding from CSX. There are changes to be made and Dennis Graft, County Attorney, and Zack will review the document and make the necessary changes.
- AIC Lobbyist – Zack reported that a lobbyist from the Association of Indiana Counties was going to be in Noble County on Thursday the 17th to tour Noble County Highways. This is an attempt to increase highway funding through state legislation.
- Highway Garage - Zack will draft an RFP for the new garage area so he can proceed once we get funding in place
- Speed Studies - 4 of the 6 studies are complete
- Cracksealing – this project is scheduled to begin Mid- September
- Line Striping – Under Construction.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Gregg Parker from Noble County Council on Aging is present to get signatures on the grants agreements for the operating and capital projects. Dennis Graft review the grant document and a motion to sign came from Dave Dolezal. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Weights & Measures Conference Training – duly entered
- Noble County Treasurers' monthly report – duly entered
- Burnsworth Zollars information – duly entered
- Mayors' and Commissioners' northeast Indiana caucus – duly entered
- IDEM Air Quality Permit – RR Donnelley – duly entered
- IDEM – construction permit – Turkey Creek Regional Sewer – duly entered
- Noble County Court Security monthly report – duly entered
- Notice was received from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute of grant approval

PROBATION

Stacey Beam, Chief Probation Officer, is requesting permission to use her user fee account to replace a 2006 vehicle. She reported to date that there are no apparent issues with the car but it is 10 years old and she is worried about its' reliability. The commissioners were concerned that a vehicle with no issues and only 95000 + miles on it was being traded. The commissioners are wondering if it would be possible to give this vehicle to another department. Jackie will contact the state board of accounts for an opinion. In the meantime, Stacey has been asked to get a couple of estimates for a newer vehicle as well as a trade in value for the 2006 Impala. Stacey will report back on September 28 2015.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Cheryl Munson, Noble County Health Nurse, is coming before the commissioners to discuss the possibility of having a Memorandum of Understanding with Noble County Government for immunizations for County

employees and their dependents. Parkview Signature care will not enter into this agreement and therefore county employees cannot get immunizations at the Health Department. Most immunizations are considered preventative and are covered by insurance. These shots can be provided and a reduced cost through the Health Department. There are a few corrections to the MOU that will be corrected and with that Chad Kline made a motion to approve the MOU with the Noble County Health Department. Dave Dolezal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDRESS RESTRICTION

Steve Hook, GIS Coordinator, is present to have the Address Restriction Ordinance signed. The advertisement of the public hearing was done and all concerns had been addressed to enable the commissioners to adopt this ordinance. There being no public opposition to the ordinance, Chad Kline moved to sign the ordinance with a second coming from Dave Dolezal. Motion carried 3-0.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The commissioners discussed the 4 options that were brought before them over the last several weeks. Dave Dolezal had done extensive research on the one company and feels that this will be the best option and with that Dave made the motion to move our health insurance to Apex Benefits. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Thirteen pages of claims totaling \$510850.57 were reviewed by the Noble County Commissioners. Dave Dolezal moved to approve the claims with a second coming from Chad Kline. Motion carried 3-0.

UTILITY CLAIMS

Two pages of utility claims were reviewed and approved with a motion from Dave Dolezal. Chad Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

This session of the Board of Commissioners of Noble County was at approximately 11:55 A.M. recessed from day to day until the 28th day of September, 2015.

Gary D. Leatherman, President

David J. Dolezal, Vice President

Chad Kline, Member

ATTESTED: _____
Tonya L Marks, Auditor

11:55AM adjourn