

May 16, 2022

The Newton County Commissioners met in Executive Session at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, May 16, 2022, at the Newton County Government Center, Morocco, Indiana.

Commissioner members present were Glen "Butch" Cain and Tim Drenth.

Also present was Commissioner Attorney Pat Ryan and Auditor Tamra James.

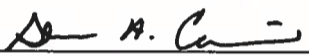
IC Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(b)

For discuss of strategy with respect to litigation.

No subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice and no decisions were made.

The approval of these minutes shall serve as a certification that no subject matter was discussed other than the subject matter specified above.

Tim Drenth made a motion to adjourn, second by Butch Cain. Motion was passed.



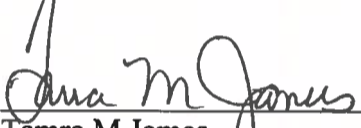
Glen "Butch" Cain, President

Tim Drenth



Kyle D. Conrad

Attest:



Tamra M James
Newton County Auditor

May 16, 2022

Be it ever remembered on the 16th day of May, 2022, the day set by the Commissioners for the holding of their regular meeting at the Newton County Government Center. Comes now Glen "Butch" Cain, Kyle D. Conrad, and Tim Drenth as the duly elected and active Board of Commissioners. Also present were Auditor Tamra M. James, Commissioners' Assistant Ashley Large and Attorney Pat Ryan.

President Butch Cain called the meeting to order with Tim Drenth reciting the pledge to the flag.

Payroll

Tim Drenth made a motion, second by Kyle D. Conrad to approve the Payroll and Longevity for May 13, 2022. Motion was passed.

Claims

Kyle D. Conrad made a motion, second by Tim Drenth to approve the claims for May 16, 2022. Motion was passed.

Credit Cards

Tim Drenth made a motion to approve departmental credit cards as presented for a total of \$2745.28, second by Kyle D. Conrad. Motion passed unanimously.

Newton County Public Library

The Newton County Public Library, represented by Jennifer Arrenholtz, requests a \$1.7 million grant from the landfill funds. The library currently holds a \$1.5 million bond. *Tim Drenth motions to deny the \$1.7 grant from the landfill. Kyle D. Conrad seconds to deny the motion. Butch Cain abstains from the vote. Motion is denied 2-0-1(abstained).*

NetNitco

Representative from Nitco to discuss Road Cut Permit. There will be no road cuts made, they will bore the road. 52 homes will be serviced by the Nitco broadband. The permit fees are a \$100 application fee or \$.25 per foot, whichever is more. *Tim Drenth motions to wave the permit fees. Kyle D. Conrad seconds the motion. Motion is carried unanimously.*

Kyle D. Conrad motions to approve the road cut permit for Nitco, Tim Drenth seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Highway

Sharon Domonokos is approved for a part-time employee for the office and for a full time laborer. This will bring the department to full staff when the positions are filled. Sharon will also put in a plan for CDL's for the next meeting.

Veteran Service Officer

Greg Willis is still in training with the Indiana Dept of Veteran's affairs. Until the training is complete Jasper County's VSO will take care of our affairs. Greg wants to publicize Memorial Day (he spoke to the representatives at the 3 American Legion posts and the township trustees) and post photos. Going further he would like to also identify all veterans in the cemeteries in the county on Memorial Day. Greg will stay part-time until the end of this year. He will work 10 hours in the office and 10 hours out, varying with his schedule and appointments. He will go full time next year.

EMA/EMS

Newton County Ambulance service write-off for April 2022 \$30780.02. *Tim Drenth motions to approve the write-off, Kyle Conrad seconds the motion. Motion is approved.* Ray Chambers presents a proclamation to the Commissioners for Emergency Medical Service week (May 15-21). *Kyle D. Conrad makes a motion to accept the Proclamation, Tim Drenth seconds the motion. The motion is unanimous.* Ray Chambers discusses how Dispatch was moved and the need for repeater radios from the Courthouse to the Jail so Correctional Officers can talk to Dispatch. It is two-way communication for these departments. It will cost around \$7000 plus labor fees. An FCC license is required in which we have it.

Diane Gonzcy

Educational programs were done in one of the schools. She reached out to the paper to with an updated recycling press release and asked them to put it in the online paper and newspaper. She also sent an all staff email referring to Ag pesticides. She also purchased educational materials for Earth night for the fair.


Ashley

Council advised the airport to get numbers from Kentland to see how much they contributed to the \$100,000.00 and how much they would be willing to contribute. The request for the financials was denied, the airport will return to the Council next month.

Pat Ryan

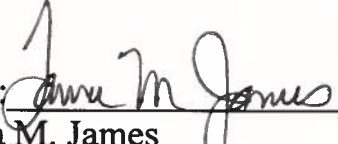
Showed concerned about issues that developed from the 1st Amendment audit at the Courthouse. Security policy and procedures at the Courthouse need to be made a priority. He suggests to seek a specialized consultant for this. There were also concerns why the Blackboard service was not used during the incidents recently. Security needs to be consistent and fair and employees need to follow procedures implemented. Pat will get 5 different options for security measures. He also recommends reaching out to elected officials and department heads to get concerns about security. Pat also reached out to Kerey with the insurance company to see if there was a policy in place to help the displaced families as a result of the incident and there is not. The county will donate funds to assist the families. Blackboard policy and procedure needs to get put into place. There also needs to be an alternative procedure put into place for emergencies.

Adjournment- Tim Drenth moves to adjourn meeting, second by Kyle D Conrad. All in favor.


Glen "Butch" Cain, President


Kyle D. Conrad

Tim Drenth

Attest: 
Tamra M. James
Newton County Auditor

NAME OF APPLICANT NITCO
 DATE 4/28/22 Permit Number 22-010 PERMIT

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CUT INTO COUNTY ROAD
 OR COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY

AUTHORITY—Commissioner's Record 18 Page 201 June 15, 1959
 Amended—Commissioner's Record 19 Page 399-400 October 1, 1985
 Revised—Commissioner's Record 21 Page 202 April 4, 1995

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY
 COURTHOUSE
 KENTLAND, IN 47951

LOCATION: START POINT ON NORTH
 Legal Descrip Sec. 13 Twp. 31 N. Rge 8 W.---Township Name LINCOLN

Exact Location (Road Numbers) COUNTY LINE ROAD,
900 NORTH AND BOON - SEE MAP
 THE TYPE OF ROAD SURFACE OR COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY WHERE CUT IS TO BE
 MADE IS ASPHALT

PURPOSE OF OPENING PROVIDE FIBER SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS

NATURE OF OPENING TO BE MADE:

Opening will be 23,949 feet long in the Road Right of Way.
 Opening will be _____ feet long in the road surface.
 Opening will be 36" inches deep. (BARK OR TRENCH)

THERE WILL BE NO EXCAVATING FOR OPEN DITCHES ON COUNTY HIGHWAY RIGHT OF
 WAY OF MORE THAN THREE FEET BELOW THE GRADE LINE OF THE CENTER OF ROAD
 UNLESS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY DEEM IT NECESSARY
 FOR DRAINAGE OF THE COUNTY ROAD.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCAVATING, ERECTING POLES OR STRUCTURES AT A DISTANCE OF
 LESS THAN THREE (3) FEET OF A SECTION CORNER, QUARTER SECTION CORNER, OR A
 PROPERTY CORNER.

RESPONSIBILITY: If this application to cut into road surface and roadbed or county road right of way
 is granted, I hereby agree that: ANY OBJECT BEING TRENCHED THROUGH THE ROAD
MUST BE BEDDED IN CLEAN SAND AND COVERED WITH AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT
OF #53 STONE. THIS IS TO BE COMPACTED AND COVERED WITH A LAYER OF GEO-
GRID AND MORE #53 STONE BEFORE REPLACING THE ASPHALT TO A COMPACTED
DEPTH OF THREE (3) INCHES. If a stone road, after bedding with sand, bring to grade with an
 appropriate amount of #53 stone. The stone is to be compacted even with the top of the traveled road
 surface and maintained at that elevation for a period of four (4) weeks.

I further agree to erect and maintain all necessary barricades and warning lights required to safely direct
 traffic over or around the part of the road where the above described work is to be done so long as the
 work in any way interferes with traffic.

I further agree to move or remove any structures installed under this permit, at applicant's own expense,
 should future traffic conditions or road improvements necessitate and when requested to do so by THE
 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY.

I further agree to assume all responsibility for any injury or damage to persons or property resulting
 directly or indirectly from the work contemplated in this application.

Ordinance 02-22-05-A
 Ordained and Amended the 22nd day of February, 2005

I further agree to stop said work at any time upon request of THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY.

I further agree that said work will not interfere with any existing structure along or across said county road, without permission from owner of said structure.

I further agree that all material used in connection with this work will meet the requirements of THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NEWTON COUNTY.

I further agree to notify the HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT OF NEWTON COUNTY preceding the beginning of the work.

CHARGE: ATTACHED hereto payment of a minimum amount of One hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or a fee of Twenty Five Cents (\$0.25) per foot for encroachment upon the County Road or county Road Right of Way whichever is greater, covering the cost of this permit. Check or Bank Draft to be made payable to the Treasurer of Newton County.

Applicant shall notify all public utilities before beginning work.

This application will expire after sixty (60) days if work is not commenced.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THIS PERMIT OR FAILING TO APPLY FOR A ROAD CUT PERMIT SHALL SUBJECT YOU TO BE A PARTY OF A FINE UP TO THE SUM OF \$1500.00.

SKETCH

SEE ATTACHED PDF

Don A. Schoenbeck

Signature of Applicant

Address: 205 N. WASHINGTON ST.

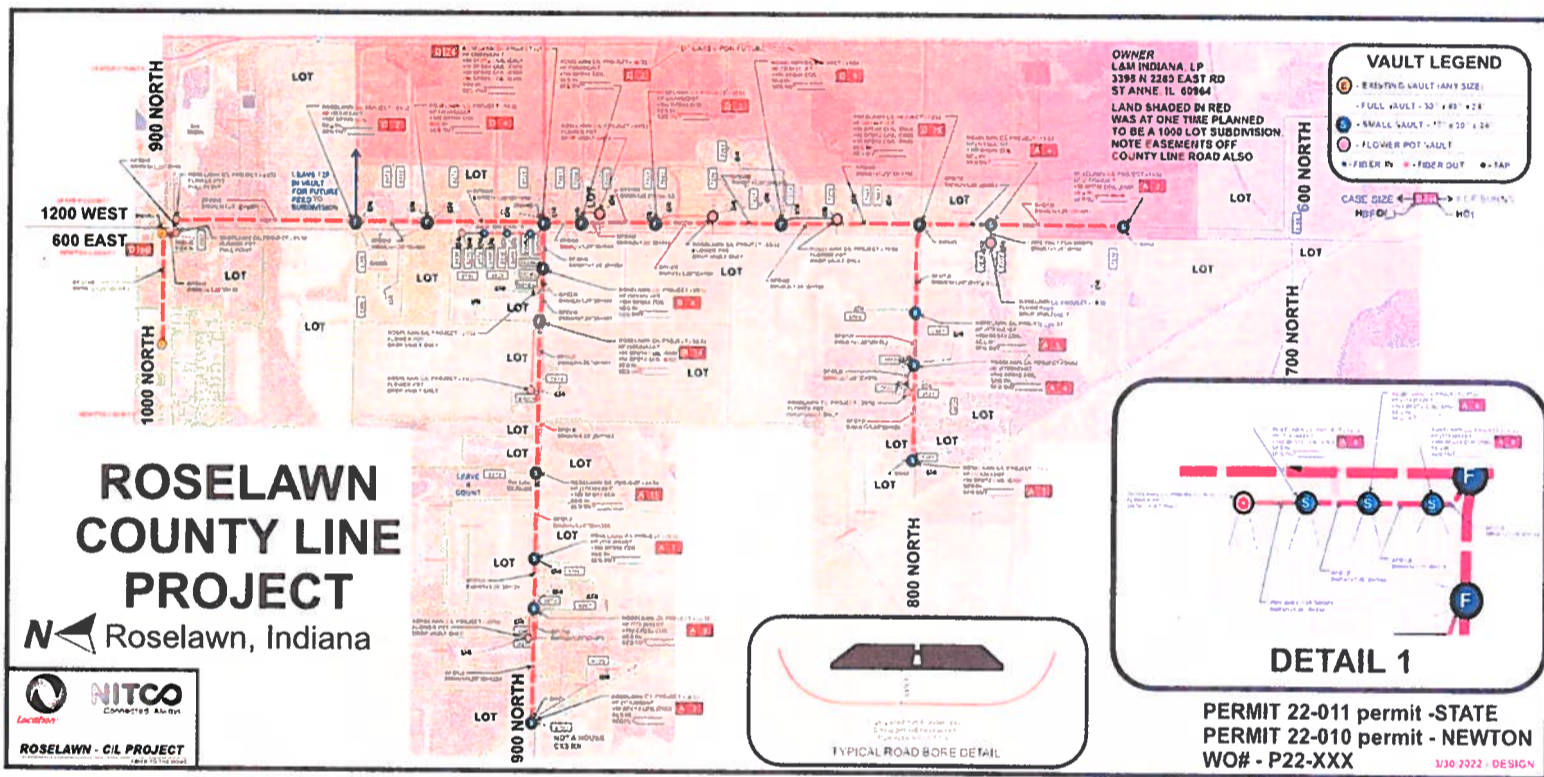
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<i>Don A. King</i>	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	DATE
<i>[Signature]</i>	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	DATE
<i>Ryland Conrad</i>	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	DATE 5/16/2022
_____	HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	DATE
_____	COUNTY SURVEYOR	DATE

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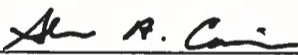


PROCLAMATION

**“Emergency Medical Services Week”
May 15-21, 2022**

- WHEREAS:** Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are a vital public service to the people and communities of Newton County; and
- WHEREAS:** EMS professionals are frequently the entry point to Newton County’s healthcare system; and
- WHEREAS:** EMS personnel, including emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical responders, dispatchers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, Emergency Management Agency and nurses have engaged in many hours of specialized training to improve their lifesaving skills; and
- WHEREAS:** Newton County is fortunate to have members of EMS teams available in Newton County Communities 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide emergency medical care; and
- WHEREAS:** Newton County is grateful for the gallantry and compassion shown by the EMS professionals daily;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** The Newton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2022 as
- “EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK”**
- in Newton County, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

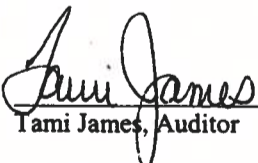
Adopted this day of 16th day of May 2022


Glen Cain, President
Board of Commissioners


Kyle Conrad, Commissioner
Board of Commissioners


Tim Drenth, Commissioner
Board of Commissioners


Raymond Chambers, Director
Homeland Security

ATTEST: 
Tami James, Auditor

Newton County Ambulance Service
Monthly Write Off Approval
2022

Write off Month APRIL 2022

Amount Written Off \$30,780.02

Approved by Board of Commissioners: *Sh. A. Co.*

Approved by Newton Co. Ambulance: *Paula Knapp 4/11/22*
Chief Deputy