

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

February 4, 2019

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on February 4, 2019, in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr, Larry Kleinhenz and Carl Lienhoop were present. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Pia O'Connor were also present.

Chairman Flohr called the meeting to order and Catherine Greenlee from the Auditor's Office gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes for the 1/28/19 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of bi-weekly claims. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the claims. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chairman Flohr read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 1/28/19 through 2/1/19. Thirteen (13) permits were issued with fees collected of \$1,980 and estimated construction costs of \$1,824,600.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: patched roads; put up signs; made brine; plowed and treated roads; washed trucks; cleaned out the ditch on east side of Royal View; and mowed in Clay Township.

Hollander spoke briefly on the status of the Clifford Tile Extension Project awarded to Lawyer Excavation last fall and estimated to conclude by April, 2019.

The Recycling Center Report was not ready for presentation.

Animal Control Officer Mark Case presented the **2018 Annual Animal Control Report**. For the year, there were 1,129 cases, 328 animals were picked up, 1,416 audits, 26 violations, 17 fines, 15 bite cases, 52 door hangers placed, 62 animals reclaimed, and 59 traps loaned to the public. Van #1 traveled a total of 18,692 miles and Van #2 traveled 18,753. Chairman Flohr moved to accept the yearly report. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Veteran Services Officer Larry Garrity presented the **2018 Annual Veterans Services Report**. The Veterans Office processed 144 new applicants; conducted 1,289 scheduled, walk-in,

and/or outside interviews; made 3,087 contacts by phone/mail; traveled 9,153 miles; and made 182 trips to the VA Hospital. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to accept the yearly report. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the consideration of proposals to remove and reinstall materials from the limestone base of one of the columns of the **Veteran's Memorial** to facilitate an investigative review, by DLZ, of the exposed underlying conditions. Dunlap's (Columbus) bid \$7,500 to create and repair the inspection openings. Taylor Bros. (Columbus) bid \$8,050 for the same. DLZ's Charlie Day gave his approval of the two bids. With that, Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the low quote of \$7,500 from Dunlap's. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Last was consideration of a letter to DLZ authorizing them to **proceed with the Construction Documents Phase** of the Bartholomew County Highway Garage Project. This phase will last approximately 10 weeks to develop typical construction documents and plans necessary for bidding the work. DLZ will discuss the continuing development of the project with the commissioners periodically, or as needed, during this phase. A mid-June ground breaking is anticipated. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to sign the notice to proceed with construction documents. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion about the logistics of the Highway Garage Project bidding process. DLZ plans to break it down into multiple, smaller bidding segments to encourage local contractor participation.

Commissioner Lienhoop was asked to discuss the Alliance for Substance Abuse Progress ("ASAP") initiatives being considered at that night's county council work session. Mary Ferdon will be speaking to the council about funding needed to ready the old post office building on Washington Street for the treatment of pregnant or young mothers suffering from drug addiction. The county's 50% portion would be \$100,000. Funding for the drug court, being headed up by Circuit Court Judge Kelly Benjamin, above the \$500,000 federal grant money already awarded, will also be sought. The county's equal share for that purpose would be \$46,000 to \$47,500.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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