

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 21, 2019

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on October 21, 2019, in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr, Larry Kleinhenz and Carl Lienhoop were present. Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Pia O'Connor were also in attendance.

Chairman Flohr called the meeting to order and gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The County Offices recognized **Girl Scouts in Government Day** by hosting them for the day. Girl scouts from local troops met at the Governmental Office Building and accompanied elected officials and government employees for job-shadowing experiences. The Sheriff's Department sponsored Harmony Black, Lydia Bodem, and Alivia Buckler.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes from the 10/14/19 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of payroll. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to approve the payroll. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 10/14/19 through 10/18/19. Twenty-five (25) permits were issued with fees collected of \$3,685 and estimated construction costs of \$4,345,000. BCSC accounted for \$2.5 million of the total.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: patched roads; replaced pipes on Lowell Road; mowed in Wayne and Clay Townships, and; seeded and strawed along roads where pipes had been replaced. Milestone paved 1000E.

Hollander also presented a change order and final payment to Duncan Robertson for the replacement of Bridge #66 in Haw Creek Township on 900E, close to the Shelby County line. The original contract amount of \$693,017.40 was increased by the one and only change order totaling \$10,425.50 for a final payment of \$703,442.90. Chairman Flohr made a motion to approve the final payment to Duncan Robertson. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Planning Department Senior Planner Ashley Beckhort presented a **dedication of right-of-way (“ROW”) for the Hoeffle Minor Subdivision (MI/P-19-11)**, totaling 0.22 acres. The subject property is located at 5555 Lowell Road, in Columbus Township. Stephen Oltman has requested to create one new lot for a total of one lot and a parent tract remainder of 48.96+/- acres. The County’s Subdivision Control Ordinance requires dedication of ROW along frontages of newly created lots. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the dedication of ROW. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Maintenance Supervisor Rick Trimpe submitted proposals for the Emergency Operations Center’s roof replacement.

Moore’s Roofing, Inc. (Columbus)	\$7,560	√
Royalty Roofing (Seymour)	\$9,799	
South Central Roofing (Columbus)	\$11,670	
HRC Roofing and Sheet Metal Co. (Cols.)	\$27,700	

Moore’s low quote also included workmanship and leak guarantee for 7 years. The job is to be funded from the Cell Tower Fund. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to award to the low bid provided by Moore’s Roofing. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Cpt. Brandon Slate from the Sheriff’s Department requested consideration of an additional purchase of **one (1) in-car radio** to equip the additional patrol vehicle recently purchased. Electronic Communication Systems, Inc. honored the pricing from their low quote awarded earlier this year which was \$2,441.84. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the purchase of one additional in-car radio from ECS’s previous quote offering. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Cpt. Slate also presented quotes for **six (6) portable radios**. They are replacement talkies for the jail.

Electronic Communication Systems, Inc. (Bloomington)	\$9,504
OCI-ERS Wireless (Columbus)	\$25,235

The department successfully tested the Kenwood product and Slate recommended accepting the low quote from ECS. The difference in pricing was due to the Kenmore versus Motorola brand. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to accept the low quote. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Auditor Pia O'Connor commented that **remodeling of the first floor** has begun and will result in an ADA-compliant bathroom facility and relocation of the Auditor and Treasurer offices to accommodate moving the fourth floor Council Chambers downstairs, adjacent to the Commissioners' Chambers.

Lastly, Dave Richter, President of **United Consulting**, said they are halfway through the 4-year cycle of the **bridge inventory project**, ending 4/30/22. Bartholomew County has 203 bridges equaling roughly 250 million in assets, 16 are below the 50 sufficiency rating, 9 have to be posted, and average age is 34 years (compared to the state-wide average of 43 years).

INDOT's recently imposed new state-wide load-rating system resulted in a one-time setup cost. The new uniform rating system did not produce significantly different results than before. To help offset costs for more frequent inspections on poorer quality bridges, INDOT has changed inspection frequency on good bridges from every 2 to every 4 years. Of the county's 203 bridges, it looks like 88 of them might qualify to be inspected every 4 years which should make the project less expensive in the next cycle.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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