

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

November 25, 2019

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on November 25, 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 Commissioner Lienhoop gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes from the 11/18/19 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of 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 11/18/19 through 11/21/19. Thirty-one (31) permits were issued with fees collected of \$2,519 and estimated construction costs of \$3,827,801.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: patched roads; worked on signs; picked up trash; ditched on 200W, 600S, and in West Pointe; equipped the trucks with sandboxes; side-winded stone along shoulders of overlayed roads; and extended pipe on Lowell Road.

Hollander also requested the release of a driveway bond, in error. The motion to pass was later withdrawn when Hollander stated his error at the end of the meeting.

He then read quotes for the replacement of **one (1) spectra precision laser** which has reached end of life. Seiler Geospatial Division (Indianapolis) had the low quote of \$1,900, since the county can pick up the item and bypass a shipping fee when returning the loaner that they provided. Other quotes were obtained from Lewis Contractor Sales.com (\$1,932); Baseline Equipment Company.com (\$1,941); and Acme Tools.com (\$2,240). Commissioner Lienhoop

motioned to accept the low bid from Seiler. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Education Coordinator Jessica Norcross gave an **update on SWMD** activities and recycling volumes for 3rd Quarter. A number of youth, totaling 336, and 172 adults were reached through in-classroom programs, landfill tours, recycling tours, presentation, and info booths. Twelve participants performed an Adopt-A-Road clean up event resulting in the collection of 50 bags of trash. Info booths were conducted at Cummins and Faurecia environmental health and safety fairs.

Norcross also reported on the volumes of key recycling items. Scrap metal averaged 68,126 lbs./month for the quarter, landfill cardboard averaged 19,585 lbs., commercial cardboard averaged 312,963 lbs., and yard waste averaged 3,136,566 lbs.

Animal Control Officer Mark Case presented the **Animal Control Report** for October, 2019. There were 79 cases, 34 animals were picked up, 127 audits, 1 violation, 1 fine, 2 bite cases, 6 door hangers placed, 3 reclaimed animals, and 6 traps loaned to the public. The two vans traveled a total of 4,060 miles. Chairman Flohr moved to accept the monthly report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Veterans Services Officer Larry Garrity presented the **Veterans Services Report** for October, 2019. The Veterans Office processed 19 new applicants; conducted 128 scheduled, walk-in, and/or outside interviews; made 266 contacts by phone/mail; made 15 trips to the VA Hospital; and miles traveled in van totaled 1,589. VSO Garrity attended Stand Down Day at Donner Park and the Veteran Officers' Fall Meeting in Brownsburg. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was consideration of proposals received for **one (1) lightbar** for the new Sheriff vehicle. Captain Brandon Slate presented quotes from Columbus Collision, \$1,792; Move Over Outfitters, Inc. (Lafayette), \$2,099; and CoverLights.com, \$2,100. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to accept the low bid from Columbus Collision. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was the consideration of the Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Bartholomew County and Purdue University, on behalf of the **Purdue Cooperative Extension Service**. County extension services cover four program areas:

agricultural and natural resources, health and human sciences, community development, and 4-H youth development. In accordance with the contract, the county will pay \$119,020 to Purdue University for the procurement of county extension services, including three (3) county educators for the period of 1/1/20 through 12/31/20. Any funds not expended for educator salaries can be used for supplies, equipment, and other salary support benefitting the county's extension programs. Commissioner Lienhoop moved to approve the Purdue Extension Agreement. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Charlie Day of DLZ Indiana read the conditions of the proposed notice to bidders for the **Veteran's Memorial Restoration** involving replacement of limestone panels, granite pavers, and sealant at the base of the columns. Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 16th, and will be opened during the Commissioners' Meeting that morning. A pre-bid meeting will be held December 10th at 9:00 a.m. in the GOB 4th Floor Council Chambers before touring the project site. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the notice to bidders. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Under Miscellaneous was a reminder that **County Offices will be closed** on Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th in observance of Thanksgiving.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, December 2, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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