COMMISSIONERS' MEETING March 14, 2016

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on March 14, 2016 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr and Carl Lienhoop were present. Commissioner Larry Kleinhenz was absent. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker was also in attendance. County Auditor Barbara Hackman was absent, but was represented by her Chief Deputy Sandra Beatty.

Chairman Flohr called the meeting to order and E911 Director Ed Reuter gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the March 7, 2016 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of payroll. Chairman Flohr motioned to approve the payroll. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Flohr read the New Permit Report dated 3/7/16 to 3/11/16. Thirteen (13) permits had been issued with fees collected of \$1,536 and estimated construction costs of \$789,972.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: put up signs; patched roads; laid stone along road shoulders; ditched on Enon Road; fixed washouts on 400S, 900E, 300S and 500E; placed rip rap at 1050S; moved salt and sand back from remote sites to garage; and worked on a trailer received from the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Hollander then gave a recommendation to award the job of **Rehabilitation of Bridge #47** (Opossum Glory) in Hawcreek Township to the one bid received last week. Of the five companies that picked up bidding packages, only Trisler Construction (Cloverdale, IN) submitted a bid. The bid was \$448,947. Mr. Hollander recommended proceeding with Trisler since the bridge is currently closed and the bid came in only a

little over the engineer's estimate. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to award the bid to Trisler Construction, as recommended. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Hollander then presented a Letter of Understanding from INDOT with revisions regarding various **closures of US 31** this year, as follows:

Project => Unofficial Detour Route	Date of Closure	Length of Closure
CSX bridge underpass in Jackson County	Monday, March 21, 2016	10 days
=> US 50 to CR 1250E to CR 700N to CR 1000W to CR 1100N in Jackson County		
Sand Creek Bridge and Quade Ditch Structure	Monday, April 04, 2016	240 days
=> In Bartholomew County CR 850S to 600E / CR 1000W to CR 1100N in Jackson County		
Intersection at CR 400S (Roundabout)	Monday, June 06, 2016	60 days
=> In Bartholomew County SR 7 to CR 250E to CR 500S		

Chairman Flohr made a motion to accept the unofficial detours. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

VSO Tom Crawford presented the monthly **Veteran's Services Report** for February, 2016. The Veteran's Office conducted 110 scheduled/walk-in/outside interviews; made 306 contacts by phone/mail; made 18 trips to the VA Hospital; and traveled 1,810 miles. The office processed 15 new applicants. Other activity included attending a tour of the new Wakeman VA Clinic at Camp Atterbury, meeting with Apollo International Security and a visit to an assisted living veteran. Chairman Flohr motioned to accept the February Veteran's Report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

	BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
	RICHARD A. FLOHR, CHAIRMAN
	LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER
ATTEST:	CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER
BARBARA J. HACKMAN	