

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

June 27, 2016

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on June 27, 2016 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 Barbara Hackman were also in attendance.

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

The first order of business was the approval of the June 20, 2016 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. 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.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Flohr read the New Permit Report dated 6/20/16 to 6/24/16. Twenty-eight (28) permits were issued with fees collected of \$4,450 and estimated construction costs of \$759,921.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: replaced pipes on 700N east of 1050E; mowed Flatrock, Ohio, Wayne, Columbus, Jackson and Clay Townships; chip-and-sealed in Columbus, Rockcreek and Sandcreek Townships; put up signs; picked up trash; and paved 150W.

Kari Spurgeon, Education Coordinator for Solid Waste Management District, presented the **Recycling Center Volumes Report** for May, 2016, which included year-to-date residential, commercial and satellite location recycling volumes and the volumes received at the landfill reuse center. Volumes appear steady and average for the year.

E911 Director Ed Reuter submitted an annual renewal agreement with **Sound Communications, Inc.** for maintenance and support of the **Audiolog** digital recording hardware/software at the Emergency Operations Center. The contract term runs from 8/9/16 to 8/8/17 at a cost of \$6,312.55. Chairman Flohr made a motion to sign the yearly

maintenance agreement with Sound Communications, Inc. for \$6,312.55. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, in honor of **Vicki Amos**, who was retiring after 23 years of service, Commissioner Lienhoop read a **proclamation** of her dedicated service as dispatcher over the years for the Emergency Operations Center, Sheriff's Department, and the Hope Police Department. Her undying commitment to serve the community as a vital link of communication between citizens and public safety agencies has faithfully touched many lives and has been greatly appreciated. Therefore, the Bartholomew County Board of Commissioners proclaimed June 27, 2016, as Vicki Amos Day.

Additionally, Ms. Amos accepted a plaque from the Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Reuter presented the plaque "in appreciation for dedicated service to Bartholomew County from May, 1993 to 2016 serving as a vital link between the public safety agencies and citizens calling 911 for emergency services".

Brenda Mijares, Manager of the Prosecutor's Office, presented the Commissioners with the recurring **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)** grant application requesting funds from ICJI to fund the salaries of two full-time employees of the Victim Assistance Program for two (2) years. The request will be for \$233,712 (76%) with a county match of \$71,876 (24%) for a total of \$305,588 over the next two (2) years. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to sign the 2-year VOCA grant application. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Anita Biehle from **Youth Services Center** presented quotes for a replacement of their 2006 vehicle with 120,000+ miles. The purchase of a 2017 Ford Fusion would be funded with **JDAI grant money**. Bids were read from: Matlock Ford (Franklin) \$17,870.15 (fleet pricing); Renner Motors (Columbus) \$19,149.78; and Ray Skillman (Martinsville) \$21,650.00. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the low fleet-pricing quote from Matlock Ford for \$17,870.15, subject to meeting specifications. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Major Chris Lane from the Sheriff's Department presented for consideration a **grant application for \$10,000** to fund extra patrols targeting seatbelt and traffic safety

enforcement (**Operation Pull Over**). The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) reimbursable grant runs from 10/1/16 through 9/30/17 and requires no county match. Chairman Flohr made a motion to sign the ICJI grant application for Operation Pull Over. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next agenda item was the monthly **Animal Control Report** for May, 2016, submitted by Animal Control Officer Mark Case. Commissioner Flohr read the report as follows: there were 145 cases, 22 animals were picked up, 109 audits, 2 violations, 0 fines, 3 bite cases, 7 door hangers placed, 3 reclaimed animals, and 12 traps loaned to the public. The two vans traveled a total of 3,662 miles in May. Chairman Flohr motioned to approve the report, as submitted. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Veterans Services Officer Tom Crawford read the **Veterans Services Report** for the month of May, 2016. The Veterans Office conducted 94 scheduled/walk-in/outside interviews; made 332 contacts by phone/mail; made 17 trips to the VA Hospital; and traveled 1,724 miles. His office also attended an Our Hospice Meeting, CVSO yearly training at Atterbury, and three Memorial Day programs. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to accept the Monthly Veterans Report for May, 2016. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Crawford also submitted the **Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures** for Bartholomew County showing a comparison of expenditures for the years 2014 and 2015, as follows:

	2015	2014
Veteran Population	5,414	5,530
Total Expenditures	\$ 27,170,000	\$ 26,003,000
Compensation/Pension Claims	\$ 13,700,000	\$ 13,462,000
Education	\$ 1,384,000	\$ 1,609,000
Medical	\$ 11,838,000	\$ 10,630,000

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the Veterans reports. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Flohr announced that the county offices would be closed on **Monday, July 4th**, in observance of Independence Day. Consequently, the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 5th**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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RICHARD A. FLOHR, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER