

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 17, 2017

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on January 17, 2017, 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 Lienhoop called the meeting to order and Commissioner Flohr gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of the January 9, 2017, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permit Report dated 1/9/17 to 1/13/17. Nineteen (19) permits were issued with fees collected of \$1,922 and estimated construction costs of \$1,004,084.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: mowed in Flatrock, Wayne and Rockcreek Townships; put up signs; washed and waxed trucks; mixed salt and sand; patched roads; cleaned up tree debris from recent winds; put down stone along 150E and 350S; and sanded roads.

Hollander also submitted the **Highway Monthly Crew Reports** for December, 2016, which included crew work, status of bridge and road projects and upcoming crew priorities for January, 2017.

Commissioner Kleinhenz relayed information from a constituent to Hollander about a very deep pothole next to what appeared to be a water meter on 250W by the outlet mall.

Next, Planning Department Director Jeff Bergman presented **"an ordinance amending the Columbus and Bartholomew County zoning ordinance for the**

jurisdiction of Bartholomew County. The content of Bergman's letter explaining the revisions is inserted here:

"Earlier this year the Columbus City Council passed new regulations for farm-related animals applicable within the City limits. These new regulations were in part intended to address confusion regarding the keeping of urban chickens created by inconsistencies between the City's municipal code and the zoning ordinance. As a result, all City farm-related animal issues are now addressed in the municipal code and the zoning ordinance provisions have become unnecessary. The final step in resolving any lingering confusion is to remove all farm-related animal regulations from the zoning ordinance. The deletions do not include regulations that apply to Confined Feeding Operations (CFOs).

Please recall that the City and the County share a zoning ordinance. The deletion of the farm-related animal standards applicable to the City's jurisdiction results in the regulations for CFOs being the sole content of this particular chapter of the ordinance. This necessitates changes to the chapter's title, statement of intent, etc., which the County must also approve.

At the same time, the Planning Department is proposing to clarify two other zoning ordinance provisions. First is a clarification that exemptions to the CFO separation distances for homes associated with the CFO also apply to wells for those homes. Second is the addition of references to the Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing Officer in the chapters that discuss variance and conditional use procedures. The addition of the Hearing Officer text is intended to better reflect the process that is currently used. It does not represent any actual change in process or procedures.

The Plan Commission considered these proposed zoning ordinance revisions at its December 15, 2016, meeting and forwarded a favorable recommendation to the County Commissioners by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed. No members of the public spoke at the Plan Commissioner public hearing on this matter."

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Bergman said this is largely the City's issue and merely a housekeeping issue for the County because of the shared ordinance. As stated in the letter's content, in addition to removing inconsistencies within the farm-related animal regulations, two other areas of the ordinance were to be clarified by: (1) including *wells*, associated with the farm dwelling, in the calculation of CFO setbacks, and (2) adding references to a *Hearing Officer* on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Both clarifications to the ordinance do not represent any substantive changes, but better reflect the current actual meanings and processes. With that, Chairman Lienhoop opened the meeting for public comment. There being no comments, he then closed the meeting. Commissioner Flohr motioned to pass the amending ordinance upon first reading. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The second reading was tentatively scheduled for 2/13/17 to allow the City Council time to consider and pass the first and second readings of the ordinance.

For the next item, Emergency Management Director Shannan Hinton presented four quotes for the purchase of **one (1) 2017 Crew Cab Truck** with the trade-in of their 1999 Ford Explorer.

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>MSRP</i>	<i>Discount to County</i>	<i>Trade In</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bob Poynter Chrysler Dodge Jeep				
<i>Ram 1500</i>	\$ 42,030	\$ 14,545	\$ 1,000	\$ 26,485
Country Chevrolet Pontiac Buick				
<i>Chev Silverado</i>	\$ 42,445	\$ 9,500	\$ 5,346	\$ 27,599
Bob Poynter Ford				
<i>Ford F150</i>	\$ 42,130	\$ 10,516	\$ 1,000	\$ 30,614
Bob Poynter Chevrolet				
<i>Chev Silverado</i>	\$ 45,405	\$ 7,421	\$ 1,000	\$ 36,984

Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

County Clerk Jay Phelps presented a renewal maintenance agreement with **MicroVote for the Infinity Voting System**. Phelps investigated other vendors and determined that MicroVote was economically comparable, reliable, provided great service and; therefore, recommended continuing the contract with MicroVote. The 4-year term of the contract runs from 1/1/17 through 12/31/20 at a rate of \$12,000 per year. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to renew the maintenance agreement with MicroVote for election support services. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration of an agreement with **Telemedicine Management, Inc. dba SwiftMD**. Cathy Dunn of Dunn & Associates, the third party administrator of the County's Health Benefit Trust, presented the agreement with SwiftMD that provides administrative services support to independent physicians and physician groups, including Swift Medical Group, LLC, specializing in providing certain types of urgent and primary care medical diagnoses and treatment services over the telephone and Internet ("telemedicine"). These services are provided to fulltime County employees and their families 24/7/365 at no cost to the employee. It covers acute care for diagnoses that might require prescription medications or antibiotics, e.g., sinus infections, strep throat, urinary tract infections, bee stings, poison ivy, etc. The service is not designed for long-term, chronic conditions that should still be handled by the employee's general practitioner or specialist. It also is not recommended for the treatment of children under 3 years of age. An insured employee's household members, not covered by the County-sponsored medical insurance plan, are *also eligible* to use this service at no additional cost to the employee or County – even if they are covered under another insurance plan. The County will pay a monthly access fee of \$4 per employee, per month for unlimited "visits"/consultations. The annual cost should run between \$16,000 and \$17,000 a year depending on the number of employees covered under the County's medical insurance plans on a month-by-month basis. The 1-year contract runs from 1/1/17 through 12/31/17. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to enter into the contract with SwiftMD. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop then presented the annual **2017 Covered Bridge Certification** required by the State. The Commissioners confirmed the County has one (1) covered bridge at Mill Race Park. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to sign the certification. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Under Miscellaneous was the consideration of reappointments to the Bartholomew County/Town of Edinburgh **Joint District Planning and Zoning** Commission. Commissioner Flohr moved to reappoint Commissioners Lienhoop and Kleinhenz to those positions for another 3-year term ending 1/1/20. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

BARBARA J. HACKMAN

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER