

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

February 20, 2017

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on February 20, 2017 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr and Carl Lienhoop were present. Commissioner Larry Kleinhenz was out on vacation. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker was in attendance. County Auditor Barbara Hackman was out on vacation, but Chief Deputy Auditor Sandra Beatty attended on Hackman's behalf.

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 February 13, 2017 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the minutes. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permit Report for 2/13/17 through 2/17/17. Forty (40) permits were issued with fees collected of \$5,188 and estimated construction costs of \$2,817,115.

County Superintendent Dwight Smith gave the Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: mowed in Jackson and Harrison Townships; cut trees on 250W; ran the ditcher in Jackson Township; patched roads; and put up signs.

Smith then submitted two quotes for the purchase of **one (1) Stihl BG-86 handheld blower**. The bid from Eudy Sales & Service included a 10% discount lowering their total to \$215.95. Rural King bid \$239.99. Commissioner Flohr motioned to accept the low bid from Eudy's. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, County Assessor Lew Wilson presented a quote from **Master's Touch** for the printing and mailing of **Form 11s** (Notice of Assessment of Land and Improvements) for the 17/18 tax year. The estimated total for 38,000 items was \$15,731, the same

estimated amount as last year. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the proposal from Master's Touch. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item was the ratification of an expenditure to **Seiler Instrument & Mfg. Co., Inc. for a GPS equipment warranty and software maintenance (\$2,261)** from the Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund. County Surveyor E.R. Gray said that after purchasing the system in 2012, the warranty expired March, 2014, and then in 2015 a keyboard was replaced for roughly \$1,600. Being a particularly fiscally challenging year, the County Council denied the request to renew the warranty for 2016. County Council has now approved purchasing the warranty for 2017 at an annual cost of \$1,778. There was also a renewable software maintenance fee of \$483. Chairman Lienhoop moved to ratify the total of \$2,261 for warranty and maintenance fees payable to Seiler. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was consideration of **appointments to the Health Board and the County Plan Commission**. Commissioner Flohr motioned to appoint Lynne Fleming to the Health Board (replacing Dennis Stark) for the remainder of the four-year term ending 12/31/20. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Lienhoop then made a motion to appoint Dennis White to the County Plan Commission (replacing Don Meier) for the remainder of the four-year term ending 12/31/20. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was the consideration of an **Ordinance Creating a Fund to be known as the Rental Payments Fund**. (*See attached*) Rent payments and deposits from real estate procured for the housing of county offices, e.g., 2675 Foxpointe Drive and 785 S. Marr Road, would be received into this non-reverting fund. Allowable expenses paid from the fund will include: real estate dues, fees, taxes, assessments, maintenance, repairs or other expenses attributable to the properties. A balance excess could be used for purposes designated by the Commissioners. Chairman Lienhoop opened the meeting for public comment. Audience member Mike Lovelace was opposed to the county owning rental property. He also urged the Commissioners to allow excesses to accumulate for potential larger cost items, e.g., new roof, - not "rob" it for

other purposes. County Attorney Grant Tucker responded to Lovelace's comments. The fund's primary purpose will be to support the properties and a sizable cache is not expected; nonetheless, the Commissioners would have discretionary use of fund excess. There being no other comments, Chairman Lienhoop then closed the meeting. Commissioner Flohr moved to approve the ordinance on its first reading. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 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

[**ORDINANCE NO. #2017-_____**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FUND TO BE KNOWN
AS THE RENTAL PAYMENTS FUND**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County, Indiana (“Commissioners”) did, in 2016, purchase buildings and real estate located at 2675 Foxpointe Drive and 785 S. Marr Road for the primary purpose of locating a portion of the County Health Department and the Bartholomew County Extension office, respectively in those buildings; and

WHEREAS, the buildings that the County has purchased have space that can be or is presently occupied by rent-paying tenants; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create a fund into which the rental payments are to be deposited and held.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. Establishment of Bartholomew County Rental Payments Fund.

The Bartholomew County Rental Payments Fund is hereby established and authorized to receive deposits from the leases of space at County-owned buildings, facilities and real estate.

Section II. Use of Funds.

Money from the fund shall be used first to pay any dues, fees or assessments attributable to the properties, then for the payment of any real estate, personal property and/or income taxes attributable to the county’s ownership of said properties and the rental thereof, then for the periodic maintenance and repair of the properties from which the funds are collected. In the event that the cash balance in the fund would exceed the purposes described above, any excess funds can be used for purposes designated by the County Commissioners.

Section III. Non-Reverting Fund.

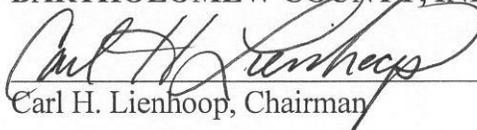
The Rental Payments Fund shall be a non-reverting fund. Money in the fund shall be used for the purposes designated herein and shall not revert to the County General Fund at the end of each year.

Section IV. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

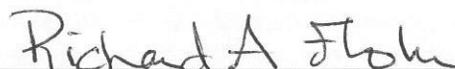
PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS 20th DAY OF February, 2017.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA**



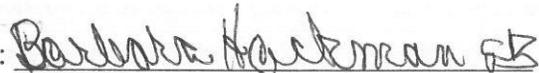
Carl H. Lienhoop, Chairman

Larry S. Kleinhenz, Member



Richard A. Flohr, Member

ATTEST:

By: 

Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor of
Bartholomew County, Indiana

PASSED ON SECOND READING AND ADOPTED THIS ___ DAY OF
_____, 2017.

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