

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

June 26, 2017

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on June 26, 2017, in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr, Larry Kleinhenz and Carl Lienhoop were present. County Auditor Barbara Hackman and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also present.

Chairman Lienhoop called the meeting to order and County Assessor Lew Wilson gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of the Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for June 19, 2017. Commissioner Flohr 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 Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permit Report dated 6/19/17 to 6/23/17. Thirty-five (35) permits were issued with fees collected of \$9,723 and estimated construction costs of \$9,463,366.

Stacey Gross, Highway Technical Supervisor, gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report for last week which included the following work: chip-and-sealed in Columbus, Clay, and Flatrock Township; ditched on 850S; put up signs; replaced pipes on Base Road; and mowed in Ohio, Wayne, Columbus, Flatrock, and Clifty Townships.

Next, Gross presented a quote for **one (1) clean burn furnace** for the Highway Garage from Gingerich Clean Burn, Inc. (Plain City, OH). The quote totaled \$8,548 which included the unit installation, 10-year warranty on the heat exchanger, shipping, and trade-in discount. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to accept the bid. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Gross also had two quotes for an assembled arched **aluminum culvert pipe** on County Road 410N. **E3 Bridge** (Bedford) bid \$41,476.18 and Civilcon (Jeffersonville)

bid \$43,493. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to accept the low bid from E3 Bridge. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Gross also requested the release of **Driveway Bond** 16B-05 at 11005 N 525 E for owner Nathan Bell. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the release of the bond. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

For the next item of business JDAI Coordinator Kylee Jones presented a purchase agreement with **BI, Inc.** for: **five (5) cell phone units; five (5) GPS units; and Telco service for each** to be used for electronically monitoring juveniles on home arrest with the Youth Services Center. The transmitting units totaled \$19,000 and the Telco annual service fee totaled \$2,625. The entire cost of \$21,625 would be fully funded from JDAI grant money already obtained from IDOC. County Attorney Grant Tucker said he reviewed the agreement and advised that a means to terminate the automatically renewing agreement should be added. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the purchase agreement subject to final approval by Attorney Tucker. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Interim E911 Director Julie Pierce brought in for consideration an amendment to the **AT&T Centrex service agreement** to extend the term and set the monthly payment amount of \$754.30 for an additional 36 months. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to sign the amendment. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, was the appointment of the **E911 Emergency Operations Director**. The position vacated with the resignation of Ed Reuter was advertised, applications were reviewed, and interviews conducted. The Commissioners along with the Bartholomew County E911 Board wish to appoint Todd Noblitt as Director of the E911 Emergency Operations Center. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to appoint Tod Noblitt as Director of EOC, effective 7/13/17. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was the Monthly **Animal Control Report** for **May, 2017**. Animal Control Officer Mark Case read the report as follows: there were 144 cases, 36 animals were picked up, 117 audits, 4 violations, 3 fines, 1 bite case, 6 door hangers

placed, 4 reclaimed animals, and 5 traps loaned to the public. The two vans traveled a total of 3,763 miles. Chairman Lienhoop motioned to accept the Monthly Animal Control Report for May, 2017. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, VSO Tom Crawford presented the Monthly **Veterans Services Report** for **May, 2017**. The Veterans Office conducted 119 scheduled/walk-in/outside interviews; made 279 contacts by phone/mail; made 12 trips to the VA Hospital; traveled 1,271 miles; and processed 20 new claimants. Chairman Lienhoop motioned to accept the Monthly Veterans Report for May, 2017. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Crawford also submitted the annual **Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures** for Bartholomew County showing a comparison of expenditures for the years 2014, 2015, and 2016, as follows:

**DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURE REPORT**

	2016	2015	2014
Veteran Population	5,299	5,414	5,530
Total Expenditures	\$ 28,294,000	\$ 27,170,000	\$ 26,003,000
Compensation/Pension Claims	\$ 14,791,000	\$ 13,700,000	\$ 13,462,000
Education	\$ 1,711,000	\$ 1,384,000	\$ 1,609,000
Medical	\$ 11,361,000	\$ 11,838,000	\$ 10,630,000
Insurance/Indeminities	\$ 430,000	\$ 249,000	\$ 302,000

Miscellaneous items included the recognition of Bartholomew County employee, **Susan St. John-Walters**, who was retiring after 27 years of service. Commissioner Lienhoop read a **proclamation** of her dedicated and faithful service with the Sheriff's Department. *(See attached)* She served the community as a vital link of communication between citizens and the Sheriff's Office. Therefore, the Bartholomew County Board of Commissioners respectfully proclaimed June 26, 2017, as Susan St. John-Walters Day.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, July 3, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN

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RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY**  
in the  
**STATE OF INDIANA**

***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS:** **Susan St. John-Walters** has served the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Bartholomew County for twenty-seven (27) years; and is now entering a well-deserved retirement; and

**WHEREAS:** **Susan St. John-Walters** has served above and beyond the call of duty; and

**WHEREAS:** **Susan St. John-Walters** had a strong commitment to serve Bartholomew County as a vital link of communications between citizens and the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office; and

**WHEREAS:** **Susan St. John-Walters** has earned the highest respect from everyone whose life she has touched;

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Bartholomew County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim June 28, 2017 as

**“SUSAN ST. JOHN-WALTERS DAY”**

In Bartholomew County, and urge all citizens to join us in honoring her for her dedication and faithful service.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have**  
hereunto set our hands this 26<sup>TH</sup> day of  
June 2017

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Carl H. Lienhoop  
Chairman  
County Commissioner

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Larry S. Kleinhenz  
Member  
County Commissioner

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Richard A. Flohr  
Member  
County Commissioner