

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 7, 2017

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on August 7, 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 present.

Chairman Lienhoop called the meeting to order and Catherine Greenlee from the Auditor's Office gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of the Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for July 31, 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 7/31/17 to 8/4/17. Thirty-four (34) permits were issued with fees collected of \$4,146 and estimated construction costs of \$2,022,050.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: chip and sealed in German and Harrison Townships; worked on Lowell Road; ditched and put down rip rap on 400S; ditched on Sir Rob Court; put up signs; mowed in Clay, Hawcreek, and German Townships; hauled stone in the evenings to the new parking lot for the county's Marr Road property; and paved Lowell Road and 300S.

Hollander then presented the **contract with Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc.** covering the company's three winning bids for the 2017 Overlay Program. O'Mara's portion of road projects totaled \$22,799.73. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to sign the contract with O'Mara. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Hollander also requested ratification of a county highway **expenditure for striping.** **AAA Striping** Company was hired to stripe at the Base Road and US31 intersection. Motorists were confused due to the lack of striping following the chip seal application. Hiring the local company was a quick fix for a potentially dangerous situation. The invoice totaled \$3,291.45.

Commissioner Flohr moved to ratify the expense for striping. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

And lastly, Hollander submitted the County **Highway Monthly Financial Report** dated July 31, 2017, which included the Financial Report, Budget Status Report and Revenue Comparisons for the Highway Fund, Local Roads/Street Fund and the Cumulative Bridge Fund.

Commissioner Flohr acknowledged the receipt of the July, 2017, **Treasurer's Monthly Report** signed by County Treasurer Pia O'Connor. He moved to accept the report for submission to the SBOA. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Under miscellaneous items was the consideration of asphalt bids to **pave the extended parking lot** at 785 South Marr Road. Bids were received from Robertson Paving out of Flatrock, IN, (\$28,700) and Case Construction, Inc. out of Edinburgh, IN, (\$31,300). Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to accept the low bid from Robertson Paving. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Lastly, county residents David Duncan (1410 N 475E) and Ava Smith (1510 N 475E), on behalf of others in the neighborhood, brought their complaints to the commissioners regarding the ongoing **overgrown, unkempt condition of a neighboring property** located on the corner of 475E and 50N. They have had several conversations with the County Code Enforcement Officer Bill Klakamp who has been in contact with the owner of the subject property and has ordered mowings in accordance with county's weed ordinance. Auditor Barbara Hackman confirmed that the county had mowed once already and a notice for a second mowing had been received by the resident on 8/1/17. Attorney Grant Tucker said that while the county highway has some ability to trim back the county right-of-way, the government is not in a position to intervene further than what the weed ordinance allows. Lacking any other recourse for the county, Attorney Grant Tucker suggested another possible course of action would be a civil public nuisance suit through private representation. Commissioners will have Hollander check on the right-of-way condition and sight distance.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, August 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

BARBARA J. HACKMAN

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER