

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

February 5, 2018

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on February 5, 2018, in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr and Carl Lienhoop were present. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also present. Larry Kleinhenz was out sick.

In the absence of Chairman Kleinhenz, Commissioner Flohr called the meeting to order and Catherine Greenlee of the Auditor's Office gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the commissioners' meeting of January 29, 2018, were not ready for approval.

Next was the approval of claims. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the claims. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (2-0)

Commissioner Flohr read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 1/29/18 through 2/5/18. Twenty-two (22) permits were issued with fees collected of \$3,307 and estimated construction costs of \$2,132,063.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: patched roads, mowed in Clifty, Wayne, and Ohio Townships; made brine; cut tree limbs; put up signs; placed rip rap along 300S, 180W, and 300N; and picked up trash.

First was the consideration of the **Indiana Office of Court Services grant agreement with Thrive Alliance** (Aging and Community Services) subsequent to the Memorandum of Understanding with Thrive Alliance and Bartholomew County Courts for a Volunteer Advocates for Seniors or Incapacitated Adults (VASIA) Guardianship Program ("MOU") previously presented and acknowledged by the commissioners on 12/18/17. The Indiana Office of Court Services will grant \$50,000 to help fund Thrive Alliance partner with the county's court system to advocate for Bartholomew County seniors and incapacitated adults. Thrive Alliance will be responsible for the vetting, screening, training, and supervising of volunteers; for maintaining progress reports and financial accounting to the courts; and for the completion of reports as

required by the Adult Guardianship Office. The county will provide the accounting means for the pass-through VASIA funding. Funding runs from 1/1/18 through 12/31/18. The term may be extended with mutual consent and availability of future grant funds.

There was discussion of what sort of in-kind match would be required, as stated in the excerpt that was read from the 12/18/17 Commissioner's Meeting minutes. While it was mentioned in the 12/18/17 meeting that an in-kind contribution had already been approved, the contribution was *not* a requirement of the MOU or grant agreement. See the MOU, "Bartholomew County Courts agree to", Section c., copied and inserted here:

Pay for services provided by Thrive Alliance Adult Guardianship Program to Bartholomew County Courts, **only up to the amount of grant monies received into the fund**, by payment of invoices/claims submitted to Bartholomew County Courts by Thrive Alliance Adult Guardianship Program on a quarterly basis, for services rendered in the prior quarter. Thrive Alliance Adult Guardianship Program will submit an invoice or claim in a form agreed upon by both parties. **Thrive Alliance understands and agrees that they and/or their volunteers shall only be paid for services up to the amount of grant funds received, more specifically, no Bartholomew County funds and/or Bartholomew County Court funds will be used to supplement this program, nor will any in-kind funding be provided by Bartholomew County or Bartholomew County Courts absent a separate agreement. As such, this MOU shall immediately cease upon all grant funds being exhausted unless there is a separate agreement by Thrive Alliance and the Bartholomew County Courts. Bartholomew County and/or the Bartholomew County Courts shall be held harmless for any expenditures by Thrive Alliance outside the grant money received into the fund.**

Commissioner Flohr motioned to accept the conditions of the grant agreement with Thrive Alliance. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Next was the request for the **ratification of a Park Board expense** to A-1 Tree Boyz for the removal of 9 trees totaling \$2,800. Commissioner Lienhoop moved to ratify the expense. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

A request was also made for the **ratification of a Superior Court I expense** to Axon Enterprise, Inc. for a Class III, X26P Taser totaling \$1,022. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the ratification. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Lastly, Chief Deputy Chris Lane presented the **Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification**. Completion of the certification, which reports asset seizure money received and

spent for the year, is required annually to comply with the National Code of Professional Conduct for Asset Forfeiture. The Sheriff's Certification this year showed a beginning balance of \$0, funds received of \$4,308.52, expenditures of \$350.00 for law enforcement equipment, resulting in an ending balance of \$3,958.52 for the year ended 12/31/17. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to accept the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for the Sheriff's Department, thereby, allowing the affixation of an electronic signature to the certification. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Absent

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

BARBARA J. HACKMAN

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER