

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
September 12, 2011

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on September 12, 2011 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Carl Lienhoop called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioner Paul Franke, Commissioner Larry Kleinhenz, Auditor Barbara J. Hackman, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. Chief Deputy Treasurer Kari Spurgeon gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, the minutes of the September 6, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Kleinhenz and seconded by Chairman Lienhoop.

The Voucher Claims were presented for approval. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the Voucher Claims. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report from 9/5/2011 to 9/9/2011. Fifty-eight (58) permits were issued with a fee amount of \$5,975 and a valuation amount of \$3,903,800.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander reviewed the bids received for the Bridge 300 construction project located at Tipton Lakes. The bids were opened at the Commissioner's meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Engineer Hollander would like the Commissioners to award the bid to Milestone Contractors. Engineer Hollander explained that the bridge is made of Brown County stone that is crumbling. A cheaper

repair could be done now for \$25,000, but in a few years the bridge would need repairing again, so the Commissioners decided to have this bridge fixed correctly now. The Brown County stone will be replaced with concrete making this bridge more durable so it will last thirty years or longer. Likewise, the guardrails on both sides of the road and the sidewalk will be replaced too. Commissioner Franke made a motion to award the Bridge 300 construction project to Milestone Contractors of Columbus, Indiana in the amount of \$134,354.20. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. Last week the Highway Crew mowed in Clifty, Rockcreek, and Wayne Townships, patched roads, worked on Carr Hill Road for overlay, put up signs, stoned along 100 South and 400 South, put in field entrance pipes on 250 South, 475 West, and 550 West, and dug out and fixed a spot on 850 South.

Commissioner Kleinhenz asked Engineer Hollander to widen Carr Hill Road when it is overlayed. Engineer Hollander said that it will be widened two (2) feet on the north side of the road. Likewise, there is a hump on the west end of Carr Hill road that is a safety concern, so Commissioner Kleinhenz would like that hump removed. Commissioner Franke also mentioned that the bridge along 700 South and Sprague Road needs to be smoothed out at the joint because it is rough. Finally, Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that something needs to be done soon at the Southern Crossing Bridge because the channel is moving out of its banks. Mr. Charlie Day from DLZ will be working on that project for the County.

Next, Commissioner Kleinhenz presented the Treasurer's Monthly Report for August 2011 for approval. Finding the report in order, Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the August 2011 Treasurer's Monthly Report. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Franke presented an overview of the August 2011 Veteran's Monthly Report. In August, the Veteran's Office had 70 personal interviews (in office and in person), had 78 claims and applications filed (for veterans, spouses, widows, and children), received 160 questions and referrals for information and counseling services, traveled 900 miles, received 88 incoming telephone calls, and made 42 outgoing telephone calls, and made 10 trips to the VA Medical Center to transport 20 veterans. Commissioner Franke made a motion to accept the August 2011 Veteran's Monthly Report. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz mentioned that several years ago Bartholomew County had an ADA Compliance Committee to ensure Bartholomew County was compliant and would continue to receive federal funding. The Commissioners feel like another ADA Compliance Committee needs to be created to keep Bartholomew County compliant, so this idea will be revisited. The ADA Compliance Committee consisted of seven (7) to eight (8) Department Heads and one (1) community member.

Chairman Lienhoop wanted to thank the Sheriff's Department, the Police Department, the State Police, and the E911 Director Ed Reuter and the dispatchers for taking the bomb scare hoax at Taylorsville so seriously last Thursday. He also thanked

Engineer Hollander for taking a couple of dump trucks with sand to Taylorsville to aid in this situation. Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that employees and directors in the 24/7 offices are doing a wonderful job for Bartholomew County.

Auditor Barbara Hackman mentioned there will be a Tax Sale on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Council Chambers. There are 50-60 parcels for sale. A list of those properties is located in the Auditor's Office or the Treasurer's Office or online at <http://www.sri-taxsale.com/Default.aspx>.

Commissioner Franke mentioned that someone fell on the Courthouse steps last week, so the Commissioners will be adding a change order to include replacing the deteriorated steps on the east side of the Courthouse when the curbs and sidewalks are replaced. The specifications are being drawn up by Bartholomew County Architect Charlie Budd now.

Bartholomew County resident John Dishinger requested that copies of the monthly reports be available for the people in the audience to look at while the Commissioners are approving them.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:26 am. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, 2011 at 10:00 am in the Commissioner's Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

PAUL FRANKE, MEMBER

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

ATTEST:

BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR