

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**March 21, 2011**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on March 21, 2011 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Carl Lienhoop called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioner Larry Kleinhenz, Commissioner Paul Franke, Auditor Barbara J. Hackman, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. Commissioner Kleinhenz gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, the minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting and the Commissioner's Special Meeting on Friday, March 11, 2011 were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Kleinhenz and seconded by Commissioner Franke.

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

Next, Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report from 3/7/2011 to 3/11/2011. Twenty-six permits were issued with a fee amount of \$3,200.00 and a valuation amount of \$1,136,707.00. Then, Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report from 3/14/2011 to 3/18/11. Twenty-eight permits were issued with a fee amount of \$2,380.68 and a valuation amount of \$1,182,908.00.

Next, Commissioner Kleinhenz took a moment to thank everyone for their support given to him and his family after the loss of his father. Commissioner Kleinhenz said all the cards and support were very much appreciated.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. Over the last two weeks, the Highway Crew put up signs, cut trees on 500 South, 350 East, 50 West, and 750 East, patched roads, ditched on 700 North, picked up sand from the remote sand sites, cleaned bridges by sweeping up the leftover sand on them, and took out some of the sand boxes from the trucks.

Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that Bartholomew County resident Ms. Reta J. Wetherald was in the audience and asked Engineer Hollander if he had made plans to put in a drainage pipe near Ms. Wetherald's property when the conditions are drier. Engineer Hollander said yes this was in the works.

Next, IT Director Jim Hartsook presented the Commissioners with the two ratification items from the Data Board meeting that was held this morning at 8:30 am. The first ratification item was for the Code Enforcement Annual Software Maintenance in the amount of \$4,338.20 out of the 03-60 Account. The second ratification item was for the IT Department for an Expansion Cabinet and Power Supply for the phone equipment in the Government Office Building in the amount of \$2,728.25 out of the 04-43 Account. The PBX switch in the Government Office Building failed in January 2011. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the two ratification items from the

Data Board meeting. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The following items that were also approved for purchase by the Data Board: ten replacement Dell laptops for the Road Detectives in the amount of \$16,900.00 out of the 04-43 account, a copier for the Youth Services Center in the amount of \$3,795.00 that will be paid out of the Youth Services Center equipment repairs budget, a printer for the Youth Services Center that will be paid out of the 04-43 account in the amount of \$1,149.00, and an E911 Sound Recording Replacement that will not exceed an amount of \$18,398.56 that will be paid out of the E911 Wireless Fund. Other items that were discussed during the Data Board meeting include the Voicemail System Replacement, a Project Status Update, Online Imaging for the Recorder's Office, and an IPAD2 discussion for the EOC. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the other purchases for the Data Board. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Senior Planner Tom Weintraut, Jr., with the Planning Department, presented the following for acceptance of right-of-way:

**AD-11-04: Plat of Town of Grandview Lake 6<sup>th</sup> Replat** – When Poplar Drive was built at Grandview Lake, it was built within the platted right-of-way. In 1992 the owners of the 5 lots shown on the plat requested that the unused right-of way on their lots be vacated since there was no road constructed in it. Ordinance number 1992-12 was passed that vacated this right-of-way, but there was never a subdivision drawing recorded showing the vacation of the right-of-way and the dedication of the new right-of-way that contain the actual roadway of Poplar Drive. The purpose of this replat is to document the actual right-of-way of Poplar Drive.

The Plat Committee accepted this right-of-way. Commissioner Franke made a motion to accept the dedication of this right-of-way for the Plat of the Town of Grandview Lake 6<sup>th</sup> Replat in the amount of 0.26 Acres. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, the Executive Director of River Hills Economic Development Jill Saegesser presented the Commissioners with a Consideration of a Draw Request #6 for DR1B-09-002 for Columbus Regional Hospital (CRH) for the Construction of the Innovation Center in order to reimburse CRH for twenty-five percent (25%) of Bruns-Gutzwiller's Pay Request #7 in the amount of \$149,183.79. Pay Request #7 was a little under \$600,000.00. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve Draw Request #6 that reimburses CRH \$149,183.79. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, County Assessor Lew Wilson presented the Commissioners with the Consideration of a Software License Agreement between the Assessment Advisors and the County Assessor in the amount of \$25,300. Assessor Wilson explained that this new software called IncomeWorks will help the Assessor's Office catch up on old appeals and greatly reduce future appeals by providing more accurate assessed values on income producing properties, i.e. commercial properties, industrial properties, and apartments. When an appeal is won, the County not only pays the appeal money back, but by statute must pay interest too. The interest rate is four percent (4%). In 2010, the County paid

out \$147,000 in interest alone due to a backlog of appeals. The County Council and the Data Board have approved the purchase of this software. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker read over this agreement and found it to be acceptable and in order. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the purchase of IncomeWorks for the Assessor's Office in the amount of \$25,300.00. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, County Clerk Tami Hines presented the Commissioners with the Consideration of a Service Agreement with FCS Group, Inc. for the Clerk's Office for the Megastar machine that houses the voter registration cards. This mechanical service agreement is for one year contract in the amount of \$1,455.00. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the one year service agreement with FCS Group, Inc. in the amount of \$1,455.00. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop presented the Consideration to Waive Permit Fees for St. Paul's Lutheran Church for the rebuilding of their Tex Mex Barn located at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds providing that the requirements set forth by the Technical Code Enforcement are met. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion approve waiving the permit fees for St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Commissioner Franke seconded this motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Kleinhenz presented an overview of the February 2011 Veteran's Monthly Report. In February, the Veteran's Office had 26 personal interviews

(in office and in person), had 27 claims and applications filed (for veterans, spouses, widows, and children), received 84 questions and referrals for information and counseling services, attended no meetings, had zero power of Attorneys filed, had zero out of the office interviews (house calls, nursing home, and hospitals), traveled 720 miles, received 62 incoming telephone calls, and made 43 outgoing telephone calls, and made 8 trips to the VA Medical Center. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the February 2011 Veteran's Monthly Report. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Franke presented the Clerk's Monthly report for February 2011. Finding the report in order, Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the February 2011 Clerk's Monthly report. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed approved unanimously.

Next, Director Dennis Moats of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) came before the Commissioners to approve the ratification of a trailer. Mr. Moats explained that the funding for this trailer comes from grant money from Homeland Security for District 8. District 8 consists of six counties, one of which is Bartholomew County. The grant cycle was getting ready to close, so the trailer was purchased from Detrol Sales in Bainbridge, Indiana in the amount of \$2,732.00. Mr. Moats received two other quotes, but purchased the trailer from Detrol Sales because they were the lowest bidder. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to ratify the purchase of a trailer for EOC in the

amount of \$2,732.00. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Bartholomew County resident Reta Wetherald asked the Commissioners about the purchase of the three properties that are located along the Driftwood River in the FEMA Buyout. Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that due to a fire the Commissioners might be able to purchase a fourth house with the FEMA Buyout. Ms. Wetherald said that the County Council approved appropriating \$360,000.00 to the Commissioners for the FEMA Buyout and she felt like that was an exorbitant amount of money for that kind of property. Chairman Lienhoop said the \$360,000.00 will be reimbursed at 100% to the County from a FEMA grant. There will be of no cost to the county, but the money had to be appropriated up front to pay the bills. Then, FEMA will reimburse the County at 100%. Chairman Lienhoop also mentioned that the \$360,000.00 not only includes the cost of the properties, but everything from the demolition to cleanup, etc. Commissioner Kleinhenz said that the Commissioners originally included the purchase six properties when this grant was written so that attributes to the cost of the grant being \$360,000. Ms. Wetherald asked what happens to the money if not all of it is used. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker said that the money has to be returned to FEMA. Commissioner Kleinhenz said that the Commissioners would be able to figure out the actual cost of each property for Ms. Wetherald. Commissioner Kleinhenz said that the Commissioners saw the appraisal for each property and all but one was appraised at under \$40,000.00.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:45 am. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 10:00 am in the Commissioner's Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

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PAUL FRANKE, MEMBER

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR