

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
November 5, 2012

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on November 5, 2012 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Larry Kleinhenz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Carl Lienhoop and Paul Franke, County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also in attendance. Chairman Kleinhenz gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the October 29, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The Commissioners Claims were presented for approval. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the Commissioners Claims as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Franke read the New Permits Report from 10/29/2012 to 11/2/2012. Twenty-three (23) building permits were issued with a fee amount of \$2,537.00 and a valuation amount of \$1,651,452.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander distributed the monthly work report listing last month's accomplishments and priorities for this month.

Engineer Hollander gave the weekly crew report. Last week, they patched roads, put up signs, mowed in Wayne and Clifty Township, cut trees around guardrail, grinded

stumps on Lake Road and on 650 S., installed drain pipe in field by Royal View and ditched behind fire station. They also picked up trash.

Chairman Kleinhenz asked Engineer Hollander if the striping was finished and Engineer Hollander said that it was supposed to be complete by Friday.

Mark Webber, with the Republic, asked Engineer Hollander what the latest information was on the 2012 overlay. Engineer Hollander stated that that they were finished Tellman Road last week and 350 E. was the only road left to do.

County Assessor Lew Wilson was present for the consideration of ***Addendum III to the Contract for 2011 Reassessment Services.*** Assessor Wilson explained that this is to follow up on the appeals that they will be getting over the next few months and the work that he will need to help with those appeals. He explained that normally, the only thing they do is send out notice of assessments to commercial and industrial properties. The Reassessment Law, this year, says that they need to be sent out on residential (everything that has a value). Instead of taxpayers appealing next May on their tax bill, they will be appealing at the end of this year, when the notice of assessment goes out. The maximum amount is \$52,000 if they use the whole time that is set up for services and this contract is with Tyler Technologies. The contract goes until July 31, 2013. Commissioner Franke made a motion to sign the ***Addendum III to the Contract for 2011 Reassessment Services.*** Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

County Auditor Barbara Hackman presented the 2013 Payroll & Voucher Schedules. She explained that they also did an amended 2012 Voucher Schedule by adding an extra payout in December to help those County offices so that they can get as many bills paid that they can by the end of the year and it also causes less encumbrances for the following year. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the 2013 Payroll and Voucher Schedules and the amended 2012 Voucher Schedule. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Information Services Manager Jim Hartsook was present for the consideration of an Agreement with the “*eBiz Shop, LLC*”. Mr. Hartsook explained that this is to move the hosting of the County website from “*Rackspace*” to this Indianapolis based company. It is a month to month contract and is \$110 per month. The difference between the *eBiz Shop, LLC* and *Rackspace* is that *eBiz Shop* will host our primary site and they will also host a development site and there will be an hour of support each month. He stated that the development site is the main reason for doing this move. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to sing the agreement with the “*eBiz Shop, LLC*”. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Under miscellaneous, Chairman Kleinhenz announced that all County Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 6, 2012 for the General Election and Monday, November 12, 2012 in observance of Veterans Day.

Commissioner Franke made a motion to ask the office holders to give up their parking spaces behind the Government Building from today to November 13, 2012 for taxpayers. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Veteran Larry Durnil was present with concerns with the County Veterans Office. Since the Commissioners are replacing the Veterans Service Officer with a full-time person, he wanted to make sure that the advertisement in the newspaper states all of the requirements for the new Veterans Service Officer. He also wants the transportation coordination to be in the job description so that all Veterans are able to get to the Veterans Hospital in Indianapolis. The Commissioners assured him that it would be. He also stated that he feels the Veterans Service Officer should attend the meetings of the local Veterans.

Veteran Bob Worbin, a City and County property owner stated that he was at the Columbus Regional Hospital a year ago and one of their advocates that make rounds when patients are admitted suggested that he should check into his Veterans benefits, so he went to the County Veterans Office and received exceptional help. He is concerned that the continuity of the pace and capability of the office may be compromised if a new individual is placed. He just wants the Commissioners to be careful in whom they appoint to the Veterans Office.

Veteran Dave Jones stated that with this change, he feels there will be an increase in the services that are available since there will now be a full-time VSO instead of part-time.

Taxpayer Mike Lovelace questioned why someone has to live in Indiana for five years to be a Veterans Services Officer. The Commissioners said that was a State Law and they were not sure why.

Taxpayer Tom Heller stated that he also felt that the Veterans transportation needed to be better.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Kleinhenz at 10:33 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

PAUL FRANKE, MEMBER

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:

BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR