

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**December 10, 2012**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on December 10, 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 Paul Franke and Carl Lienhoop, County Attorney J. Grant Tucker was also in attendance. Chief Deputy Auditor Sandra Beatty was present as County Auditor Barbara Hackman was unable to attend. Commissioner Lienhoop gave the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the December 3, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Kleinhenz read the New Permits Report from 12/3/2012 to 12/7/2012. Thirty-seven (37) building permits were issued with a fee amount of \$5,232.00 and a valuation amount of \$2,408,507.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander distributed the Monthly Financial Report and the Monthly Work Report for December listing last month's accomplishments and priorities for this month.

Engineer Hollander requested the Commissioners to release Driveway Bond 12B-09, posted by Trent Ferguson. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve Driveway Bond 12B-09. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander presented a contract with Strand & Associates for the rehabilitation and relocation of the Newbern Bridge in the amount of \$100,500 with 80% reimbursement. This bridge will be moved to the People Trails and will no longer be on the County Bridge inventory. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to accept the contract with Strand & Associates for the rehabilitation and relocation of the Newbern Bridge in the amount of \$100,500 with 80% reimbursement. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Taxpayer Mike Lovelace asked if the \$20,000 then would come out of the Bridge fund and this would cover the costs of the new abutments. He feels it is Federal money and seems odd to spend this money on an old bridge.

Engineer Hollander gave the weekly crew report. They have been getting the trucks ready to go for winter weather and picked up some animals to assist Animal Control.

Eric Brunn, with Strand & Associates presented the title sheet for the last phase of 600 N. for the Commissioners' signatures. This will be let in March for a summer construction in 2013. Commissioner Franke made a motion to sign the title sheet for the

last phase of 600 N. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander presented the MS4 Stormwater Report for November 2012. During the month of November, the Highway Department picked up trash and tires on 19 separate occasions. The trash (bags, mattresses, etc.) was taken and disposed of at the local landfill. The tires were taken to the Highway Department and are stored in a shed until they can be taken to or picked up by CCE in New Albany, Indiana, for recycling. The Executive Committee and MOU Committee worked independently this month on the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the County. Three members of the Executive committee are continuing on the MS4 Annual Conference Planning Committee meeting to help with the planning of the 2013 Conference. The County's MS4 Group is continuing to work with CPI Supply to help with our first Contractor's Workshop. Commissioner Franke made a motion to accept the MS4 Stormwater Report for November 2012. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Franke stated that there have been comments about the dead end portion of Mt. Healthy Road east of SR. 58 there is brush encroaching from the north side. Engineer Hollander said that he would look into it.

Commissioner Franke thanked the Highway Department for grinding off blacktop on 300 W. where there had been a bump.

Commissioner Lienhoop questioned if Bridge No. 148 and 35 would be built next year. Engineer Hollander stated that it depends on how quickly they build the Newbern Bridge.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of ***Amendment #1 EDS #D25-13-03 to Grant Agreement between Indiana Department of Correction and Board of County Commissioners and Auditor of Bartholomew County.*** Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes and Work Release Director Rob Gaskill explained that this is an amendment to the current grant that would provide additional funding by accepting DOC inmates from Bartholomew or contiguous counties into this program and the State would provide additional funding. The State has a work-release program and have offered counties who have a work-release in their county to participate in accepting DOC inmates who are from that county or a contiguous county into the local work release and be compensated by the State for those individuals. Compensation would be funds that would be available and would not revert back to the State if they were not spent by the end of the fiscal year. At this point, Bartholomew County Work Release anticipates having 5 – 10 male inmates from the Department of Correction at any time. They would assess those individuals and do their best to make sure they are non-violent and low risk before they make the recommendation that they come back to the County. They will not be inmates that are sitting in our Jail as there is no contract with DOC to hold inmates on a regular basis. The Jail is compensated if a DOC prisoner is held here. Mr. Gaskill has worked with businesses that are willing to provide them work release jobs, which gives

the County compensation with no additional costs. It is \$25.00 per day per inmate reimbursement and required to take a certain percentage of their income for the County's costs as well as for the inmates' costs. Attorney J. Grant Tucker has reviewed and had concerns at the first pass, but those objectionable issues have been fixed. Mike Lovelace asked what percentage of the inmates' salaries was held. Mr. Gaskill stated that it is 40% of their salary, DOC gets 10% and 30% goes into an account for them and they can have 20% for hygiene items and such. Mr. Lovelace then asked what kind of jobs they get. Mr. Lovelace said that the jobs are dishwashers, servers and factory workers. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to accept the ***Amendment #1 EDS #D25-13-03 to Grant Agreement between Indiana Department of Correction and Board of County Commissioners and Auditor of Bartholomew County.*** Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Kleinhenz presented the Treasurer's report for the month of November 2012. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report for November 2012. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Veteran Tom Jester, representing the local VFW, complained that they are having financial difficulties because of the smoking ordinance. They are trying to find ways to create income. The bingo money is fine, but there are strict requirements as to how to spend this money. He explained that they own a piece of property that is 8 acres and adjoins Moose Park and he would like to propose a Still Board shoot from November through April, but on Saturdays only. He feels they could raise money this way since

Moose Park is closed during these months. The entire property is outside of City limits. There is only one house that would be affected. He would like the Commissioners to think about this since the VFW is in dire need of money. Chairman Kleinhenz asked Attorney Tucker if he had any concerns. He felt that they would just need a permit, but did not need the Commissioners' approval. Commissioner Lienhoop wondered if the State Firearms Division would want to investigate the area. Mr. Jester said that they would get a rider on the general liability. He is hoping to start this at the first of the year since they were doing dances every weekend but they are not helping with money. Mr. Tom Jester also mentioned that if the Commissioners do not find something for Judy Devening to do in the Veterans' office, the veterans will suffer.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Kleinhenz at 10:44 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

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PAUL FRANKE, MEMBER

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR