

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
April 9, 2012

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on April 9, 2012 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Larry Kleinhenz called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioner Carl Lienhoop, Commissioner Paul Franke, Auditor Barb Hackman, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. Emergency Operations E911 Center Director Ed Reuter gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the amended April 2, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Franke seconded the minutes that passed unanimously.

The Voucher Claims were presented for approval. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the Voucher Claims. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Kleinhenz said that someone asked him if the VIP Commissioner (Columbus Area Visitors Information and Promotion Commission) appropriations show up as a claim on the Commissioners' docket. Auditor Hackman said only the new line item for their administrative costs will show up in the claims. Chairman Kleinhenz said that when the Innkeeper's Tax is transferred, it does not show up on claims. Auditor Hackman said that is correct. There will be one (1) payment out to each of the entities (the Visitor's Center and the Hope Area Welcome Center) that was awarded the VIP monies for 2012. The VIP Commission Fund is a separate fund and does not come out of the Commissioners' Budget.

Next, Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permits Report from 4/2/2012 to 4/6/2012. Forty-seven (47) building permits were issued with a fee amount of \$6,495.00 and a valuation amount of \$33,397,675.00.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Bartholomew County Highway Financial Report for March 2012 for the Highway Fund, Local Roads & Street Fund, and the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Likewise, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the March 2012 Monthly Report for the Highway Department that includes the accomplishments of the Highway Crew for March, the status of Bridge Projects and Road Projects, the number of Driveway Permits and Road Cut Permits issued, and the Highway Crew Priorities for April 2012.

Engineer Hollander requested permission to advertise a Notice to Bidders for Hot Mix Bituminous Paving Materials, Cold Mix Bituminous Paving and Patching Materials, and Liquid Asphalt. The County Commissioners will be receiving sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. EST on Monday, April 30, 2012. The bids will be opened at the April 30th Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve advertising the Notice to Bidders for paving materials. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. The Highway Crew patched roads, worked on signs, ground stumps, placed stone along road shoulders, cut trees on 200 South, ditched and placed rip rap on 1100 East,

extended a pipe on Beatty Lane, cleaned out pipes on 400 South, and picked up trash. Chairman Kleinhenz said the Highway Crew did a good job on the 950 North repair.

Commissioner Franke asked when the list of roads for paving will be finished. Engineer Hollander said that Highway Superintendent Dwight Smith has been driving the roads to compile the list, so it should be complete in the next week and a half. Commissioner Franke asked how many miles Engineer Hollander anticipates the County paving. Engineer Hollander said he anticipates paving twenty-two (22) miles.

Chairman Kleinhenz said he wanted to clarify a mistake he made at last week's Commissioners' meeting saying that the County has invested \$15,000,000 in the 600 North project. However, the County has invested \$9,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Half of this money has been local dollars. The first leg of the project in 1996 cost almost \$1,700,000. Engineer Hollander said the total cost of the 600 North project will be approximately \$9,000,000.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the March 2012 MS4 Stormwater Monthly Report. During the month of March the Highway Department picked up trash and tires on fifteen (15) separate occasions. The trash (bags, mattresses, etc.) was taken and disposed of at the local landfill. In the month of March, tires were taken to the Highway Department and were stored in a shed. CCE of New Albany, Indiana picked up all the tires and rims for recycling, but the Highway Department has not received notice on the tonnage or numbers as of yet.

The Highway Department helped the Bartholomew County/City of Columbus Area Water Quality – MS4 Advisory Committee to get the County up to date on the County’s MS4 permits. The County is still on track for compliance. The Advisory Committee met in March and is still on track. Two (2) Executive Committee members attended the MS4 Annual Conference Planning Meeting in Indianapolis. The 2012 Indiana MS4 Indiana Annual Meeting is confirmed for Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the Marriott East Conference Center in Indianapolis. For more information, please contact Stacey Gross at (812) 379-1660.

The Advisory Committee would like to invite all who can attend to the Earth Day at the Columbus/Bartholomew Recycle Center on South Mapleton Street for the unveiling of the new logo for this group. It will be from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2012 and the winner will be awarded their scholarship check. So this could possibly be the last Newsletter from the Bartholomew County Highway (at least their name and logo). Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the MS4 March 2012 Monthly Stormwater Report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Kleinhenz had someone talk to him about the Southern Crossing Bridge and the entire road. Some residents feel like it serves as a dam. If there were more culverts under the road, then it would lessen the impact of flooding. Engineer Hollander said that a culvert would not make a significant impact on the water flow because there is

a 1,200 foot bridge there. Engineer Hollander said that there are fourteen (14) spans that are 100' each on the Southern Crossing Bridge.

Commissioner Franke asked how the shot rock was coming along at the Southern Crossing Bridge. Engineer Hollander said that they ran into an issue with a fiber optic phone line there. The Highway Crew hit the phone line, but did not break it. The telephone company will need to move it before work can continue. They cannot bore the phone line underground because of the expense involved, so they are going to attach it to the bridge.

Commissioner Lienhoop said that the leg to the west on the Southern Crossing Bridge is not very high, so when the river gets high it crosses over the bridge. Plus, being a farmer and seeing what I-65 did to the river bottoms on the south. Plus, every time there will be an opening there will be a concentrated spot of water when it floods that ruins the farm ground. Commissioner Lienhoop said that he would prefer building one (1) bridge over the river and then build a dam, but this cannot be done because it is not allowed. Commissioner Lienhoop assumes that is why I-65 was built the way it was at south of Jonesville because there had to be so many openings to keep water from backing up to Jonesville and Azalia and ruining the farm ground.

County Clerk Tami Hines presented the Commissioners with a letter requesting a change from the **regular entrance to the Courthouse on Washington Street to the Third Street entrance**. The change would begin Monday, April 9, 2012 through Monday, May 17, 2012.

Ms. Hines said the Courthouse entrance change began this morning and went really well. Ms. Hines appreciated the cooperation of security, the Sheriff's Department, the IT Department, and the Maintenance Department. The main entrance to the Courthouse was closed, and there are three (3) voting machines located where security was located and one (1) voting machine in Voter's Registration for absentee voting. The additional voting machines were added because in 2008 there were lines of voters waiting 2-3 hours for voting, especially the last two (2) weeks before the elections. The primary election may not be as busy, but Ms. Hines expects that the fall election lines could be very long. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the change of the Courthouse entrance from the Washington Street entrance to the Third Street entrance from April 9th to May 7th. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lienhoop asked Ms. Hines how many types of ballots there are for the primary election. Ms. Hines said she did not count them all, but her guess was approximately thirty (30) ballots. The school board is not running in the primary this year, so that reduced the number of ballots too. Commissioner Franke asked how many voting machines there are in the Courthouse hallway for absentee voting. Ms. Hines said there are three (3) voting machines in the hallway and one (1) in the Voter's Registration Office. Normally there are only two (2) machines, but the increase in voting machines should make it more convenient and alleviate the long lines for absentee voters. Ms. Hines said they could set up a fifth voting machine if it is needed. Chairman Kleinhenz

asked what percentage of votes was cast from absentee voters during the fall election. Ms. Hines said it was only a City election, but it was steady and was approximately thirty percent (30%) absentee voters.

Next, the Commissioners considered Waiving Building Permit Fees for The Housing Authority of the City of Columbus for building and remodeling permits for 2012 for up to fifteen (15) units because funding is limited. Chairman Larry Kleinhenz said the inspections will still occur and will have to meet the requirements set forth by the Technical Code Enforcement Office. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve waiving the building permit fees for The Housing Authority of the City of Columbus for up to fifteen (15) units. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion.

Bartholomew County resident Mike Lovelace asked the Commissioners if The Housing Authority and The Housing Partnership is the same thing. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker said no; The Housing Authority does the HUD subsidized housing and runs three (3) to four (4) different programs, but is not affiliated with The Housing Partnership. Mr. Lovelace asked if they operate on all tax money. Attorney Tucker said yes. Chairman Kleinhenz asked for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, County Attorney J. Grant Tucker opened up the six (6) sealed bids received for Bridge #45 as follows:

Company Name:	Company Location:	Bid Amount:
Duncan Robertson, Inc.	Franklin, Indiana	\$ 393,439.90
Milestone Contractors, LP	Columbus, Indiana	\$ 385,000.00

Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc.	North Vernon, Indiana	\$ 371,125.99
C & HM Excavating Inc.	Milan Indiana	\$ 394,543.70
Trisler Construction Company, Inc.	Indianapolis, Indiana	\$ 343,512.62
H.E. Henderson, Inc. General Contractor	Martinsville, Indiana	\$ 346,778.69

Chairman Kleinhenz said the Commissioners will likely have a decision on the bids at next week's Commissioners' meeting, and thanked everyone for taking the time to place their bids. Commissioner Franke made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion. Chairman Kleinhenz asked Engineer Hollander what the Engineer's estimate is for Bridge #45. Engineer Hollander said approximately \$360,000. Chairman Kleinhenz asked for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Clerk's Monthly Report for March 2012 was presented for approval by Chairman Kleinhenz. Finding the report to be in order, Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the March 2012 Clerk's Report. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Franke presented the Treasurer's Monthly Report for March 2012 for approval. Finding the report in order, Commissioner Franke motioned to approve the March 2012 Treasurer's Monthly Report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Lienhoop presented an overview of the March 2012 Veteran's Monthly Report. In March, the Veteran's Office had 50 personal interviews (in office and in person), had 37 claims and applications filed (for veterans, spouses,

widows, and children), received 36 questions and referrals for information and counseling services, traveled 1,260 miles, received 72 incoming telephone calls, and made 39 outgoing telephone calls, and made 14 trips to the VA Medical Center. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to accept the March 2012 Veteran's Monthly Report. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Finally, Chairman Kleinhenz mentioned there is an Emergency Expenditure for Ratification for an ice machine for the County Courthouse. The following quotes were received:

Big Tray, Inc. (www.bigtray.com)	\$1,544.00
South Central Company, Inc. (Columbus, IN)	\$1,904.00

Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to ratify the expenditure for the ice machine for the Courthouse to the low bidder, Big Tray, Inc., in the amount of \$1,544.00. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Kleinhenz thanked Mr. Trimpe for getting quotes on this because there was a \$400.00 difference in prices.

Commissioner Lienhoop mentioned that Marvin Burbrink, a member of the Bartholomew County Jail Building Corporation, passed away this weekend. Commissioner Lienhoop sent his condolences to his family.

Commissioner Lienhoop said that three (3) to four (4) weeks ago there was a nice picture of the Bartholomew County Courthouse in *The Republic*. Commissioner Franke said that Ken Delap, Sr. provided some funds for lighting the Courthouse.

Chairman Kleinhenz asked about the lawn at the Courthouse. Maintenance Supervisor Rick Trimpe said that the County is fertilizing the grass and Community Corrections mows the lawn. Chairman Kleinhenz said that the Mudlark's Group does all of the landscaping.

Bartholomew County resident Tom Heller commented that the drainage grates on State Street at the Hawcreek Bridge were cleared the same day thanks to the help of the Commissioners and Engineer Hollander.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kleinhenz at 10:34 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Monday, April 16, 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