

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
April 16, 2012

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on April 16, 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's Office Chief Deputy Sandy Beatty, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. Auditor Barb Hackman was absent from the meeting. Chairman Kleinhenz gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Kleinhenz mentioned that City Hall changed their Board of Works meeting from Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to Monday at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Kleinhenz said the Commissioners are not sure what they are going to do. Commissioners' Chief Deputy Debbie Londeree said this came from the City Engineer, so they are not sure it is official yet.

Next, Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the April 9, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Franke seconded the minutes that passed unanimously.

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

Next, Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permits Report from 4/9/2012 to 4/13/2012. Forty-six (46) building permits were issued with a fee amount of \$4,271.00

and a valuation amount of \$1,912,262.00. Chairman Kleinhenz mentioned that the Commissioners met with Code Enforcement Director Brian Thompson on Thursday to discuss funds generated by his department. The annual amount of permit fees collected is between \$150,000 and \$170,000 which is split 50/50 with the City of Columbus. Permit fees have not been raised in twelve (12) years.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander said the bids have been reviewed for Bridge #45. The low bidder was Trisler Construction Company, Inc. out of Indianapolis, Indiana for \$343,512.62. Trisler has never done any work for Bartholomew County before that Engineer Hollander is aware of. However, Engineer Hollander checked some of their references and Trisler received a favorable recommendation. Chairman Kleinhenz asked Mr. Eric Brunn of Strand Associates, Inc. if they have worked with Trisler Construction. Mr. Brunn said they worked with them on a few projects. Commissioner Franke said the bids for this bridge were very close and competitive, and he made a motion to award Bridge #45 to Trisler Construction Company, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana for \$343,512.62. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the bid.

Commissioner Lienhoop said he is asked by the public if the Commissioners have to go with the low bid. Commissioner Lienhoop said yes unless they have good reason not too. Commissioner Franke said he could think of one time when the Commissioners did not go with the low bid because they had an issue with the low bidder. Commissioner Lienhoop said the Jail Addition is a classic example that was a \$14,000,000 to \$16,000,000 contract, but the local bidder missed being the lowest bidder by \$16,000.

Chairman Kleinhenz said the public usually is critical if the Commissioners do not go with local businesses. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker said the law has changed and there is a provision for a local preference that is up to twenty percent (20%) of the deal to benefit local companies. Chairman Kleinhenz asked Attorney Tucker to look into this law so the Commissioners will know what the law says for future awarding of bids. Commissioner Franke said this defeats the purpose of bidding because outside companies will not bid if they think it will go to a local company. Chairman Kleinhenz asked for a vote on the motion to award the bid of Bridge #45 to Trisler Construction for \$343,512.62. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with a Title Sheet for Bridge #128 located on 850 South from Beam, Longest, & Neff, LLC of Indianapolis, Indiana that the needs to be signed. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to sign the title sheet for Bridge #128. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Engineer Hollander said he would like to receive sealed Bids for Bridge #128 up to 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Office on May 7, 2012 that will be opened at the Commissioners' Meeting that day. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to approve advertising for sealed bids for Bridge #128 that are due at 10:00 a.m. on May 7th. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander would like the Commissioners' approval to trade-in the one (1) year old Bobcat to get a new one from Miller Equipment of Greensburg, Indiana for

\$1,000.00. Chairman Kleinhenz asked if this is done every year. Engineer Hollander said this is done every year if Miller Equipment has a buyer for the used Bobcat. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to trade-in the one (1) year old Bobcat to get a brand new one for \$1,000. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. Last week the Highway Crew patched roads, worked on signs, cut trees on 200 South, 600 East, and 170 South, ground stumps on Mt. Healthy Road, 525 South, Youth Camp Road, 150 East, 300 South, Base Road, 450 North, and 735 North, ditched on Nasby Trail and on 525 East, ditched and put in a driveway pipe on 450 West, cleaned up dirt at the Fairgrounds, fixed drains at the Outlet Mall and in Colony Parke, and picked up trash.

Commissioner Franke asked Engineer Hollander to continue to place stone on the bridge at State Road 58 and Seymour Road because it seems like it has sunk. Commissioner Franke asked if this bridge could be replaced later in 2012. Commissioner Lienhoop said it would depend on how quickly Strand Associates, Inc. could get the plans drawn up. There are no utilities near the bridge that anyone is aware of.

Mr. Dave Hayward was going to introduce the new MPO Director, but that was withdrawn from the agenda.

Next, Maintenance Supervisor Rick Trimpe came before the Commissioners with a Proposal for the Maintenance Department for Door Frames at the Courthouse. Mr. Trimpe explained that six (6) doors are needed for the remodel of the Courthouse

bathrooms to make the entrance doors handicap accessible. There is only one (1) bid because these doors were the closest that Mr. Trimpe could find to match the existing doors. Chairman Kleinhenz said he had a quote from **D.A.W. Company, Inc. of Louisville, Kentucky** for three (3) right handed door frames, three (3) left handed door frames, six (6) metal doors, and eighteen (18) hinges in the amount of \$2,436.03. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to award the bid to D.A.W. Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,436.03. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Mr. Trimpe said that every bathroom in the Courthouse will be remodeled with new tile on the floor and walls to resemble the bathroom remodel on the 4th floor of the Governmental Office Building. This remodel will be done in-house which will save the County a lot of money. Chairman Kleinhenz said the Maintenance Department does a great job.

Next, Chairman Kleinhenz said that Auditor Hackman received a call from the State concerning the underpayment of both CAGIT and CEDIT funds for Bartholomew County. The lump sum underpayment for CAGIT was \$1,092,027 for Bartholomew County. Other funds will be dispersed to Edinburgh, Clifford, the City of Columbus, Hope, Elizabethtown, Jonesville, the Trustees, etc. There was also an additional payment for CEDIT in the amount of \$303,960. This money will go towards roads and road maintenance. This will pave five (5) to six (6) more miles in overlay. The Council will decide how the CAGIT money will be spent.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kleinhenz at 10:25 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Monday, April 23, 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