

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**April 30, 2012**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on April 30, 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. Chairman Kleinhenz gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the April 23, 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 4/23/2012 to 4/27/2012. Thirty-nine (39) building permits were issued with a fee amount of \$2,155.21 and a valuation amount of \$698,550.00.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander mentioned to the Commissioners that there was an error made with the advertisement of the Notice to Bidders for the hot mix, cold mix, and liquid asphalt, so he would like to re-bid this Notice to Bidders. The sealed bids will be due in the Commissioners' Office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 21, 2012. The bids will be opened at the Commissioners' meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Chairman

Kleinhenz said that the Commissioners will reject the initial bids for Hot Mix, Cold Mix, and Liquid Asphalt so the bidding process is fair to all bidders involved. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve advertising a new the Notice to Bidders for Hot Mix, Cold Mix, and Liquid Asphalt due by May 21<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Engineer Hollander asked the Commissioners to approve the Notice to Bidders for the 2012 Overlay Program for May 21<sup>st</sup>. Likewise, the sealed bids are due to the Commissioners' Office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and will be opened at the Commissioners' meeting the same day. Approximately thirty (30) miles of roads will receive overlay, but this will ultimately depend on the cost per mile from bids received. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the Notice to Bidder for the 2012 Overlay Program that will be due and opened on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with an Agreement from Strand Associates, Inc. of Columbus, Indiana, for the design of Bridge #206 located on Seymour Road for \$70,000.00. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. for \$70,000 for engineering work on Bridge #206. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Finally, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. Last week the Highway Crew patched roads, put up signs, ground stumps on 100 North and 200 West, swept bridges, ditched and put in a driveway pipe on 50 North and

100 West, fixed a wood guardrail at 900 East and 400 South, placed seed and straw along Goeller Road, 400 South, and 200 South, and picked up brush along the roads.

Chairman Kleinhenz verified that the County has already begun mowing. Commissioner Franke mentioned that the City swept a couple of bridges for the County using the street sweeper. Chairman Kleinhenz encouraged Engineer Hollander to continue working with the City by letting them borrowing the County equipment when needed and vice versa to keep the lines open. Finally, Commissioner Franke asked if any measures have to be taken to preserve the concrete, historical bridge located on Stafford Road. Chairman Kleinhenz asked Engineer Hollander to look into this.

Commissioner Lienhoop wanted to mention to the Commissioner Candidates in the audience what the engineering work included in the fee for Bridge #206 because \$70,000 is a lot of money. This work includes: a topographical survey for \$10,000; design of Bridge #206 for \$44,000; geotechnical investigation for \$5,000; an Indiana Department of Transportation drive permit for \$5,000; and the owner should compensate the engineer for bidding related services for \$6,000. This totals \$70,000. This cost is high because engineering firms have to defend their recommendations in the event of a catastrophic event. Plus, the area where Bridge #206 is located is in a large flood plain. Commissioner Candidate Rick Flohr said that \$70,000 is a lot of money, but an incredible amount of water comes through there and some good engineering needs to be done because you get what you pay for.

Next, Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District Education Coordinator Heather Siesel presented the Commissioners with the Recycling Center Report. Ms. Siesel said that commercial cardboard amount is the most recycled item. Brush numbers continue to be up too. Chairman Kleinhenz said that in the newspaper yesterday there was an article about the new landfill. This article mentioned that the tipping fees had decreased due to the tonnage at the landfill, but it is the cardboard recycling that is also reflected in the decrease in the tonnage even though a lot of cardboard is still going into the landfill. Ms. Siesel also reminded everyone that there is drive through recycling six (6) days a week.

At the Earth Day event there was an amnesty for hard to dispose of items and collected over 300 tires, 50 CFC appliances, over 50 computers, and over 15 propane tanks; thus, diverting these items from going into the landfill. There were over 15 volunteers that assisted with the hot dog roast that was sponsored by Wal-Mart, volunteers from the Kids Commons who taught about clean water, the MS4 Committee gave away free t-shirts and did rain barrel demonstrations, Toyota handed out free trees and recycling bags, and there was a plant swap. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tox-A-Way Day will be at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information on what is accepted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tox-A-Way Day, please visit <http://www.bcswmd.com/php/index.php>.

Commissioner Franke mentioned that the Commissioners granted relief of tipping fees on a dilapidated house located around 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Orinoco. A company bought

this home because it was in dire state of repair. Code Enforcement Officer Bill Klakamp had been working on getting this home cleaned up for a long time and offered to help this company out by waiving the tipping fees. It is very unusual that the Commissioners would waive tipping fees for a company. However, in order to honor the commitment Mr. Klakamp made to the company, and to rid the community of a home which desperately needed to be torn down, the Commissioners waived the fees.

Chairman Kleinhenz mentioned that Ms. Siesel should do a great job in this Education Coordinator position, but her most important task is educating everyone on recycling, reusing, conserving, etc.

Next, Commissioner Franke presented the Commissioners with the March 2012 Monthly Animal Control Report. In March 2012, Animal Control took twenty-two (22) dogs and twenty-two (22) cats to the Humane Society, had one hundred and four (104) audits, wrote out six (6) violations, issued five (5) fines, had five (5) bite cases, hung twelve (12) door hangers, had two (2) animals reclaimed, loaned out five (5) traps to the public, and had a total of one hundred twenty-four (124) cases. Van #1 was driven 1,204 miles, and Van #2 was driven 1,010 miles. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the Animal Control Monthly Report for March 2012. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Bartholomew County resident John Dishinger mentioned that there was a Public Notice in the newspaper from the City Plan Commission about a Resolution to present to the Commissioners that concerns the northern gateway land use and transportation plan.

Mr. Dishinger wanted to know what this was about. Commissioner Franke said that the Commissioners will be meeting with City Plan Commission Director Jeff Bergmann on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, so it should be explained to the Commissioners then. Engineer Hollander explained that it concerns the I-65 interchange. The Planning Department is developing a master plan on how Exit 76 (the Taylorsville Exit) should be developed, as well as making improvements to the traffic flow patterns.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kleinhenz at 10:46 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Monday, May 7, 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