

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
July 30, 2012

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on July 30, 2012 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Larry Kleinhenz called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioners Carl Lienhoop and Paul Franke, Auditor Barb Hackman, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. Chairman Kleinhenz gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the July 23, 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.

Next, Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permits Report from 7/23/2012 to 7/27/2012. Twenty-six (26) building permits were issued with a fee amount of \$2,394.00 and a valuation amount of \$1,118,775.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander presented, to the Commissioners, a letter to the Surveyor's Office requesting them to prepare the legal descriptions for Bridge No. 206 on Seymour Road. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the letter to the Surveyor's Office requesting them to prepare the legal descriptions for Bridge No. 206 on Seymour Road. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Kleinhenz explained that the reason a formal letter is sent is

because this service is somewhat outside the responsibility of the Surveyor, but it saves money by doing this.

Engineer Hollander then presented an agreement with INDOT for the 600 N. project explaining guidelines that need to be done to meet federal regulations. The total amount of federal funds is \$2,556,000. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to sign the agreement with INDOT subject to the County Attorney's review. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Engineer Hollander gave the weekly crew report. They mowed in German, Sandcreek and Rockcreek Townships, chipped and sealed in German, Harrison, Ohio and Wayne Townships, replaced pipes on 600 N. and on 50 W., patched roads and cut up trees from the storm. Milestone paved on 250 W. and also on 525 S.

Commissioner Franke asked Engineer Hollander to check into an aluminum box culvert on 400 W. south of 700 S. He explained that the road has settled and created a dip. He also mentioned that on 700 S. just east of 500 W., there was some settling over a small bridge and asked Engineer Hollander to check it.

Trena Carter, ARA Manager of Municipal Programs, was present for a Public Hearing on Hillview Estates Sewer Utility Planning Grant. Ms. Carter stated that there are representatives here today from United Consulting who did the planning study. As part of the grant process, they present the findings and then there is a Public Hearing. She said that they met with representatives of Hillview Estate Utilities, Merrill Henderson and Hubert Baker, a couple of weeks ago to go over the findings and, since they are

unable to be here today, they agreed that United Consulting would come and give the results.

Scott Siple, Project Engineer with United Consulting, Paul Glotzbach, Project Manager and Dave Richter, President presented the results of the planning study for the Hillview Estates Subdivision wastewater utility plan. He explained that their existing treatment plant is beyond its serviceable life. They estimate their design life with the kind of treatment plant that they have is 20 years and theirs is 40 years old. In their study, they evaluated what their plant flows are through reporting what they do at the State and came up with some options: treatment plant replacement, lift station and forcemain (conveys wastewater to Columbus) or existing treatment plant rehabilitation. Their recommendation is to do the lift station option. There are multiple capital costs upfront, but all of the options are sizeable costs. This option, when looking at a 20-year design lifespan, presents the economic sense over the 20-year lifespan, but alleviates the utility from some reporting requirements to the State. The NPDS permit goes away because they are no longer a treatment entity, but would just be operating a lift station, which does not have the permitting requirements. They would still be required to maintain their facilities, maintain the forcemain and they would pay a sewer utility discharge rate to Columbus Utilities. These are all subject to the rate agreement that they set with the utility company. In addition to the forcemain, they recommend that they improve their existing collection system, installing proper manholes, inspecting the existing facilities and making repairs when needed. Mr. Siple explained that they feel

this is their best option from their manageable standpoint and that this would serve the community the best. The construction cost of the recommended alternative is approximately \$1.2 million dollars including the lift station, forcemain and the improvements to the collection system. The annual operation & maintenance cost that they estimate to operate it is roughly \$50,000 per year, whereas, a treatment plant is approximately \$75,000 per year. Another caveat to this is that the subdivision has entered into an agreed order with IDEM to correct their violations and they are on schedule with the compliance plan that was published. The next step is for the utility to meet with a rate consultant to evaluate their process and their cost so that they can make recommendations to them on raising their rates and to move forward in acquiring funding to implement the recommendations of this study or what the utility feels they can do to remedy the problem.

Chairman Kleinhenz opened the Public Hearing. Steve Loesch, a resident of Waymansville, asked if Hillview Estates would have to maintain the forcemain all the way to the interstate. Mr. Siple stated that they would, depending upon the agreement that they enter into with Columbus Utilities. It is possible that there could be a share of responsibility. Mr. Loesch asked about the potential regionalization. Mr. Siple stated that during the study, they looked at Mt. Healthy Elementary School and there are some tracks of land around it that are undeveloped and a nearby church. They looked into the ability to bring these other facilities into this. The church was uninterested since it was just recently constructed and already had a mound system. Mr. Loesch then asked if the

Town of Waymansville could be included and Mr. Siple stated that there is potential that Waymansville and Ogilville could be included, but were not included in the study. He then asked about Lutheran Lake and Mr. Siple stated that he was not sure because of the distance between it and the subdivision. Commissioner Lienhoop asked what the size of the forcemain was and Mr. Siple stated that it was about a 6-inch forcemain. Commissioner Franke stated that he felt like this was a great idea, but how were the 69 or 70 lot owners in Hillview Estates going to finance a big project like this. He feels, to really solve the problem, the County is probably going to have to take some steps towards forming a rural sewage district in order to get the financing to get this to work because it is an expensive project for such a small group of houses. Mr. Siple said there is something that can be done to alleviate the problems. Commissioner Franke asked where the funding will come from and Mr. Siple said there is the possibility to receive an additional OCRA Grant, SRF Loan process or the Rural Development Fund. Commissioner Franke asked what Hillview Estates could do before a permanent solution is found. Mr. Siple said that they would need to address the violations that IDEM has found in their inspections. He said that once funding is in place, they could have it designed and built within 360 days. Hearing no other comments, Chairman Kleinhenz closed the Public Hearing.

The following Resolution was approved on a motion by Chairman Kleinhenz and a second by Commissioner Franke. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A
CDBG PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF
COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED
MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Bartholomew County had identified adequate reason to analyze the Hillview Estates Subdivision Utility, Inc. wastewater system, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Bartholomew County has hired Donohue & Associates to define and describe the issues, advise us of our options, and make recommendations to address this issue in the near future, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Bartholomew County has received federal Community Development Block Grant dollars from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to fund this study and has contributed Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$12,400) as local match for this project, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Bartholomew County has reviewed the process and completed study thoroughly and is satisfied with the services performed, information contained therein, and methodology applied;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Bartholomew County has received two copies of this document for our records and will keep them on file in the county offices for future reference, and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Bartholomew County that the final document is hereby approved, contingent upon comments and approval received from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The Board of County Commissioners of Bartholomew County will fully consider all comments and feedback received from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and will direct its consultant to provide amended copies of this plan reflecting all said comments.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA** this 30th day of July 2012, at 10:42 o'clock
A.M.

S/s Larry S. Kleinhenz
Larry S. Kleinhenz, Chairman

S/s Paul Franke
Paul Franke, County Commissioner

S/s Carl H. Lienhoop
Carl H. Lienhoop, County Commissioner
Bartholomew County, Indiana

ATTEST:

S/s Barbara J. Hackman
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County, Indiana

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of an agreement with Cender and Company. Auditor Hackman explained that this is an agreement with a company that would be helping the Auditor's office in a TIF Equalization Report and this has to be done prior to when they certify their assessed values to the State. It is a necessary thing that has to be done annually. She said that it will be no more than \$3,000 and there might be an additional \$500 if there is additional work to be done. She said she does have the funds available in her budget for this. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to enter into the agreement with Cender and Company to help with the Auditor's TIF Equalization Report. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration of an emergency ratification at the Emergency Operations Center. Commissioner Franke explained that this has to do with the fire radio console at the 911 Center that needed to be replaced in an emergency situation for a cost

of \$1,190. Commissioner Franke made a motion to ratify the emergency expenditure in the amount of \$1,190 to replace the fire radio console at the 911 Center. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Franke read the Animal Control Report for the month of June 2012. Seventy animals were picked up, 6 violations, 6 fines, 2 bite cases 4 animals reclaimed and 4,136 miles logged. Commissioner Franke made a motion to accept the Animal Control Monthly Report for the month of June 2012. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lienhoop presented the Clerk's Monthly Report for the month of June 2012. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to accept the Clerk's Monthly Report for the month of June 2012. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kleinhenz at 10:50 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Monday, August 6th, 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