

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**August 6, 2012**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on August 6, 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, County Auditor Barbara Hackman and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. Catherine Greenlee, with the Auditor's office, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the July 30, 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.

Next, Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permits Report from 7/30/2012 to 8/3/2012. Forty-three (43) building permits were issued with a fee amount of \$3,055.00 and a valuation amount of \$2,005,420.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander requested that the Commissioners release Driveway Bond 11B-06, posted by Brian & Amy Liimatta. This is Lot No. 9 in Sommerset Meadows. Commissioner Franke made a motion to release Driveway Bond 11B-06. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander gave the weekly crew report. Last week, they mowed in German, Hawcreek, Sandcreek and Wayne Township, put up signs, finished chip and seal, replaced pipe on 1100 E. and on 500 W., ditched on Lake Road and on 700 S., patched roads, replaced pipe on 300 E. and replaced inlet. Milestone paved 300 S., 950 S., 650 E., Southern Crossing, streets in Grammer, Drummond Dr. and Robin way.

Next was the ratification of a claim. Chairman Kleinhenz explained that the Auditor's office started to pay the striping bill and it overran by \$404.32. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the overrun on striping in the amount of \$404.32. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander did not present the MS4 Stormwater Report. It was not ready.

Michael Derleth, a property owner in Royal View, had a complaint with the County wanting to put in a 24-inch deep ditch around his property. He explained that he is required to pay for the culvert and the concrete work, but he does not feel he can afford to pay for this nor does he want this on his property. Engineer Hollander said that this is how the County maintains drainage. They do not have storm drains like in the City. It is all open ditches. He said that the ditch is what is needed to get the water off the road and move it where it needs to be. Commissioner Lienhoop suggested holding off the paving until an agreement can be made. Chairman Kleinhenz said it is not a good idea to use the road as a drainage ditch and if is paved, it will put even more pressure on the shoulders because the water will cut a natural ditch due to it being higher. Commissioner Franke

said that over the years, there have been complaints with drainage issues in Royal View and this is a good opportunity to alleviate at least part of those issues and to run that water across the landfill property, which has been discussed with Jim Murray. The Solid Waste Management District Board has agreed to allow a large pipe across the property to take the water to the ditch. He feels, to alleviate the issues, the County needs to proceed with the plan, but with a tapered ditch. Chairman Kleinhenz asked if this could be accomplished with a buried tile. Engineer Hollander said it would be possible, but more costly and would need inlets. Chairman Kleinhenz asked Commissioner Lienhoop to look into this. Chairman Kleinhenz assured Mr. Derleth that they would look into this and would try to come up with a compromise.

Commissioner Franke asked Engineer Hollander if he had gotten the right-of-way agreement signed for Bridge No. 211. Engineer Hollander said that the agreement was not signed, but the problem was worked out and Mr. Loesch was agreeable with the price of the property and the amount of right-of-way. Engineer Hollander stated that he had met with Matt Schafstall, the other property owner, who requested this project not start until he got his beans out, which means paving will not take place until next year.

Emergency Operations Director Ed Reuter was present for the consideration of a Maintenance Agreement with Sound Communications. Mr. Reuter explained that they had to upgrade the sound communication system because it was failing and had not had an upgrade since 2006. This upgrade cost around \$18,000, which they paid out of revenues from wireless money, so it was not County money. They had a year's reprieve

on the maintenance agreement, so they did not have to pay for anything for a year, but it is now time to start paying again. The maintenance agreement gives 24 hours per day, seven days per week and 365 days per year coverage. This system helps protect all of the County and City because of documenting everything in recordings. This company offers three different levels of coverage: Standard - \$4,637.79, Enhanced - \$5,324.87 and Premier - \$6,011.95. This is an annual agreement and the surcharge money will help cover this and he has the money in his budget this year. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the annual maintenance agreement with Sound Communications in the amount of \$6,011.95 for the sound communication system. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lienhoop said that the fire chiefs are going to meet Wednesday, August 8, 2012 to discuss the burning ban and will consider lifting the ban since there have been some requests in the County to lift it in different areas.

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kleinhenz at 10:28 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Monday, August 13th, 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