

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
August 26, 2013

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on August 26, 2013 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Carl Lienhoop called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Larry Kleinhenz and Rick Flohr, County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and Auditor's Office Deputy Chris West were also in attendance.

Commissioner Kleinhenz gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the last meeting. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the August 19, 2013 minutes. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the Claims. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the Claims as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Permit report. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report from 8/19/2013 to 8/23/2013. Fifty (50) permits had been issued with a fee amount of \$3,310 and a valuation amount of \$1,337,420.

The next item on the agenda was County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. The only item he had was the weekly crew report as follows:

They mowed in German, Jackson, Ohio & Sandcreek Townships, 2 seasonal employees have left, patched roads, wedged in Columbus, Sandcreek & Rockcreek

Township, trimmed trees in Newbern for a school bus, picked up trash, ditched and put in field entrance on 450 North East of SR 9 and put up signs. Milestone paved Stafford Road which completes all the paving for this year.

Commissioner Flohr thanked the Highway Department for taking care of Mt. Healthy Road. The residents greatly appreciated it.

Commissioner Kleinhenz asked if the 2014 budget included the purchase of a pickup. Engineer Hollander stated they did have one in the budget. Commissioner Kleinhenz had been at the Cummins announcement of the new pickups and wondered if they could delay the purchase next year until it is available. He was also wondering about Nissan as far as police vehicles.

Commissioner Lienhoop noted that the new culverts on 1050 East between 100 North and 200 North need leveled up with the pavement. Engineer Hollander will check on that.

The next item on the agenda was the Recycling Center Report. Heather Siesel presented volume reports to the Commissioners. The Center assisted with the Cummins Recycling Day on June 20th. It was a good joint effort. This will be reflected in some of the numbers for June. The report shows the Residential numbers have been consistently higher for May, June & July. It does not indicate more cars which can be taken to mean it is more material from the same people. The Commercial numbers show the cardboard is very steady. The numbers are a little inflated as the school system and Jail were

cleaning out their books and such over the summer. The Satellite numbers show that card board has grown.

Program Total numbers show the brush is up. It was down last year possibly due to the drought. They are having another free mulch pickup day, because of the increased brush amounts. Also, the report shows the new vinyl siding program. They have picked up the vinyl siding bin 3 times and are getting ready to pick it up again. The vinyl siding is going to a company in Michigan for recycling.

The Recycling Center has participated in the 4H Fair and the Farmers Markets. At the fair, they promoted their programs and participated in Kid's Day. They will be at Hope Heritage Days to promote their programs and hopefully to provide bins for recyclable items. They are working in the schools now that they are back in session. Heather has already booked 20 programs for the schools.

The Commissioners thanked Heather for her commitment and energy to the program.

The next item on the agenda was a decision on the Bartholomew County Courthouse ramp and restroom improvements that were taken under advisement. Charlie Day, from DLZ, recommended they accept the low bid subject to bonds and insurance as required by the contract. He has a standard contract with him that they can use. The bids were as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt#1</u>	<u>Alt#2</u>	<u>Alt#3</u>
Dunlap	\$159,000	+\$28,700	-\$5,200	-\$3,500

Repp & Mundt	\$155,686	+\$25,916	-\$5,765	-\$4,600
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Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the Repp & Mundt base bid for \$155,686 as well as alternate bid item #1 for \$25,916 to provide limestone veneer on the South and West elevations on the new ramp. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Amendment #4 of the Employee Benefit Trust Plan. They are tabling this issue for today as they are awaiting further information.

Commissioner Kleinhenz read the Animal Control Report. There were 51 animals picked up, 80 audits, 2 violations, 1 fine, 6 bite cases, 6 door hangers, 3 animals reclaimed and 7 traps loaned to the public.

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the Animal Control Report. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop had a request from the County Assessor to enter into a contract for a special appraisal concerning an appeal. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to enter into the contract for appraisal work for the Assessor's Office for \$150 per hour with the additions that Attorney Grant Tucker had stated in their morning discussions. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mike Lovelace was disappointed to see that the Council had taken the money out of the 2014 budget for the new Annex. He believes something needs to be done and done soon.

Mike Lovelace also asked if we paid \$20,000 to replace the front doors (*at the GOB*), why didn't we spend a little more and replace the entire entry work framing as some of it has rotted away.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Lienhoop at 10:30 a.m. Next Monday is Labor Day and the County Offices will be closed. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

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COMMISSIONERS

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

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ATTEST:

BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR