

## **COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**August 4, 2014**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on August 4, 2014 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 County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also in attendance.

Catherine Greenlee from the Auditor's Office gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the July 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Flohr, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of payroll. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the payroll. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the weekly permit report. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permit Report dated 7/28/14 to 8/1/14. Forty-six (46) permits had been issued with a fee amount of \$5,646 and an estimated construction cost of \$2,343,900. The Detail Fees Report for July, 2014 was also submitted and showed \$29,416 total fees collected for the month.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: put up signs; patched roads; mowed in Hawcreek, Columbus, German and Clifty Townships; replaced pipes on 550W and Base Road; did chip and seal in Columbus, German and Flatrock Townships; milled on 265N, 100E and 600E; hauled 7 loads of mulch to Youth Camp; and Milestone paved on 265N and 600E.

Engineer Hollander then presented a letter addressed to the County Surveyor requesting the staking of right-of-way on the south side of Carr Hill Road to be signed by

the Commissioners. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to sign the letter requesting surveyor work on Carr Hill Rd. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Additionally, Engineer Hollander requested the Commissioners' consideration of the Local Public Agency Project Coordination Contract with INDOT (EDS A249-14-320908, DN 0401196, CFDA 20.205) for transportation enhancement through the rehabilitation or repair of the Newbern Bridge (#26). The maximum amount of federal funds allocated to the project is \$744,000 (80% of eligible project costs) and will be available between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016. Other conditions of the contract are standard requirements for federally-aided projects. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to sign the Newbern Bridge Project LPA contract with INDOT. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop presented a Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Cooperation and Coordination of Implementing 327 IAC 15-13 (Rule 13) between the following entities:

Bartholomew County, Indiana  
City of Columbus, Indiana  
Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District  
Bartholomew County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Flatrock-Haw Creek Watershed Program  
Purdue University acting on behalf of Bartholomew County Purdue Extension

The MOU obligates the participants to cooperatively carry out requirements to meet the minimum control measures for Public Education and Outreach and Public Participation Involvement which is one area of Part C of the County's federally-mandated MS4 Program. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to sign the MOU for Implementing Rule 13 to facilitate MS4 reporting requirements. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was presented by E911 Director Ed Reuter. He submitted an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. to replace the 13-year-old radio/dispatch

system at the 911 Emergency Operations Center (this project is also known as the P25 upgrade). The National Standard P25 has changed which has prompted this upgrade. Upgrades of the Indiana State Police Dispatch Regions will be occurring over the next two years. Research to address the issue of the aging dispatch system began two years ago. EOC administrators sought input through joint council meetings consisting of city and county officials, including council members, commissioners, auditors, treasurers, and law enforcement personnel. They also looked at when the State would be implementing the P25 standard. The current radios were designed in the 1980's, installed in 2001 and some key component replacement parts are no longer being made.

OPTION I: Take No Action

- E911 Center would continue to function as is
- E911 Center would not meet P25 National Standards
- Failure of radios could take 3-4 months to order and install
- Current backup radios are aged, analog system
- No interoperability with other P25-operating agencies
- Prices are likely to increase and lose promotional offer

OPTION II: Lease

- Initial payment due one year from installation
- Leasing would cost more over long term

OPTION III: Purchase

- Savings of \$42,161.55 by purchasing equipment versus leasing
- Can redeem \$50,000 promotional discount
- Can save \$6,644.55 by signing 5-year service agreement over a renewable annual agreement for 5 years
- Total savings of \$98,806.10 realized through purchase -vs- lease

County Attorney Grant Tucker examined and negotiated the contract to bring the best quote and payment structure for consideration. The cost of purchase and installation was quoted at \$453,252 along with a discounted 5-year maintenance cost of \$76,066.97 making the total commitment for the first five years \$529,318.98. Funding would be split 45% (Bartholomew County) and 55% (City of Columbus). The County's portion would

disburse from the 9-1-1 Fund with the CEDIT Fund covering the shortfall. The upgrade has been approved by County and City Councils. County resident Mike Lovelace asked if another company besides Motorola was considered. Mr. Reuter stated that he received no response to his inquiries to other companies. Motorola has roughly 80% of the P25 business and has been selected to do the State's internal upgrades. Considering the EOC's current technology, a transfer to a different company would be more costly. Police car radios will be compatible with the P25 upgrade with minimal programming adjustments. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to sign the agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the P25 upgrade to the radio/dispatch system at the 911 EOC. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was a request from the City of Columbus to waive permit fees for the construction of restrooms at the shooting range facility at the airport. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to waive the building permit fees for the improvement. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Lastly, County Auditor Barbara Hackman presented Budget Form 144's for the County's 2015 salary requests. New this year would be the request for longevity pay for county employees. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to accept the Budget Form 144's as presented by Auditor Hackman. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop spoke on the status of the Annex Building project in response to county resident Mike Lovelace's question.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:50 a.m. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
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CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

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RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN