

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

November 3, 2014

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on November 3, 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 were present. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also in attendance.

County Assessor Lew Wilson gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the October 27, 2014 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permit Report dated 10/27/14 to 10/31/14. Thirty-one (31) permits had been issued with fees collected in the amount of \$3,848 and an estimated construction cost of \$1,657,500.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: mowed in Hawcreek and German Townships; built a gabion wall on 50S; stoned along road shoulders; wedged in Clifty Township; put up signs; ditched on 500W and 275S; put in a pipe at a field entrance on 300W; patched roads and picked up trash.

Engineer Hollander presented a bridge inspection contract with United Consulting for consideration. The services are to be performed in two phases of inspections of 204 bridges over a 4-year period for an amount not to exceed \$346,500 (up from \$287,950 in 2010 and \$122,500 in 2006). Eighty percent is paid federally and the County's share is twenty percent. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve the bridge inspection

contract with United Consulting in the amount of \$346,500. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander also presented a final change order and payment for Duncan Robertson's work on Bridge #148 on Tannehill Road outside of Taylorsville. Final total of cost overruns for the project came in at \$10,035.47, about 2% over the \$628,592.99 contracted price. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the final change order to close out the Bridge #148 Project. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration of a LPA project coordination contract with INDOT. The federal funding coming from MPO safety money totaling \$216,231 would be used for a sign replacement project. Funds will be available between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to enter into the INDOT LPA Project Coordination Contract. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander then submitted two quotes for overlay on 325W from Lowell Road to 500' south of 200N as follows:

	<u>Surface</u>	<u>Binder</u>	<u>Total Quote</u>
Milestone Contractors, LP	\$80,025	\$202,475	\$282,500
Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc.	\$93,885	\$215,380	\$309,265

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the low bid from Milestone. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Veteran's Services Officer Tom Crawford informed the Commissioners about an upcoming community outreach event. The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs Employment Assistance event is scheduled for November 20, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Ivy Tech Community College Columbus Learning Center located at 4555 Central Avenue, Columbus. State-wide statistics show that only 20% of Indiana veterans are being reached. This event will provide educational and employment opportunities for veterans from Bartholomew and surrounding counties. Many local

employers will be attending, including Honda, Indiana State Police, and United States Postal Service to name a few.

When questioned about a shortage of van drivers VSO Crawford confirmed that his department struggles to provide transportation for all veteran requests not only because of driver shortage, but also because of the County's small van size. Requests addressed to Mr. Todd of the Disabled American Veterans organization in Indianapolis for a larger van have been denied thus far. There is also a shortage of drivers due to the advancing age of current volunteers and the physical screening requirements through the DAV for potential new volunteer drivers. VSO Crawford has requested dates from the DAV to meet with himself and the Commissioners to discuss the situation.

The next item of business was a decision on the vehicle for the Assessor's Office from the four bids submitted last week.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Bob Poynter Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Inc.	2015 Dodge Dart SE	\$ 16,842
	2015 Hyundai Elantra SE	\$ 17,810
Renner Motors, Inc.	2014 Ford Focus Sedan SE	\$ 17,900
	2015 Honda Civic Sedan LX	\$ 18,838

County Assessor Lew Wilson recommended the purchase of the 2015 Hyundai Elantra SE for \$17,810. While it was not the lowest bid (by \$968), Assessor Wilson justified his recommendation since the Hyundai comes with an exceptional warranty and rating. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to award the bid to Bob Poynter Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Inc. for the 2015 Hyundai Elantra SE as recommended by Assessor Wilson. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Assessor Lew Wilson also presented for consideration an agreement with Don R. Scheidt & Co. for professional and consultative services for properties under appeal with the Assessor's Office that may present a conflict-of-interest for Appraiser's Inc. or

Quality Appraisal Services, Inc. The contract is not to exceed \$16,000 per contract year and runs from 11/3/14 through 12/31/15. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to enter into the agreement with Don R. Scheidt & Co. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Additionally, Assessor Wilson submitted an agreement with Johnson Services for data entry services, particularly for commercial properties, paid at \$18 to \$22 per hour not to exceed \$22,000 for the period of November 3, 2014 through December 31, 2015. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to enter into the contract with Johnson Services. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next item of business was the ratification of an emergency claim with Circle R Mechanical Contractor, Inc. for repair of the collapsed sewer line at the Annex Building. Amount of the claim was \$4,635.48. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to ratify the expenditure to Circle R. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Likewise, an emergency claim with South Central was presented for ratification for repairs to the GOB Commissioners' Office heating unit totaling \$2,020.77 which may have resulted from a recent downtown brownout. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to ratify the expenditure to South Central.

Next item of business was the consideration of an employment contract for use by the County Recorder's Office to employ individuals for scanning, indexing and copying records at a rate of \$11/hour with no tax withholding by the County. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve the employment contract. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Audience member John Dishinger questioned the purpose of retaining a sizeable \$280,000 in the Recorder's non-reverting fund. Auditor Hackman stated that operating expenses are paid out of this Perpetuation Fund.

Miscellaneous business included an announcement that County Offices would be closed Tuesday, November 4th, for the General Election.

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

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST:

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