

## **COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**July 20, 2015**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on July 20, 2015 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Larry Kleinhenz, Carl Lienhoop and Rick Flohr were present. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also in attendance.

Chairman Larry Kleinhenz called the meeting to order and E911 Director Ed Reuter gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the July 13, 2015 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of payroll. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the payroll. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permit Report dated 7/13/15 to 7/17/15. Thirty-seven (37) permits had been issued with fees collected of \$2,342 and an estimated construction cost of \$883,790.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: put up high water and road closure signs; patched roads; cut up trees from storm; fixed washouts, and; mowed in Rockcreek, Wayne, Flatrock and Ohio Townships. Mr. Hollander commented that while critical areas have been cleared, cleaning up brush resulting from storm damage could keep them busy for over a month. At the same time, the Highway Department hasn't begun chip-sealing or wedging and is running behind on the regular summer work. He asked for some direction on performing off-road work. The Commissioners felt that non-priority brush clearing should be put off until this fall to accommodate more pressing summer activities. The public should feel at liberty to clear storm damaged brush themselves, if desired.

Next, Mr. Hollander asked to give Notice to Bidders for Phase 2 of the 2015 Road Overlay Program (five more miles of overlay) with the advertisement to run on 7/23/15 and 7/30/15. Sealed bids would be received in the Commissioners' Office until 10:00 a.m. August 10, 2015 and opened at that day's meeting. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve advertising the Phase 2 Road Overlay Notice to Bidders. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Hollander then submitted the two bids received for installation of 550 feet of guardrail on Tannehill Road:

Drew Corporation (Indianapolis)	\$9,876.50
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Specialties Company, LLC (Indianapolis)	\$21,900.00
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Commissioner Flohr motioned to accept the low bid from Drew Corporation for installing guardrail on Tannehill Road. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Mr. Hollander asked for the consideration of an agreement with DLZ Indiana, Inc. to provide professional architectural and engineering services for the construction of a new salt/sand storage building to replace the currently deficient storage building which would then be repurposed. The cost of services would be \$12,500 with incidental fees not to exceed \$3,000 for a total not to exceed \$15,500. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to enter into the agreement with DLZ for the construction of a new storage building. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

For the next agenda item, E911 Director Ed Reuter asked for consideration of a one-year renewal service contract with Liebert (through Matrix Integration) for Emergency Operations Center's backup battery. The contract term would run from 7/24/15 through 7/23/16 for \$4,344. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to sign the renewal agreement with Liebert (Matrix) for \$4,344. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Lienhoop acknowledged the receipt of the County Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month of June, 2015 and made a motion to approve it for submission to the SBOA. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

After addressing all items on the published agenda, the Commissioners heard concerns from Grandview residents Harry Sanders and Ed Marcum. They alleged that neighboring property may be in violation of code regarding structure/use of property. They have voiced their complaints to County Code Enforcement, the Planning Department, Attorney Cindy Boll, but are frustrated and confused with the lack of resolution at this point. Mr. Marcum explained that the subject lot has a second structure much the same size as the owner's residence. It appears this second structure at the lake is being marketed on several websites and day-rented out to non-residents. The guests are disturbing the peace with parties, e.g., bachelor/bachelorette parties, and Mr. Marcum's home has been entered by these strangers/patrons on more than one occasion. He alleged that the first floor of the primary house is also being rented out and there is traffic between the two. Not only is this a public nuisance, but possible code violation, as well. Mr. Sanders complained that he had unsuccessfully tried to stop the construction of the second structure. It's rented every weekend and there have been parties of as many as 30 people at one time. They have been told by Planning Director Jeff Bergman that there has been no request for approval of conditional use of the property or for the structure to be used as an accessory dwelling. The men wanted an explanation of what violations have been cited, what is the procedure to come to a resolution, and a status update of action being taken. Chief Code Enforcement Officer Brian Thompson responded that he has proceeded to act on these violations as outlined in zoning ordinances, but efforts have been slower than expected because of the owner's resistance. Mr. Thompson stated that he had spoken with Attorney Cindy Boll that morning and that among the several violations the bigger violation at this point would be the "use of property". Ms. Boll

would be sending a certified letter and the owner would have 14 days after receipt to comply by discontinuing the illegal use of property.

Lastly, in response to a comment made in The Republic, Commissioner Flohr commented that ideas conveyed to the Commissioners do not fall on deaf ears and that the Board sorts through all requests and suggestions, the good and the bad, when making decisions for the County.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN

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RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER