

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
January 12, 2015

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on January 12, 2015 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Larry Kleinhenz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Rick Flohr and Carl Lienhoop were present. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also in attendance.

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

First item on the agenda was the approval of the January 5, 2015 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of claims. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Lienhoop, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the weekly reports. Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permits Report dated 1/5/15 to 1/12/15. Twenty (20) permits had been issued with fees collected in the amount of \$5,177 and estimated construction costs of \$1,455,780.

Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: put up signs, ditched in Wayne Township, mowed in Clifty and Ohio Townships, ground stumps, washed and waxed trucks, picked up tires, sprayed brine and sanded roads.

Engineer Hollander then presented a list of thirty-three (33) driveway bonds to be released. The bond numbers are: 06B-01, 06B-17, 07B-03, 07B-07, 07B-20, 07B-25, 08B-04, 08B-05B, 08B-07, 08B-08, 08B-16, 09B-02, 09B-03, 09B-06, 09B-07, 09B-08, 09B-10, 10B-02, 10B-03, 10B-04, 10B-05, 10B-07, 10B-08, 10B-09, 11B-003, 11B-008, 12B-005, 12B-006, 12B-008, 13B-002, 13B-005, 13B-006, and 13B-007. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to release the driveway bonds as presented on the list. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Engineer Hollander, along with Highway Superintendent Dwight Smith, presented for consideration two (2) agreements for remote sand/salt stockpile sites for the period of November 15, 2014 to April 15, 2015. The agreements were with ***Columbus Silgas*** to stockpile salt/sand reserves on the owner's property located at 1864 West 550 North, Columbus, and with ***Growers Farm Service*** for stockpiling sand/salt reserves on the owner's property located at 6651 East 800 South, Elizabethtown. Quoted price of storage was \$4.00/ton. Commissioner Lienhoop made the motion to re-enter into the two (2) agreements for remote salt/sand storage. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item, MS4 Operator Monthly Report, was not ready for presentation.

Veteran's Services Officer Tom Crawford read the Veteran's Services Report for the month of December, 2014. The Veteran's Office conducted 129 scheduled/walk-in/outside interviews; made 16 trips to the VA Hospital; and traveled 1,645 miles. Additional contacts totaled 220 by phone and 10 by mail. He then presented the annual totals for 2014: 1,660 interviews; 208 trips to the VA Hospital; 20,817 miles driven on van (accident-free); 3,631 phone calls; and 230 new clients. Additionally, VSO Crawford mentioned that a DAV Mobile Van event will be on July 7, 2015. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to accept the Monthly Veteran's Report for December, 2014. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next, Emergency Management Director Dennis Moats presented for consideration the 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-Grant Agreement, EDS# C44P-5-568B. This is a pass-through grant application for breaching equipment totaling \$12,500 and the term extends from December 15, 2014 to July 31, 2015. Todd Harry with the Columbus Police Department showed the Commissioners one of the entry tool sets previously obtained. The hope is to equip 20 more CPD officers and 20 sheriff's deputies with breaching toolsets, with one of those sets going to the Hope Police Department. Commissioner Lienhoop made the motion to approve the Homeland Security Sub-Grant

application for \$12,500 for breaching equipment. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next agenda item was the consideration of an agreement with Universal Valuation, Inc. (Indianapolis) to provide Bartholomew County with an appraisal report of the County's subject buildings for insurance placement purposes. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to enter into the agreement with Universal Valuation, Inc. to maintain Proof-Of-Loss Service for a fee of \$246 for the year. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Additionally, the UVI contract provides Bartholomew County with an appraisal report of the County's subject buildings for a fee not to exceed \$3,325. Commissioner Lienhoop made the motion to enter into the agreement with Universal Valuation, Inc. for \$3,325 for appraisal services. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Lienhoop read the list of 2015 Commissioners' appointments to Boards, Commissions, & Committees not covered last week as follows:

<i>Board of Zoning Appeals</i>	<i>Dave Flohr</i>
<i>County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Promotion Commission</i>	<i>Denise Pence</i>
<i>Joint Council of the Emergency Dispatch Service for Public Safety</i>	<i>Carl Lienhoop</i>
<i>Redevelopment Commission</i>	<i>Bob Abrams (BCSC Rep.)</i>
<i>Wage and Hour Committee</i>	<i>Stacey Gross Werner Jorck</i>

Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to approve those appointments. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Kleinhenz presented the Clerk of the Circuit Court Monthly Report for the month of October, 2014. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the Clerk's October, 2014 Monthly Report. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop presented the County Treasurer's Monthly Reports for the month of December, 2014. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve the Treasurer's December, 2014 Monthly Report. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chairman Kleinhenz announced the closing of County Offices on Monday, January 19, 2015 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Therefore, the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

Mark Webber of The Republic asked for the Commissioners' reaction to the Associated Press reporting of hearings currently underway -- Local governments would be prohibited from placing restrictions on large livestock facilities in rural areas under a bill being considered in the Indiana Senate. Senate Bill 249, introduced by the Agriculture Committee Chairwoman Senator Jean Leising, would not allow counties and other local governments to adopt any rules more restrictive than state laws for building livestock structures in areas zoned for agricultural use. The bill is responding to various counties that have sought moratoriums on large livestock facilities.

Commissioner Flohr responded that any confined-animal feeding operation (CAFO) is a conditional use of land and has to go before the Board of Zoning Appeals, according to statute, and he stands behind the County's establishment of the moratorium.

Commissioner Lienhoop suggested the slant of the bill might reflect Senator Leising's ties with Farm Bureau and questioned whether the bill would pass. He hoped that the legislators will recognize that local governments should have a little voice in what happens in their jurisdictions.

Commissioner Kleinhenz wasn't surprised that a bill of this nature was generated and doubts that it will gain much traction, but was concerned that if [the State] mandates things like that, then why do we need local government? The people want to have a say in their communities. He feels that the County's prudent consideration of a CAFO moratorium was handled very responsibly.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kleinhenz
at 10:40 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

BARBARA J. HACKMAN