

## **COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**October 5, 2015**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on October 5, 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 was also in attendance. County Auditor Barbara Hackman was absent, but Chief Deputy Auditor Sandra Beatty was present from the Auditor's Office.

Chairman Larry Kleinhenz called the meeting to order. 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 September 28, 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 claims. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the claims. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permit Report dated 9/28/15 to 10/2/15. Thirty-three (33) permits had been issued with fees collected of \$5,141 and an estimated construction cost of \$3,085,963.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: patched roads, mowed in Columbus and German Townships; wedged in Columbus and Harrison Townships; put in driveway pipes on Northgate Drive, Deaver Road, 250N and in Newbern; laid rip rap on the ditch bank on Base Road and at Schaffer Lake; put up signs; hauled mulch to Harrison Fire Department; and made an earth berm on 750E.

County resident Lawrence Johnson asked why 500 South received overlay rather than chip and seal treatment. Engineer Hollander replied that it depends on the different degrees of deterioration as determined by inspection.

Mr. Hollander then introduced Eric Brunn of Strand and Associates who presented the title sheet on Bridge #96 over Rocky Ford Road just west of Talley Road in Columbus Township. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to sign the title sheet for Bridge No. 96. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Emergency Management Director Dennis Moats presented the next agenda item. A **Resolution** to appoint one or more individuals to act on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners to receive state and federal grant and sub-grant (or sub-award) funds from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation. (*See attached*) Due to the implementation of e-contracts through the Indiana Department of Administration, it has become mandatory that all grant applicants/recipients assign two signatories authorized to sign electronically. The state recommends designating the Chairman of the County Commissioners and the County Auditor as authorized to complete e-signatures. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the Resolution identifying the Chairman of the Commissioners and the County Auditor with the authority to execute e-signatures for grant procedures. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the Commissioners' decision regarding the **third party administrator** (TPA) of the Employees' Healthcare Benefit Plan. At the Commissioners' request, the county's insurance broker, Greg Fox, solicited proposals from area TPAs. Over the past several weeks, the Commissioners heard presentations from MedBen, SIHO & Dunn – Anthem and The Health Plan submitted paperwork. Following is a summary of the comparison of costs used in deliberations as prepared by Greg Fox, the county's agent of record:

COMPARISON OF THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FEES

	Dunn	The Health Plan	MedBen	SIHO	Anthem
Subtotal Fixed Costs per Employee (366)	\$ 22.85	\$ 35.80	\$ 44.10	\$ 34.70	\$ 45.67
Subtotal Fixed Costs Annualized	\$ 100,357.20	\$ 157,233.60	\$ 163,382.40	\$ 143,618.40	\$ 200,582.64
Rx Rebates/Credits (\$109k Rebates in 2014)	\$ -109,000.00	\$ -109,000.00	\$ -109,000.00	\$ -39,528.00	\$ <i>Retains</i>
Net Total of Fixed Costs less Rx Rebates	\$ -8,642.80	\$ 48,233.60	\$ 54,382.40	\$ 104,090.40	\$ 200,582.64

In the end, Dunn & Associates was significantly cheaper for relatively the same or better benefits. The TPA administration fees represent only about 3% of total healthcare costs. What reduces costs mostly are the methods of payment that TPAs utilize which includes rebates, discounts, networking, and price negotiations. Commissioner Lienhoop made the motion to continue to partner with Dunn as TPA for the County Employee Health Benefit Trust. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

For the next agenda item, County Attorney Grant Tucker opened bids for the **demolition of the County Annex Building:**

Demolition Excavating Group, Inc. (Manito, IL)	\$99,870
Renascent, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN)	\$144,850
Earth Services (Benton, IL)	\$211,300
Vann Companies, LLC (New Hope, MN)	\$373,399.13

Noting the wide range of bids and that only two of the four were within the County’s price range, Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to take the bids under advisement. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the **Poor Relief Public Hearing** for Bartholomew County resident Melody Arney’s appeal of Jackson Township Trustee Bruce Bartells’ decision to deny poor relief. After hearing arguments last week, Commissioners had tabled the decision until this week to give time for Ms. Arney and Mr. Bartells to meet once more, update an application, and either come to a resolution or complete a denial letter. Ms. Arney and Mr. Bartells met and came to an agreement. A \$50 voucher was issued to REMC for Ms.

Arney's electric bill. To date, the Jackson Township Trustee has paid out \$500 on Ms. Arney's behalf. A new application was completed stating that her boyfriend was living in the home and working part-time as a day-laborer. As the boyfriend might contribute time for babysitting, Mr. Bartells gave Ms. Arney a list of 15 companies that are currently hiring full-time and part-time positions. He also gave her United Way materials providing budgeting and childcare resources.

Ms. Arney then spoke and said that with the additional meeting and voucher that an agreement had been reached in lieu of the original appeal.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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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

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

Board of Commissioners of the County of Bartholomew ("Board")  
(County Name)

THAT

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, OR  
(Position or Title of Authorized Agent)  
Auditor of Bartholomew County,  
(Position or Title of Authorized Agent)

is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the Board, any actions or documents, including grant and sub-grant or subrecipient applications and agreements, necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal or State financial assistance from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security or the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation.

Passed and approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 20 15.

This authorization may be revoked by the Board at any time by notifying the Indiana Department of Homeland Security in writing. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation may rely on this Resolution until notified that it has been formally revoked by the Board.

**Certification**

I, Larry S. Kleinhenz, duly appointed  
(Name)

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the County  
(Title)

of Bartholomew do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct  
(County Name)

copy of the resolution passed and approved by the Board on the

5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 20 15.

Larry S. Kleinhenz  
Printed Name

Commissioner Chairman  
Official Position

Larry S. Kleinhenz  
Signature

October 5, 2015  
Date