

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 26, 2015

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on October 26, 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. 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 19, 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 10/19/15 to 10/23/15. Thirty (30) permits had been issued with fees collected of \$3,596 and estimated construction costs of \$1,600,309.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: mowed in Harrison Township; put a new deck on Bridge #73 on 900N; stoned along Seymour Road, 550W, 330W and Lowell Road; milled and wedged on Wolfcreek; ditched and put in driveway pipe on 750S and replaced pipe on Denois Street; paved on 330W and on 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Hollander also submitted the Highway Monthly Financial Report for September, 2015.

VSO Tom Crawford presented the **Veteran's Services Report** for the month of September, 2015. The Veteran's Office conducted 102 scheduled/walk-in/outside interviews; made 283 contacts by phone/mail; made 20 trips to the VA Hospital; and traveled 2,121 miles. The office processed 21 new applicants. Mr. Crawford attended an IDVA Outreach event at Ivy Tech.

Additionally, Mr. Crawford said that one of his van drivers, Dale Driscoll, recently passed away. Mr. Driscoll was not a veteran, but wanted to serve veterans by driving for them. He chauffeured veterans to the VA on Wednesdays and served as a backup driver on other days. Mr. Driscoll's passing has left the department short-handed and Mr. Crawford is actively seeking a replacement(s), particularly for Wednesday trips. The qualification process for drivers is stringent and takes a significant amount of time to complete. It includes passing hearing and eye tests, a health screening, passing yearly TB tests, FBI check, driving violations check, having a valid driver's license and insurance, and an orientation at the VA. Having enough drivers is important to ensure the county's eligibility to retain and use the van provided by the VA/DAV out of Indianapolis Roudebush. Monthly usage requirements are: at least 10 visits to the VA or 1,000 miles. Currently, the requirement is being met as each roundtrip is 100 miles and being traveled 15 to 20 times a month.

For the next item of business, Planning Department Director Jeff Bergman presented an Administrative Subdivision Plat for the **Schaeffer Lake Addition 2<sup>nd</sup> Replat of Lot 57** (B/AD-15-18). The subject property is located at 15641 Lake Shore Drive North in Hawcreek Township. The owners Robert and Sandra Gilliland wish to dedicate 0.0228 acres to give the county proper right-of-way for Lake Shore Drive North which overlays a small portion of their property. Commissioner Flohr motioned to accept the dedication of right-of-way. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Solid Waste Management Education Coordinator Ross Keller presented the **Recycling Center** Volumes through September, 2015. Volume numbers are remaining consistent. Cardboard continues to be the largest contributor in recycling volumes for residential and commercial areas. Residential cardboard averages 14,000 pounds per month and commercial averages 170,000 pounds per month. Satellite recycling volumes are averaging 20,000 pounds per month and Reuse Center volumes are at 26,000 pounds per month. Increase in yard waste totals (leaves) are expected for October. Last day for

\$10 loads of mulch for residents will be this Friday, October 30th. Upcoming events include:

“Get Caught Recycling”	November 13, 2015
Amnesty Day	November 14, 2015
Déjà Vu Art and Fine Craft Show	November 14, 2015

Next, was a three (3) year contract for the **maintenance of four (4) flower beds** at the GOB submitted by Becky’s Flowers (Columbus) totaling \$4,500 annually for spring, summer, fall and winter plantings and maintenance from 1/1/2016 through 12/31/2018. Audience members Mike Lovelace and Lisa Denton separately suggested either doing away with the maintenance of the flower beds or finding a more economical solution in light of budget woes. The Commissioners had discussed this expense before the meeting for the same reason. The county has tried different options in the past that haven’t worked out well. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to contract with Becky’s Flowers for maintenance of the flower beds totaling \$4,500 yearly. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Assistant Director of Public Health Nursing Division Amanda Organist presented the next agenda item. Bids had been solicited for the purchase of a pharmacy-grade, undercounter **refrigerator for the Nursing Division’s** vaccine storage. Of the three bids received; one was thrown out due to submission error, one fell short of specifications (Henry Schein for \$939.46), which left one bid submitted from Helmer Scientific (Noblesville). It was Ms. Organist’s recommendation to purchase the item from Helmer Scientific. The \$3,917 quote was for a 5 cubic-feet pharmacy undercounter refrigerator, preventive maintenance, and lift gate service. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to accept the bid from Helmer Scientific. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, the Commissioners requested that **elected officials** temporarily give up their parking spaces on the North side of the building from November 2nd through November

10th to accommodate taxpayers making their payments due November 10, 2015. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion agreeing with the request. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

For the next agenda item, Animal Control Officer Mark Case read the monthly **Animal Control Report** for September, 2015, as follows: there were 121 cases, 40 animals were picked up, 117 audits, 2 violations, 0 fines, 1 bite case, 8 door hangers placed, 6 reclaimed animals, and 7 traps loaned to the public. The two vans traveled a total of 4,750 miles. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the September, 2015 Animal Control Report. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration to **ratify an expenditure for the Maintenance Department**. Supervisor Rick Trimpe stated that the new heating and air loop system at the Courthouse requires a special crimping tool for repairs to its carbon steel components. Mr. Trimpe had obtained quotes for a Milwaukee 2673-22L M18 Force Logic Long Throw Press Tool from: GreatLakesPowerTools.com (\$3,399); Jean-Claude Cayer Enterprises Ltd. (\$3,809); and BC Fasteners & Tool Ltd. (\$3,816.44). Mr. Trimpe submitted the invoice from the lowest quote, GreatLakesPowerTools.com totaling \$3,399 for the Milwaukee Press Tool. Commissioner Flohr motioned to ratify the expenditure. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Lastly, Purdue Extension Educator Kris Medic gave an update on the **CAFO** meeting held last week. The committee members performed a review of the assembled recommendations before sending them on to the Planning Department for zoning codification. Zoning will be based upon the majority recommendations and then legally reviewed. The committee will review once again and pass through the Planning Commission (Jan., 2016) before being received by the Commissioners.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 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