

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 30, 2015

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on March 30, 2015 in the Commissioners' Chambers of 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 Auditor Barbara Hackman were also in attendance.

Chairman Kleinhenz called the meeting to order and Commissioner Flohr gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item of business was the approval of the March 23, 2015 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned 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 Permit Report dated 3/23/15 to 3/27/15. Twenty-four (24) permits had been issued with fees collected of \$2,384 and an estimated construction cost of \$1,273,459.

Next, County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: put up signs; patched roads; put stone down along roads; cut trees on 750E, 1000E and 300S and ground stumps; fixed a sink hole on Seymour Road; and dug and put in a drywell at the Highway Garage.

The next agenda item was the consideration of an amendment (#2) to the Bartholomew County Flexible Benefit Plan. The medical cost allotment of pre-tax dollars allowed to county employees (flexible spending plan) has been reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,500, as federally mandated. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the change to the County's Flexible Benefit Plan. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Pursuant to Indiana statute, IC 3-11-10-26 regarding absentee voting, County Clerk Jay Phelps presented a written request to extend the courthouse hours to accommodate absentee voting for the May 5, 2015 City Election addressed to the Commissioners and carbon-copied to the Maintenance and Sheriff's Departments. The Voter Registration Office will be open the two Saturdays prior to Election Day, April 25, 2015 and May 2, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for casting absentee ballots. On Election Day the courthouse will open at 5:00 a.m. and remain open until ballots are tabulated. Clerk Phelps added that April 7, 2015 will be the first day to start voting at the Voter Registration Office, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Additionally, he requested help from the Maintenance Department to put up parking barricades on Election Day for the return of voting equipment to the courthouse and to stay until all vote machines have been tabulated, returned and secured on the fourth floor. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the requests for the extended courthouse hours and help with barricades for the upcoming election. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Early Voting available at Satellite Locations:

Donner Center

April 27th – May 1st (11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

May 2nd (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

MainSource Bank (Westside)

April 25th and May 2nd (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Grace Lutheran Church

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Election Day Vote Center Locations:

May 2nd (6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

St. John's Masonic Lodge, 4131 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus

Grace Lutheran Church, 3201 Central Ave., Columbus

Healing Waters Church, 2330 Midway, Columbus

Donner Center, 739 22nd St., Columbus
East Columbus United Methodist Church, 2439 Indiana Ave., Cols.
The Commons, 300 Washington St., Columbus
MainSource Bank, 2310 W. Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus
Terrace Lake Church, 4260 W 200 S, Columbus

Next, IT Director Jim Hartsook presented an amendment to the agreement with the County's phone system provider, Windstream, to change out a router to accommodate the additional line at Court Services. The switch will not result in additional charges. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to sign the amendment with Windstream. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next item was the consideration of a Resolution Adopting a Capital Improvement Plan for Utilization of Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Funds. State statute requires that any governmental entity, receiving EDIT funds must have a financial plan for the funds approved by their executive board. Commissioner Flohr read the Capital Improvement Plan's allocation of EDIT funds as presented in the Resolution (*see attached*). The main difference in the 2015/2016 plan is the allotment of \$750,000 to the Annex Building construction resulting in a decrease of roughly the same amount to the general maintenance and repair of county roads. Commissioner Flohr made the motion to sign the Resolution Adopting a Capital Improvement Plan for Utilization of Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Funds. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next agenda item was the monthly Animal Control Report for February, 2015. Animal Control Officer Mark Case read the report as follows: there were 82 cases, 29 animals were picked up, 102 audits, 3 violations, 2 fines, 3 bite cases, 4 door hangers placed, 4 reclaimed animals, and 1 trap loaned to the public. The two vans traveled a total of 2,890 miles in February. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to accept the February, 2015 Animal Control Report, as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Under miscellaneous, a request to pay legal fees in excess of the \$12,500 contracted amount with Barnes and Thornburg was presented. Of the \$7,883.50 invoice due, \$6,456.94 was for service fees above the \$12,500 contract amount. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the payment to Barnes & Thornburg. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Sheriff Matt Myers announced that his first community crime prevention meeting will be held at the Town Hall Meeting Room in Hope on March 31, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Treasurer Pia O'Connor announced that property tax bills will be mailed on or before April 17, 2015.

Chairman Kleinhenz announced that County Offices will close at 12:00 p.m., Noon on Friday, April 3, 2014 in observance of Good Friday.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kleinhenz at 10:45 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

BARBARA J. HACKMAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 03

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR UTILIZATION OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County, Indiana intend to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan for the utilization of Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Funds during calendar years 2015 and 2016; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA to adopt the following Capital Improvement Plan pertaining to the utilization of the County's portion of the EDIT Funds during calendar years 2015 and 2016.

1. Up to the sum of Five Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$569,000.00) will be utilized during calendar year 2015 for Public Safety.

2. Up to the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) will be used for the maintenance and improvement of County buildings and facilities in calendar year 2015, in calendar year 2016, the amount of funds utilized for the maintenance of buildings will be adjusted based upon the EDIT funds anticipated.

3. Up to the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) will be applied to the cost of the construction of a new Bartholomew County Annex Building.

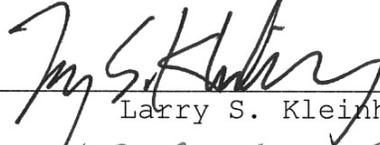
4. Up to the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) will be used to obtain two (2) seats on the Columbus Economic Development Board in calendar years 2015 and 2016. One membership shall be utilized by a Bartholomew County Commissioner and one membership shall be utilized by a Bartholomew County Council member.

5. Up to the sum of Four Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$479,000.00) will be utilized during calendar year 2015 for general maintenance and repair of county roads. For calendar year 2016, the amount of funds utilized for general maintenance and repair of county roads will be adjusted based upon the EDIT funds anticipated.

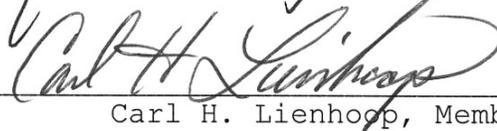
6. Upon passage of this resolution and proper appropriation by the Bartholomew County Council, the Bartholomew County Auditor is authorized to distribute the County's portion of the EDIT Funds consistent with the provision of this Capital Improvement Plan.

7. That this Resolution and Amended Capital Improvement Plan shall be effective Immediately upon its passage.

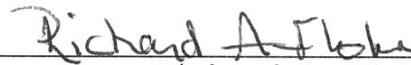
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA



Larry S. Kleinhenz, Chairman



Carl H. Lienhoop, Member



Richard A. Flohr, Member

ATTEST:

 3-30-15
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor