

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

February 8, 2016

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on February 8, 2016 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr, Larry Kleinhenz, Carl Lienhoop were present. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also in attendance.

Chairman Flohr 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 February 1, 2016 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of claims. It was noted that the \$12,844 payment to Demolition Excavating should come out of the State Street Annex Project Fund (850) rather than County General. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the claims with the noted change. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Flohr read the New Permit Report dated 2/1/16 to 2/5/16. Eighteen (18) permits were issued with fees collected of \$1,879 and estimated construction costs of \$797,391. Fees collected for the month of January totaled \$33,957.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: has three crews patching roads; put up signs; ground stumps on 800S; picked up trash; ditched in Wayne Township; fixed washout and cleaned out pipes on 1140E; and cleaned up the backlot.

Mr. Hollander then presented a **Notice to Bidders for one (1) New 2015-2016 Tractor with Boom Mower**. Public notices will be published in the February 11th and 18th issues of The Republic Newspaper. Sealed bids will be accepted until opening at 10:00 a.m. on February 29, 2016. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the

notice to bidders. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Hollander stated that the **Notice to Bidders for Bridge No. 47** (Opossum Glory) needs to be delayed. Bridge consultant Strand Associates, Inc. requested the postponement due to discovery of additional work.

Mr. Hollander then asked permission to trade-in two (2) Bobcats for **two (2) New Bobcats** (S770 T4 Skid-Steer Loader 80” Bucket), as follows:

Trade-In Model	New Bobcat Cost minus Discount	Trade-in Value	Final Cost
1-Yr. old Bobcat S750, 80" Bucket (220 Hrs.)	\$ 46,769.44	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 3,769.44
2009 Bobcat T320, 80" Bucket (2,363 Hrs.)	\$ 46,769.44	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 21,769.44

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to authorize the trading of two used Bobcats for new. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Additionally, the older Bobcat had rubber tracks. Steel tracks work considerably better. Mr. Hollander presented a quote in the amount of \$4,150 from **Miller Equipment to purchase a set of Loegering steel tracks**. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to authorize the purchase of steel tracks for the one Bobcat. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item of business for the County Highway was consideration of bids received for **One (1) New 2014-2016 White Dump Truck**. Bob Poynter CDJR was the only bidder; however, they submitted two (2) bids. Both were for a 2016 RAM 5500 and allowed a \$5,500 trade-in value on a 2001 Ford F450 cab dump truck. Poynter bid \$51,575 for one to be ordered and delivered in 12-16 weeks that met specifications. Poynter’s second bid of \$54,303 was for the same model, in-stock, but possibly having some extra options. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to take the bids under advisement. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Hollander advised the Commissioners that the surface pavement at Newbern Bridge failed INDOT’s testing. INDOT will notify the contractor for removal and replacement of the defective section.

For the next item of business, **Hilary Louther and Becky Gross from INDOT** were in attendance to hear about the concerns regarding the **Taylorville intersection of Bear Lane and U.S. 31**. The Commissioners had received a comprehensive study of the traffic risk factors during their 1/25/16 meeting. The study was presented by Richard Eynon of Eynon Law Group, P.C., acting on his own behalf, who had enlisted the professional services of Bruce Enz of Injury and Crash Analysis, LLC, (“ICA”) an expert in accident reconstruction analysis, and Douglas Head of Head Engineering, a former district engineer with the Indiana Division, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. DOT.

Ms. Louther stated that currently there were no improvements planned for that area since the state had not performed a report of its own and the intersection appeared to be functioning fairly well as recently as 2014. 2015 experienced a higher crash rate, but a crash reduction analysis hasn’t been done, yet. She agreed that the intersection is very wide and closing the median would be a viable, albeit extreme, option. A change of that magnitude would take time and collaboration. More analysis needs to be done by the state before any changes can be made including simpler fixes, e.g., lighting, speed reduction and signage.

Ms. Gross was also there to discuss the **crosswalk on Second Street** leading to the front entrance of the county jail. An ADA ramp is needed on both sides of the crosswalk to provide safe refuge. The city would have to put in ADA compliant curbing while the state could then update the crossing with sign-mounted flashers and striping.

The Commissioners asked if the state and county could **coordinate their closures of U.S. 31** this summer to have them occur at the same time. They would like to see the state’s roundabout construction and the county’s replacement of Sandcreek Bridge resulting in the same closure; thereby, reducing motorist frustration and reducing the wear and tear of county roads used as an unofficial detour. The state’s project contractor had also requested synchronizing schedules. However, the work was bid with those closures and schedules in mind and monetary compensation would have to accompany changes. The state estimates the roundabout construction to last 60-90 days.

Next, Captain Brandon Slate of the Sheriff’s Department requested permission to **trade-in 17 old firearms** to Acme Sports (Seymour) for a \$4,325 credit toward the purchase of replacement firearms. Merit and reserve officers currently carry loaned firearms from GSO and LESO federal programs. The department wishes to replace the weaponry with county-owned equipment. Nine of the 17 are old rusted shotguns that will be used for parts. Audience member Mike Lovelace suggested obtaining quote(s) from more than the one gun retailer. Captain Slate said that Acme Sports was approached since they are the only area retailer that sells law enforcement Sig Sauer firearms used by the department. Commissioners asked that another dealer or appraiser give an estimate of value for the 17 trade-ins.

The next agenda item was consideration of **agreements for public health advertising regarding vaccinations** funded by the State Immunization Grant. Health Department Director Collis Mayfield presented the following agreements:

Vendor	Product/Service	Cost
AllOver Media	Yes Cinema & Total Fitness venues	\$ 520.00
White River Broadcasting	Radio commercials	\$ 2,376.00
JR Promotions	Billboards	\$ 2,400.00
LAMAR	Billboards	\$ 4,300.00

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the agreements. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz acknowledged the receipt of the **Treasurer’s Monthly Report** for the month of January, 2015. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next, VSO Tom Crawford submitted and read the monthly the **Veteran’s Services Report** for January, 2015 and the **Annual Veteran’s Services Report** for 2015. The Veteran’s Office conducted 143 scheduled/walk-in/outside interviews (1,408/yr.); made 341 contacts by phone/mail (4,815/yr.); made 15 trips to the VA Hospital (214/yr.); and traveled 1,482 miles (21,936/yr.). The office processed 15 new applicants (205/yr.).

Chairman Flohr made a motion to accept the reports. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The last item was a request for the **ratification** of an expense incurred with the Health Department remodeling. Commissioners reviewed an invoice from **D.A.W. Company, Inc. for doors** and installation materials totaling \$2,660. Chairman Flohr motioned to ratify the expenditure. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, February 15, 2016 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
COMMISSIONERS

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