

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 7, 2016

"Scouts In Government Day"

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on March 7, 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 Catherine Greenlee from the Auditor's Office gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Several boy scouts attended the meeting in honor of **Scouts In Government Day**. Boy scouts were paired up with elected officials and department heads to job shadow them for a few hours. The Commissioners sponsored Scouts Matthew Dicks, Luke Sherman and Abraham Yoder; the County Engineer and Highway Department sponsored Scouts Chris Ruble and Cole Whitechurch; and the IT Department sponsored Scout Aaron Moyer.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the February 29, 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. 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 2/29/16 to 3/4/16. Thirty (30) permits were issued with fees collected of \$2,432 and estimated construction costs of \$941,800. Fees collected for the month of February totaled \$17,205.50.

Scout Ruble, shadowing Engineer Danny Hollander, gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: cleaned out corn stalks on Stanley Lane, 550N and 450N; picked up brush along Youthcamp Road, 750W, Ohio Ridge

Road, 300E and at Walesboro; ditched along Goeller and 800S; fixed washouts along 700N, Georgetown Road, 930W and Base Road; put in driveway pipe on 50S; patched Roads; ground stumps on 400N; and picked up trash.

Mr. Hollander also submitted the Monthly Crew Report and the Highway Monthly Financial Report for January, 2016, which included the Financial Report, Budget Status Report and Revenue Comparisons for the Highway Fund, Local Roads/Street Fund and the Cumulative Bridge Fund.

For the next agenda item County Attorney Grant opened the sealed bid for the **Rehabilitation of Bridge #47** (Opossum Glory) in Hawcreek Township. Trisler Construction (Cloverdale, IN) was the only bidder with a quote of \$448,947. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to take the proposal under advisement. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, IT Director Jeff Wehmiller presented **items approved in the Data Board Meeting** to be considered for ratification, as follows:

\$32,660 to **Data Strategy** for two (2) backup servers - budgeted

\$ 7,300 for eight (8) new **BIS** recording computers/stations for the courts and Council and Commissioners' Chambers - budgeted

Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to ratify the expenditure to Data Strategy and Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Commissioner Lienhoop also motioned to ratify the expenditure for BIS court recording equipment and Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was the **second reading of an Ordinance Creating a Fund to be Known as the Veteran's Court Fund (#720)**. (*See attached*) This is a non-reverting fund to receive user fees and any grant monies used to defray expenses associated with operating the Veteran's Court. Having received certification, the Veteran's Court is eligible to pursue grant funding. Chairman Flohr opened the meeting for public comments. There being no public comments, Chairman Flohr closed the meeting. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to approve on second reading the Ordinance

Creating a Fund to be Known as the Veteran's Court Fund. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Emergency Management Director Shannan Hinton conducted the annual review of the **Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan** ("CEMP"). She updated office holders and their signatures. The Salvation Army was added as another resource, along with the Red Cross, for the Mass Care Emergency Service Function. In addition to the Commissioners, Auditor Hackman and County Attorney Tucker signed off on the changes. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the changes made to the CEMP. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was a **Memorandum of Understanding** between the County Health Department and the County Sheriff's Department. In it, the Sheriff's Department agrees to supply generator powered refrigerator and freezer space to the Health Department (e.g., vaccine storage) in the event of a power failure. Chairman Flohr made a motion to sign the provisional memorandum. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz acknowledged receipt of the **Clerk's Monthly Report** for the months of November and December, 2015, and January, 2016. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the reports. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lienhoop acknowledged the receipt of the **Treasurer's Monthly Report** for the month of February, 2016. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the report. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration of an Application and Certificate for the **Payment to Demolition Excavating Group, Inc.** ("DEG") for a final draw on the Annex Demolition Project. Steve Winters of DLZ signed off on the certified final payment amount of \$18,972.28. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the final payment to DEG. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Lastly, Commissioner Lienhoop read from a brochure regarding the history of the County Courthouse:

. . . The third courthouse was adequate for the needs of the county until 1870 when the commissioners who were Lewis Essex, John P. Holtz, and John W. Welmer declared it dilapidated, crumbling, unsafe. Although the old courthouse was frail these commissioners met much opposition to building a new courthouse. And it is said that it required much courage to proceed with the project. Nevertheless, the commissioners selected Isaac Hodgson, a native of Belfast, Ireland, and a resident of Indianapolis, and instructed him to prepare the plans and drawings for a new courthouse. The successful bid was \$142,900 for the construction of the courthouse from the local contracting firm of McCormack and Sweeney. The final cost of the building and improvements, however, was somewhat in excess of \$225,000. Back then they spent money on some things that might have been deemed frivolous. Part of the price included \$5,000 to the E. Howard Clock Company in Boston for the clock and the bell and they spent over \$8,000 to the Union Foundry Works of Cincinnati for the fence that went around the public square. The foundation stones came from quarries at North Vernon, the finish stone that everybody sees came from quarries at Ellettsville and the brick came from Indianapolis. In 1874, the county's assessed value was \$12,000 and they levied a tax for four years: \$.60 in 1871; \$.75 in 1872; \$.40 in 1873; and \$.35 in 1874 on each \$100 valuation. The grand opening was held on December 29, 1874. . . Additional historical narrative can be obtained from the Archives located in the County Courthouse.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016 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

RICHARD A. FLOHR, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

BARBARA J. HACKMAN

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ORDINANCE NO. #2016- 03

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FUND TO BE KNOWN
AS THE VETERAN'S COURT FUND**

WHEREAS, The Bartholomew County Courts have created a court to be operated out of Bartholomew Superior Court NO. 1 and to be known as the Veteran's Court to address issues Military Veterans have in criminal cases; and

WHEREAS, certain fees and costs will be assessed to those veterans who participate in the programming and services provided by and through the Veteran's Court; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create a fund into which costs and fees charged by the Veteran's Court are to be deposited and held.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:**

Section I. Establishment of Bartholomew County Veteran's Court Fund.

The Bartholomew County Veteran's Court Fund #720 is hereby established and authorized to receive deposits of court costs and/or fees related to the operation of the Bartholomew County Veteran's Court.

Section II. Use of Funds

Money in the fund shall be used to defray the expenses associated with operating the Veteran's Court.

Section III. Non-Reverting Fund

The Veteran's Court Fund #720 shall be a non-reverting fund. Money in the fund shall be used for the purposes designated herein and shall not revert to the County General Fund at the end of each year.

Section IV. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS 29th DAY OF February, 2016.

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ATTEST:

By: Barbara J. Hackman
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor of
Bartholomew County, Indiana

PASSED ON SECOND READING AND ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF
March, 2016.

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