

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

November 21, 2016

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on November 21, 2016 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr, Larry Kleinhenz and 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 Commissioner Lienhoop gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of the November 14, 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 payroll. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the payroll. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Flohr read the New Permit Report dated 11/14/16 to 11/18/16. Twenty-nine (29) permits were issued with fees collected of \$4,030 and estimated construction costs of \$2,274,049.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: sidewinded stone along road shoulders in Flatrock and German Townships; finished culvert work and placed rip rap along Bellsville Road; fixed fencing on 850W; and ditched and placed rip rap along White Horse Road.

Mr. Hollander also submitted the **Highway Monthly Crew Report** for October, 2016, which included crew work, status of bridge and road projects and upcoming crew priorities for November.

Mr. Hollander then presented a contract with **Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC**, for sign construction inspection services. The scope of the federal agreement is for the replacement and relocation of 620 signs at a cost of \$25,500. The INDOT signage program covers 90% of eligible costs making the County's share \$2,550. Chairman

Flohr motioned to sign the contract for construction inspection services. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz informed Mr. Hollander that water has been cutting under the road edge of 525W just south of Ronnie's Body Shop. The same thing is happening on 350W across from the new entrance to the church. Hollander will follow-up.

For the next agenda item, Commissioner Kleinhenz introduced Jerry Simo with the local chapter of Lion's Club International. Mr. Simo spoke on the organization's inspiration that prompted the request to designate November 24, 2016, as "Give Thanks For All Your Blessings By Displaying Your American Flag On Thanksgiving". Commissioner Kleinhenz read the proclamation, as follows:

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY in the STATE OF INDIANA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Columbus Indiana Lions Club is part of Lion's Club International which provides community service projects and around the globe; and

WHEREAS: Special gratitude, respect and appreciation for our plenty and bountiful blessings is shared by all Americans; and

THEREFORE: All businesses and homes are encouraged to show pride and thankfulness by displaying their American Flag on this special day of Thanksgiving.

NOW THEREFORE, the Bartholomew County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim November 24th, 2016 as

"GIVE THANKS FOR ALL YOUR BLESSINGS

BY DISPLAYING YOUR AMERICAN FLAG ON THANKSGIVING"

By asking our community to join the members and friends of the Columbus Lion's Club in this event.

Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to endorse the proclamation. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item for consideration was a quote for **furniture for the office of the circuit court judge**. Outgoing Judge Stephen Heimann will be taking his personal office furniture with him. Incoming Judge Kelly Benjamin has submitted a quote from Kittles Castleton for a hutch, credenza and desk totaling \$6,302.37. County Council approved \$7,000 out of next year's budget for the purchase. Chairman Flohr motioned to approve the expenditure. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was a request from the Auditor's Office to **amend the 2016 Voucher Schedule** to allow one more claims submission day before year-end to reduce encumbrances. The last day to submit claims will be 12/16/16 and will be paid 12/27/16. The bulk of the claims should still be submitted on or before 12/7/16 for payout on 12/27/16. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to amend the 2016 Voucher Schedule by adding another day for claims submission. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Maintenance Supervisor Rick Trimpe presented **three (3) invoices from Circle R Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for ratification**. Two (2) **boilers** for the 2,000 gal. hot water tank in the new part of the County Jail went out in September, 2016. Last month, a third boiler for a 1,000 gal. tank in the old part of the jail also went out. Insurance has covered all but the \$2,500 deductible on each unit. The three invoices from Circle R Mechanical were: \$30,130.49 (dated 9/14/16); \$39,830 (dated 9/14/16); and \$32,500 (dated 11/14/16). Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to ratify the expenditures for boiler replacements. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was an invoice submitted by Dan Londeree of the Weights and Measures Office for **nine (9) sets of AED electrode pads** for the county offices at \$150 each. Replacement pads from Northern Kentucky Emergency Medical Service totaled \$1,380. Chairman Flohr motioned to approve the expenditure. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Another item to be considered for ratification was the **payment of association fees for Foxpointe Office Park**. Association fees run \$1,977.63 per quarter. For now,

the expense is to be paid from the Health Department's budget with future funding to be determined. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the payment for fourth quarter, 2016, and 1st quarter, 2017, totaling 3,955.26. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Last was an offer/request from the City of Columbus to display extra lighted **Christmas decorations** on the Courthouse lawn, e.g., a Santa Claus, a truck. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to participate with the City for Christmas decorations on the Courthouse Square. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, November 28, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

RICHARD A. FLOHR, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

BARBARA J. HACKMAN

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER