

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 28, 2019

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on January 28, 2019, 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 Pia O'Connor were also present.

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 minutes from the 1/22/2019 Commissioners' Meeting. 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 payroll. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chairman Flohr read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 1/21/19 through 1/25/19. Fourteen (14) permits were issued with fees collected of \$1,846 and estimated construction costs of \$980,173.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: plowed and sanded roads; sprayed brine; mixed salt and sand; put up signs; patched roads; cleaned out pipes; and cut tree limbs.

He also submitted the County **Highway Monthly Financial** Report dated December 31, 2018, which included the Financial Report, Budget Status Report and Revenue Comparisons for the Highway Fund, Local Roads/Street Fund and the Cumulative Bridge Fund.

Hollander then presented a financial **commitment letter addressed to INDOT** for the Community Crossing grant application. The commissioners' endorsement ensures that Bartholomew County has set aside funds to provide the local match necessary for the projects. The local share for applications #5221 and #5223 is \$467,400 and \$532,600, respectively. Chairman Flohr moved to sign the letter. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration of **Change Order No. 1** to the agreement with Patriot Engineering and Environmental, Inc. performing the **geological study** on soil borings at the future highway garage site. Patriot's original quote included 12 borings. Eight (8) more borings, totaling \$1,207.50, have been added to the project after receiving the revised site plan, raising the project total from \$7,000 to \$8,207.50. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the change order. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Code Enforcement Director Brian Thompson continues to solicit quotes for **one (1) new Nissan Frontier small truck**. The first bid offering in November resulted in no bids. This time, Andy Mohr Nissan (Indianapolis) returned a bid of \$24,903. Hubler Nissan (Indianapolis), Ed Martin (Indianapolis), and Community Nissan (Bloomington) did not respond. Andy Mohr's quote came in higher than what Code Enforcement was allowing for the purchase. For that reason, Thompson recommended rejecting the bid. Acting on the recommendation, Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to reject the bid. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was consideration of a **Contract for Administrative Services** between the City of Columbus ("City"), Bartholomew County ("County"), and the Alliance for Substance Abuse Progress, Inc. ("**ASAP**") related to the community-wide response to the substance abuse crisis. The City and County desire to engage ASAP to coordinate services for prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery, which includes administration and oversight of the Hub for a one-year term ending 12/31/19. City and County will split the costs 50/50 up to the amount appropriated. ASAP will invoice the City and County separately by the 15th of each month by utilizing claim forms acceptable to the SBOA. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to sign the contract. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Maintenance Supervisor Rick Trimpe requested the **ratification of an emergency expense** totaling \$1,700 to replace a broken pullback snow pusher. Trimpe browsed the internet to compare local pricing. Commissioner Lienhoop moved to ratify the expense. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

IT Director Scott Mayes also requested **ratification of an emergency expense**. The Circuit Court copier was damaged in a power event at the courthouse. The damage caused by power voided the service contract with Jim Gordon, Inc., and a replacement had to be purchased.

The IT budget funded the purchase of a Lexmark copier totaling \$3,795. Chairman Flohr motioned to ratify the expense. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz read the **Animal Control Report** for December, 2018. There were 60 cases, 20 animals were picked up, 108 audits, 0 violations, 0 fines, 0 bite cases, 2 door hangers placed, 7 reclaimed animals, and 3 traps loaned to the public. The two vans traveled a total of 2,457 miles. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to accept the monthly report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Flohr read the Monthly **Veterans Services Report** for December, 2018. The Veterans Office processed 11 new applicants; conducted 114 scheduled, walk-in, and/or outside interviews; made 226 contacts by phone/mail; traveled 543 miles; and made 19 trips to the VA Hospital. Chairman Flohr made a motion to accept the monthly report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The last item was consideration of an **appointment** to the Convention, Recreation and Promotion Commission. The commissioners chose to reappoint Denise Pence to the commission for another two years, expiring 12/31/20. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the reappointment of Denise Pence. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, February 4th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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RICHARD A FLOHR, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

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