

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 4, 2019

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on March 4, 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 Catherine Greenlee from the Auditor's Office gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes for the 2/25/19 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of January and February monthly claims. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the claims. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chairman Flohr read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 2/25/19 through 3/1/19. Forty-five (45) permits were issued with fees collected of \$7,788 and estimated construction costs of \$3,633,467.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: patched roads; put up signs; made and sprayed brine; fixed washouts in Ohio Township; ran the ditcher in Rockcreek, Harrison, Ohio, and Hawcreek Townships; replaced a culvert pipe on 700S; added to pipes and fixed sink holes in the right-of-way around Grammer; and put up a flashing sign at 600N and Marr Road.

Next, Planning Department Associate Planner Ashley Beckort presented a **dedication of right-of-way ("ROW") for the Manuel Estate Minor Subdivision (MI/P-18-06)**, totaling approximately 0.43 acres along 500 West. David Manuel has requested to create one new lot consisting of 50.44 acres, for a total of one new lot, an administrative lot, and a parent tract over 69.12 acres. The subject property is located approximately 1,400 feet south of CR 930 South in Jackson Township. The County's Subdivision Control Ordinance requires the dedication of ROW along frontages of newly created lots. Chairman Flohr motioned to accept the dedication of ROW. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

For the next agenda items, Maj. John Martoccia submitted proposals for **improvements/repairs at the jail**. First was electrical work, a LED lighting upgrade for Tower 1 in the old part of the jail to ready it for opening up this year, plus receptacle reconfiguring in the Community Corrections laundry. The following quotes were received.

Forster Electrical Services, Inc. (Columbus)	\$3,651
Gaylor Electric (Columbus)	\$4,920
ERMCO (Indianapolis)	\$7,954

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the low bid from Forster. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The second jail repair was on the generator. It is a Cummins generator and Cummins Sales and Service (Indianapolis) quoted \$2,147.17 for the diagnostics and replacement of a crank shaft sensor. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to ratify the expenditure. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Cpt. Dave Steinkoenig presented the next item which was consideration of an agreement with **Ventosa K9 Kennel, Inc.** (Scotland Neck, NC) for purchase of the dog and a handler training course. Donations from Emmylou Wischmeier and Real World Testing will cover the \$13,000 price tag. Deputy Leah Burton will be the handler for K9 Shadow. Chairman Flohr motioned to sign the purchase agreement. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration of a **land purchase agreement** with Solid Waste Management District for the site of the future Highway Garage facility. The commissioners are purchasing the 25 acres along 25th Street for \$125,000 using CREDIT funds. Commissioner Lienhoop moved to ratify the land purchase. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Flohr acknowledged the receipt of the October, 2018, **Clerk's Monthly Report** signed by County Clerk Jay Phelps. He moved to accept the report. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Charlie Day of DLZ Indiana presented the approved Bartholomew County Commissioners **Highway Department Rezoning** request from AP (Agriculture: Preferred) to Pc (Public/Semi-Public Facilities with commitments), PCC #RZ-18-07.

*Commitment #1.* No access to the property from Randall Street.

*Commitment #2.* Permitted uses shall be limited to those indicated as such by the Zoning Ordinance. . . excluding the following, which shall be prohibited: a sewage treatment plant, a utility substation, a water treatment facility, and a correctional facility.

Since the request involves rezoning with commitments the applicant is responsible for recording those commitments in the Recorder's Office. Chairman Flohr made a motion to sign the document for recordation. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was a request from the **Surveyor's Office to ratify** the cost of purchasing two (2) 5-drawer filing cabinets on one (1) base for \$2,743.10 from Staples (Cincinnati OH). Higher quotes came from The Office Shop and Quill.com. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to ratify the expenditure to Staples. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Lastly, there was a follow up to last week's discussion with **Armuth Acres and Northcliff** residents. Commissioner Lienhoop and the County Surveyor's Hydrology Division Head, Tom Finke, pulled and reviewed the corrective measures proposed from the 2002 study discussed in the meeting last week. Reviewing the old study and using enhanced elevation information available today led to the design of two more economical, yet viable, alternative routes. One of the routes would be 2,000 feet shorter of 36-inch tile by emptying into Hawcreek, instead of the Flatrock River, as proposed in 2002, via the Clifford Drain. Also, the system could be planned by the Surveyor's Office instead of outsourcing to an engineering firm. Both factors would lower expenses. Additionally, the project would be an urban drain allowing for an extended payback term of 20 years, instead of 5 years for typical legal drains. The longer payback term would lower the payments for the residents on the estimated \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 project. However, the state-mandated 10% interest rate would remain the same.

In lieu of extensive drainage work, houses might be livable during water events if they had two-block higher crawlspaces and were on the municipal sewage system, which would not be a cheap fix either. Jewell Village and Royal View benefitted from getting on the municipal sewage system. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that any further action should proceed through the Drainage Board which would be meeting on Monday, March 11th, at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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