

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 11, 2019

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on March 11, 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 3/4/2019 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.

IT Director Scott Mayes presented the **Data Board ratification items** that came out of its meeting that morning. The following annual maintenance renewals were passed by the Data Board.

Code Enforcement software – IT budget

Franklin Information Systems	\$4,338.20
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GIS software and services – IT budget

39 Degrees North	\$22,214.80 (County's portion)
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Auditor & Treasurer tax software – IT budget

Government Utilities Technology (GUTS)	\$29,767.00
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Prosecutor Document Imaging System maintenance – IV-D Child Support budget

Intact (Info Dynamics)	\$3,098.00
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Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the expenditures. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

There was also a request for a laptop computer for the Coroner's Office and budget. Quotes were obtained (the lowest being \$1,259 from SHI), but the Data Board decided to first try one of

the county's used laptops before accepting the lowest quote for a new one. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the lowest quote for a new laptop only if a used county laptop proves unacceptable. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Flohr read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 3/4/19 through 3/8/19. Seventeen (17) permits were issued with fees collected of \$3,579 and estimated construction costs of \$430,089.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: plowed and sanded roads; sprayed brine; put up signs; patched roads; picked up trash; did some dozing work on 75S; and fixed washouts and shoulders in Flat Rock and German Townships.

Hollander then presented a letter addressed to County Surveyor **E.R. Gray, regarding the Bridge #301 Project**, requesting assistance in preparing right-of-way descriptions, an administrative plat, and marking new right-of-way for the bridge on 300E, south of 900N in Flat Rock Township. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to sign the letter requesting preparation of legal descriptions. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mary Ferdon, Executive Director of Administration and Community Development for the City of Columbus, presented two items dealing with substance abuse in the community through collaborative efforts. First was an **Interlocal Cooperation** Agreement between the City of Columbus ("City") and Bartholomew County ("County") for **Funding an Adult Drug Recovery Court**. The City, County, and Columbus Regional Hospital have completed their respective preliminary work – the creation of the Alliance for Substance Abuse Program ("ASAP") in 2017, creation of a funding board and advisory committee in 2018, and enactment of ordinances for funding a drug court. The agreement runs from 3/11/19 through 12/31/19 and either party may terminate with a 90-day written notice. Costs of operation will be equally shared (50/50), and the County will bill the City at the end of each calendar quarter. Costs will include salaries, benefits, personnel training, office supplies, drug-testing supplies, and incentives. A grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice resulted in funding of \$499,423 over next four (4) years beginning 1/1/19 through 12/31/22 leaving \$92,000 for the City and County to split for 2019. The weekly one-half day court will be conducted in Judge Kelly Benjamin's Circuit Court in the Bartholomew County Courthouse. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to sign the interlocal agreement for the drug court. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Secondly, Ferdon presented an **Agreement for Funds for the Fresh Start Recovery Center** between the City, County, and Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana (“VOAOHIN”). The Fresh Start program is a residential addiction treatment program for pregnant women and mothers with young children. Its services are funded through the Indiana Department of Child Services. Bartholomew County will be the fourth site in the state providing the program and will give admittance preference to Bartholomew County residents. The City and County councils have approved one-time funding for partial renovation costs of VOAHOIN’s building located on the corner of 7th and Washington Streets in Columbus to house the program. Of the \$1.5 million acquisition and renovation costs, VOAHOIN will invoice the City and County for \$100,000 each, upon completion of renovation. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to sign the funding agreement. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Rick Scalf, President of the Substance Abuse Council (“Council”) presented the Council’s granting recommendations approved by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for allocation from the **Bartholomew County Local Drug Free Communities Fund**. The counter-measure fees related to alcohol and drug offenses collected in 2018 totaled \$39,162. An amount of \$670 was inadvertently not allocated and will be rolled-over for next year resulting in a total of \$38,492 to be disbursed for 2019. The Council proposed that the funds be disbursed as follows:

PREVENTION/EDUCATION:

<i>Advocates for Children/Youth Support</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Big Brothers Big Sisters</i>	<i>\$4,300</i>
<i>Columbus Regional Shelter (Domestic Violence)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Community Church of Columbus (Tuesday Connections)</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Reach Healthy Comm. (Tobacco Cessation)</i>	<i>\$715</i>
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TREATMENT/INTERVENTION

<i>BCSC-Youth Care Fund</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>
<i>Columbus Regional Shelter (Domestic Violence)</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Community Church of Columbus (Tuesday Connections)</i>	<i>\$2,583</i>
<i>St. Peters LifeWorks IOP Program</i>	<i>\$4,380</i>
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

<i>Bartholomew County Sheriff</i>	<i>\$4,014</i>
<i>Columbus Police Dept.</i>	<i>\$4,500</i>
<i>Court Services</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
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ADMINISTRATIVE COST ALLOCATION	\$2,000
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TOTAL ALLOCATIONS FOR 2019:	\$38,492
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Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the allocations, as recommended by the Council. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lienhoop acknowledged the receipt of the February, 2019, **Treasurer's Monthly Report** signed by County Treasurer Barbara Hackman. He moved to accept the report. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz acknowledged the receipt of the November and December, 2018, **Clerk's Monthly Reports** signed by Clerk Jay Phelps. He moved to accept the report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, March 18th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RICHARD A FLOHR, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

PIA O'CONNOR

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER