

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

April 1, 2019

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on April 1, 2019, in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr and Larry Kleinhenz were present. Commissioner Carl Lienhoop and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were absent. County Auditor Pia O'Connor was present.

Chairman Flohr called the meeting to order and Chris West 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 3/25/19 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the minutes. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Next was the approval of claims. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the claims. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (2-0)

Chairman Flohr read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 3/25/19 through 3/29/19. Twenty-seven (27) permits were issued with fees collected of \$6,864 and estimated construction costs of \$10,447,794. A permit issued to Cummins for a \$9,500,000 commercial remodel project in Wayne Annex accounted for the high total.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: ran the ditcher in Wayne Township; crack-sealed in Flatrock Township; fixed washouts in Hawcreek Township; trimmed limbs in Lowell Addition; put up signs; and patched roads with the hot box and dura patcher.

Hollander requested the release of **Driveway Bond** 18B-11 for the property owned by Scott Templeton and located on 700N near 1150E. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to release the bond. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Additionally, Hollander submitted a **Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant** agreement with INDOT (Des. No. 1901058). Funds will pay for pavement and markings replacement. Also known as the Community Crossings Grant, the maximum federal funding amount for this project was \$467,400 (50% of eligible project costs), and has been received.

<i>Southern Crossing from SR 11 to CR 150E</i>	<i>\$ 157,000</i>
<i>E 400 S from CR 150E to US 31</i>	<i>\$ 310,400</i>

Chairman Flohr made a motion to sign the matching agreement with INDOT. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Hollander asked for signatures on INDOT's Letter of Understanding establishing an **Unofficial Detour for the SR 58 closure** to replace two (2) small structures. The portion of SR 58 between S 400W and S 500W will close April, 2020, until September 30, 2020. The official detour will be SR 58 to SR 258 to SR 11 to I65 to SR 58. The unofficial detour will include CR 500W, CR 550S and CR 400W. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to sign the letter. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Voter Registration Supervisor Shari Lentz, on behalf of County Clerk Jay Phelps, presented a written request to extend the courthouse hours to accommodate absentee voting for the May 7, **2019 Municipal Election**. Pursuant to Indiana statute IC 3-11-10-26 regarding absentee voting the courthouse will be open the two Saturdays prior to Election Day, 4/27/19 and 5/4/19 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for voting. On Election Day, the courthouse will open at 5:00 a.m. and remain open until ballots are tabulated. Additional voting site information is shown here.

Early Voting Locations:

County Courthouse:	Apr 27th and May 4th	Saturdays	8a – 3p
Donner Center:	Apr 29th – May 3rd May 4th	Mon-Fri Saturday	10a – 6p 8a – 3p

Election Day Vote Center Locations: May 7, 2019 Tuesday 6a – 6p

Flintwood Wesleyan Church, 5300 25th Street
 St. John's Masonic Lodge, 4131 Rocky Ford Road
 Grace Lutheran Church, 3201 Central Avenue
 Donner Center, 739 22nd Street
 Bible Church of Columbus, 3010 10th Street
 The Commons, 300 Washington Street
 German American Bank, 2310 W. Jonathan Moore Pike
 Terrace Lake Church, 4260 W 200 S

Bartholomew County Courthouse Tuesday 5a – Tabulation

Chairman Flohr motioned to approve the voting locations. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0) Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the extended courthouse hours for early and election day voting. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

It was also noted that this is the first year to use the state form and guidelines to **invoice the City of Columbus** for the bulk of costs associated with their municipal election. The costs typically run between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

Next, Chairman Flohr read a letter submitted by Barbara Johnson of the Yellow Trail Museum requesting a **road closure for fireworks displays** during the Annual Hope Old-Fashioned Independence Day Celebration and the Hope Heritage Days. The request was for closing a section of 700N about one mile west of Hope, from the bridge over Hawcreek on West Jackson Street to its intersection with CR 670E. Closure times requested are from 3:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. on Friday, 6/28/19, and on Saturday, 9/28/19. Each year, "Road Closed" signs are delivered to the area ahead of time and placed and removed by the Hope Police Department at the appropriate times. Chairman Flohr motioned to approve the requests for road closure. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Next was the consideration of an addendum to a contract with **Lawyer Excavation, Inc.** for the **Clifford Tile Extension Project**. Tile work in the Town of Clifford was awarded to Lawyer Excavation in August, 2018, and was to be completed by 4/1/19. Due to abnormally wet weather conditions the parties have agreed to extend the completion date to 10/1/19, after which, a \$250 per day penalty would be assessed to the contractor. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the contract addendum. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Then a proposal from **Mudlarks Garden Club** was considered. They would plant and maintain flower beds at the courthouse in 2019 for \$1,000. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the proposal. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Lastly, county resident Charles Doup spoke to the commissioners about the need for one city-county calendar of public local government meetings. He regularly attends local government meetings and finds it somewhat tedious to access both the City of Columbus and the Bartholomew County websites to compile his own blended calendar. He went on to say that the city posts documents to be reviewed at upcoming meetings. IT Director Scott Mayes stated the county's

website design has been used for 12 to 13 years and it may be time to review its effectiveness in meeting citizens' needs.

Additionally, County Auditor Pia O'Connor mentioned her concern, which was backed by IT Director Mayes, about publicizing email addresses on the rosters versus using the website portal (Contact Us).

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019, 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

Absent
CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER