

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

May 6, 2019

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on May 6, 2019, in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr, Larry Kleinhenz and Carl Lienhoop were present. Attorney J. Grant Tucker and 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 4/29/19 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of payroll. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the payroll. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 4/29/19 through 5/3/19. Thirty-three (33) permits were issued with fees collected of \$5,259 and estimated construction costs of \$9,253,704. Permits issued to St. Peters Lutheran Church for \$5,200,000 and \$2,300,000 to Columbus Philharmonic accounted for the large total.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: replaced culvert pipe on 1000E in Grammer; patched roads; ran the ditcher in German, Clay, and Hawcreek Townships; worked on signs; fixed shoulder washouts on 800N, 300N, 550N, 1000E, and 600N; replaced pipes on 300N, fixed ditch on 450N; cleaned out culvert pipe on 400W; and fixed school bus turnarounds.

Hollander then requested permission to give **Notice to Bidders** for the **2019 Road Overlay Program** and for the **Southern Crossing/400S Overlay Project**. The public notices will be advertised in the May 9th and May 16th issues of *The Republic* newspaper. Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28th, and will be opened during the Commissioners' Meeting that morning. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve both notice to bidders for

the annual overlay program and Southern Crossing. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Hollander has reviewed and checked references of the bids received last week for the **Carr Hill Road Sidewalk Project** and recommended accepting the low bid from Globe Asphalt Paving Co. (Indianapolis) for \$191,421. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to award the job to Globe Asphalt. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Hollander also requested permission to give **Notice to Bidders** for the **County Highway Garage**. An informational pre-bid meeting will be held on May 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the GOB 4th Floor Council Chambers before touring the project site. Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 13th, and will be opened during the Commissioners' Meeting that morning. Chairman Flohr motioned to approve the notice to bidders for the new highway garage. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, County Attorney Grant Tucker opened and read the bids received for the **replacement of Bridge #301** on 300E over the Sidney Branch of Flatrock River in Rockcreek Township. This bridge replacement was bumped up in priority since its closure last month. The estimated project cost was \$682,000.

Force Construction Co., Inc. (Columbus)	\$638,530.90
Duncan Robertson, Inc. (Franklin)	\$664,845.72
Milestone Contractors, LP (Columbus)	\$711,000.00

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to take the bids under advisement. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Planning Department Associate Planner Ashley Beckort presented a **dedication of right-of-way ("ROW") for the North Slope Minor Subdivision (MI/P-19-02)** totaling approximately 0.18 acres. The subject property is located at 7200 Sprague Road, in Ohio Township. John Cord has requested to create two new lots and a parent tract remainder totaling 59.62 acres. The County's Subdivision Control Ordinance requires the dedication of ROW along frontages of newly created lots. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the dedication of ROW. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

IT Director Scott Mayes presented a **contract agreement with Zackary A. Vanosdol** to continue his internship employment with the County IT Department. His previous agreement expires 5/11/19. Vanosdol will assist with Helpdesk Support and entry level system administration

tasks and initiatives, as needed. The contract runs from 5/13/19 through 12/31/19. Vanosdol will work a minimum of 24 hours per week at \$17/hour with total compensation not to exceed \$20,009. No benefits are offered under the contract. Wages will be paid through claim vouchers. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to extend the labor contract. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Captain Brandon Slate with the Sheriff's Department presented quotes for **nine (9) car builds** – upgrading a factory vehicle with emergency equipment, (e.g.) light bars, spotlights, braces, cages, etc. – radios not included. The department recycles equipment when possible. OCI and John Jones were also solicited, but did not turn in bids.

<i>Vehicles to Equip</i>	<i>Columbus Collision (Columbus)</i>	<i>Waymire APS, Inc. (Indianapolis)</i>
<i>One (1) Patrol Ram 1500 Truck</i>	<i>\$9,246.79</i>	<i>\$9,916.44</i>
<i>Two (2) Admin Ram Trucks</i>	<i>\$10,364.06</i>	<i>\$9,650.00</i>
<i>One (1) Admin Dodge Charger</i>	<i>\$8,672.71</i>	<i>\$8,745.32</i>
<i>Five (5) Dodge Chargers</i>	<i>\$46,539.90</i>	<i>\$47,751.60</i>
<i>TOTALS:</i>	<i><u>\$74,823.46</u></i>	<i><u>\$76,063.36</u></i>

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to award to Columbus Collision for their low bid. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

To complete the vehicles for service, quotes were received for **ten (10) car radios**. ECS, Inc. (Electronic Communication Systems, Inc.) of Bloomington quoted \$24,418.40 for Kenwood radios. ERS Wireless (OCI) of Indianapolis quoted \$39,760.80 for Motorola radios. Cpt. Slate said the department has used Motorola for some time, but would be willing to try the Kenwood brand. One or two would be purchased and tested before ordering the remainder. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to award the low quote, not to exceed \$24,418.40. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Emergency Management Director Shannan Hinton discussed the need for increased deterrent for violators who disregard **“Road Closed” signs during high water events**. She asked for a new **ordinance** for high water violations with road closure and reached out to other counties for copies of ordinances and amount of fines. Vanderburgh County has a \$500 fine and Jackson

County is trying to increase theirs to \$1,000 after having had the ordinance for a couple years now. Currently, the enforceable crime of disregarding a traffic sign or signal incurs a \$140 fine, per Indiana code. Hinton said that during the last high water event, South Gladstone Road was closed for one day and 10 citations were written. Drivers frequently disregard signage, move barriers, and even drive around patrol cars during times of flooding putting the lives of their passengers and rescue teams at risk. She asked for an ordinance setting the fine at \$500 for intentional disregard of road closures due to high water in hopes that increasing the financial impact will provide the additional deterrent. Motorists would be forewarned by new signage that would include the ordinance number and verbiage about fines. She clarified that her request is not for disregard of high water signs, but of *road closed* signs posted due to high water. Commissioners were not fully convinced that increased fines would remedy the problem and asked that she contact more counties for criteria and practices. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to have Attorney Tucker draft an ordinance for consideration. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed by majority vote, with Chairman Flohr casting the nay vote. (2-1)

The next item for consideration was an agreement with SBC Global Services, Inc., d/b/a **AT&T Global for phone services at Heflen Park**. The two-year monthly rate will be \$28.74 for one line at 4323 W 700 N, Edinburgh will be paid through the Parks Board budget. Commissioner Lienhoop moved to sign the agreement. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The Parks Board also submitted quotes on **two (2) steel doors for Heflen Park**.

Lowes Home Center (Columbus)	\$2,342.60 (DID NOT MEET SPECS)
Miracle Construction (Columbus)	\$2,686.00
Menards (Columbus)	\$3,514.42

Chairman Flohr motioned to award to Miracle Construction for \$2,686. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The Parks Board also received quotes for **two (2) mower decks**.

Wright Implement (Seymour)	\$6,600
Reynolds Farm Equipment (Fishers)	\$6,860

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to award the low bid from Wright Implement. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Flohr announced the county offices would be closed Tuesday, May 7th, for the primary election.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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