

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

April 29, 2019

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on April 29, 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 Commissioner Lienhoop gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes for the 4/22/19 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of the 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 4/22/19 through 4/26/19. Forty-eight (48) permits were issued with fees collected of \$16,166.54 and estimated construction costs of \$25,049,744. The large item was \$17,200,000 for a new Centra Credit Union in Woodcrest.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: patched roads with hotbox and Dura Patcher; put up signs; replaced pipe on 50N; replaced driveway culvert on 75S; rip-rapped around pipes on 550S and 700W; hauled stumps away from 1000E to prepare for culvert; cleared cornstalks debris from Southern Crossing; and ran the ditcher in Flatrock and German Townships.

Hollander also submitted the County **Highway Monthly Financial** Report dated March 31, 2019, which included the Financial Report, Budget Status Report and Revenue Comparisons for the Highway Fund, Local Roads/Street Fund and the Cumulative Bridge Fund.

Next was the consideration of a change order from Southern Roofing for the **roof replacement of the historic covered bridge** at Mill Race Park. Their original bid of \$62,900, awarded on 11/5/18, needed to be adjusted upward by \$4 per lineal foot (\$672), increasing the

total to \$63,572. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the change order. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Animal Control Officer Mark Case read the **Animal Control Report** for March, 2019. There were 82 cases, 33 animals were picked up, 139 audits, 3 violations, 1 fine, 0 bite cases, 1 door hanger was placed, 4 reclaimed animals, and 3 traps loaned to the public. The two vans traveled a total of 3,394 miles. Chairman Flohr moved to accept the monthly report. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Veterans Services Officer Larry Garrity read the **Veterans Services Report** for March, 2019. The Veterans Office processed 13 new applicants; conducted 112 scheduled, walk-in, and/or outside interviews; made 311 contacts by phone/mail; traveled 1,704 miles; and made 18 trips to the VA Hospital. Three new drivers were interviewed and approved by insurance. Chairman Flohr moved to accept the report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Garrity also announced that Veteran Health Indiana will host a **Veteran Town Hall Meeting** at City Hall Chambers on 5/9/19 at 6:00pm. The subject of the meeting will be bringing health care closer to home, adding needed services, and ensuring the community is aware of the changes and improvements in local VA health care.

Next, County Attorney Grant Tucker opened and read the bids for the **Carr Hill Road Sidewalk Project**. Under Des. No. 1401864, INDOT will construct a sidewalk/bicycle lane traversing the I-65 overpass to the end of the guardrails. The county is to construct curb, gutter, and sidewalk on both the north and south sides of Carr Hill Road, east of I-65, to ultimately connect to the overpass sidewalk. The road will also be widened and its slope corrected. Five bids were received.

Globe Asphalt Paving Co. (Indianapolis)	\$191,421
All Star Paving (Seymour)	\$271,422
Best Excavating, Inc. (Westport)	\$276,029
Milestone Contractors, LP (Columbus)	\$285,000
Case Construction, Inc. (Edinburgh)	\$438,709

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

County Auditor Pia O'Connor presented the **SRI, Inc.** 2019 Tax Sale Work Plan and Tax Sale Support Services Addendum for services associated with tax sales. Fees increased from \$75 to \$100 per parcel. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to sign the addendum with SRI. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the **ratification of a Youth Services Center** expense for the replacement of a security camera. Security Automation Systems, Inc., submitted an invoice for \$1,416 to be paid from grant money. Youth Services Center Director Anita Biehle did not seek other bids since it was her understanding that the SAS equipment was compatible and easily configured into the existing security network, as SAS was the original system installer. IT Director Scott Mayes offered to solicit bids on the system in the future. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to ratify the expenditure to SAS. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Lastly, Michael Greven and Julie Lowe, both county residents and members of the Sierra Club, spoke about: (1) the environmental effects of the county's use of herbicides and chemicals for roadside maintenance and alternative practices; and (2) the Indiana Monarch Conservation Plan to protect Monarchs and other pollinators through habitat preservation.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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