

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 22, 2019

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on July 22, 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 in attendance.

Chairman Flohr called the meeting to order and Commissioner Kleinhenz gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes for the 7/15/19 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of 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 7/15/19 through 7/19/19. Twenty-nine (29) permits were issued with fees collected of \$2,439 and estimated construction costs of \$1,600,195. A new building for First Financial Bank accounted for \$1 million of the total.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: worked on signs; mowed in Ohio, Harrison and Clay Townships; chip and sealed in Harrison and German Townships; replaced culvert pipes on 700N and Talkington Road; fixed shoulder washouts on 700S, 250W and Sprague Road; and graded and stoned on sections of 700S and 400S.

Hollander then requested the **ratification** of an invoice from Maddock Construction Equipment (Bloomington) for repairing the wiring on a ditcher. Wiring has gone wireless, so the repairs involved purchasing a wireless upgrade kit for \$12,000. The kit included wireless controls, integrated engine controls, wiring harness, head leveler, receiver, modules, junction box, distribution block and valves. Maddock Construction manufactured the machine making them the only viable servicer. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to ratify the expenditure. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Hollander also requested **ratification** of an invoice from Diamond Mowers (Sioux Falls, SD) totaling \$1,383.84 to replace brush knives on one of the mowers. Commissioner Lienhoop

made a motion to ratify the expenditure. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration of an **ordinance amending the official zoning map** of Bartholomew County for what is to be known as **Lee Stephenson Rezoning** (RZ-19-01). Planning Department Planner Melissa Begley presented a request for rezoning explained here in an excerpt taken from Jeff Bergman's memo to the commissioners dated 7/16/19:

At its July 10, 2019 meeting, the Bartholomew County Plan Commission reviewed the above referenced application and forwarded it to the County Commissioners with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed.

The applicant, Mr. Lee Stephenson owns two lots, totaling +/-17,000 square feet, at the southwest corner of Tannehill Road and Tecumseh Street in Taylorsville (1611 Tannehill Road). The properties are currently zoned CC (Commercial: Community). One lot is vacant and the other includes a building that was formerly used for a barbershop. Mr. Stephenson is requesting the properties to be rezoned to RE (Residential: Established). He has indicated his intent to convert the former barbershop into a home and perhaps construct a duplex on the other, now-vacant lot in the future.

No members of the public spoke at the Plan Commission's public hearing on this request.

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Chairman Flohr opened the meeting for public comment. There being no comments, he then closed the meeting. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the rezoning ordinance on first reading. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Second reading of the ordinance will be during the 7/29/19 Commissioners' Meeting.

Next, Jail Commander Major John Martoccia presented a proposal for **repairs to the jail's fire suppression system**. Two companies were solicited. Grunau could not complete the work due to the proprietary nature of the equipment. Johnson Controls (f/k/a Simplex) quoted \$1,066.75. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to approve. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Director of Nursing Division Amanda Organist asked for consideration of an annual **memorandum of understanding** between the Public Health Department and the Sheriff's

Department. In it, the Sheriff's Department agrees to provide generator-powered refrigerator and freezer space to the Health Department (e.g., for vaccine storage) in the event of a power failure. Chairman Flohr made a motion to sign the memorandum. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Organist also presented two (2) advertising contracts with **White River Broadcasting Company**. Immunization grant money will pay for ads to increase public awareness of the health department's immunization services and a drive-up flu clinic event on 10/22/19 at Fair Oaks Mall.

(1) 360 30-second immunization commercials between 8/1/19 and 7/31/20 totaling \$3,420

(2) 69 60-second flu clinic commercials between 10/14/19 to 10/22/19 totaling \$1,520

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to sign the advertising agreements. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Animal Control Officer Mark Case presented the next agenda item which was the second reading of an **ordinance** amending an ordinance enacted in 1987 regarding the licensing and keeping of **animals and penalties for violations**. Passed on first reading on 7/15/19, the ordinance orders stiffer fines for owner negligence and abuse of their animals. Fines of \$20 and \$35 (since 1987) will now be \$35 and \$50, respectively. It also states that violators should pay their fines at the Treasurer's Office, instead of the Auditor's Office. Content of the ordinance is inserted here:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1987-16
"AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND LICENSE THE KEEPING OF
ANIMALS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF"**

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County, Indiana ("Commissioners") has previously adopted various Ordinances to regulate and license the keeping of animals and providing penalties for violations of said Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the most recent Ordinance which addressed the topic of fines for violations of said Ordinances was Ordinance No. 1987-16 adopted on October 26, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the County Animal Control Officer has recommended to the Commissioners that the fine amounts for certain enumerated violations be increased; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners believe that it would be appropriate to increase the fine amounts for certain violations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA as follows:

SECTION I. Section V(A) of Ordinance No. 1987-16 is hereby

Amended, Revised and changed to read as follows:

A.) Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall, in the discretion of the Animal Control Officer and depending upon the nature of the violation, be assessed a warning notice or a violation notice. In the event that a violation notice is issued, if such violator appears at the Bartholomew County **Auditor's office** within five (5) business days of the date of the notice of violation, such violator shall pay a fine as follows:

<u>Code</u> <u>Section</u>	<u>To;2ic</u>	<u>Fine Amount</u>
§92.03	Licensing	As provided by State law
§92.04 (A)	At Large	\$50.00
§92.04 (B)	Confinement	\$35.00
§92.04 (C)	Vicious Animal	\$50.00
§92.04 (D)	Noise	\$35.00
§92.04 (E)	Confinement	\$50.00
§92.04 (F)	Trespass	\$35.00
§92.04 (G)	Bites/Injuries	\$35.00
§92.05 (A)	Food, Shelter	\$50.00
§92.05 (B)	Ill Treatment	\$50.00
§92.05 (C)	Abandonment	\$50.00
§92.05 (D)	Beating	\$50.00
§92.05 (E)	Poison	\$50.00
§92.05 (F)	Death	\$50.00
§92.05 (G)	Wild Animal	\$35.00
§92.06	Rabies	\$50.00
§92.07	Impoundment	\$50.00

SECTION II. Those portions of Ordinance 1987-16 which are not affected by this Ordinance and Ordinances 12-13-79A and 1980-7, to the extent that they are unaffected by this ordinance, shall remain **in** full force and effect.

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Chairman Flohr opened the meeting for public comment. There being no comment he then closed the meeting. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to approve the amending ordinance on second reading. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

County Auditor Pia O'Connor submitted the 2020 budget requests for **salaries, Form 144s**. County Council budget reviews are scheduled to begin 8/12/19. O'Connor said requests for wage increases averaged 3% and 13 new positions were requested. Commissioner Lienhoop moved to

acknowledge receipt of the 2020 Form 144s. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lienhoop acknowledged the receipt of the June, 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.

Lastly, the commissioners heard from Jerry Thomas, a 12-year volunteer and certified instructor of **air gun shooting for a local youth program** sponsored by the Hoosier Hills Rifle and Pistol Club, a not-for-profit organization. Mastery of air gun shooting is a beginner discipline for Olympic shooting which is performed at collegiate, state, national and world-class levels. He educates about firearms, gun safety, responsible citizenship in addition to the skill training. Several program graduates have become state and national champions in the sport. The program's previous indoor air gun range of many years is no longer available due to insufficient funds. So far, Thomas' 6-month search and communications with various agencies for a new locale have been unsuccessful. He asked the commissioners for help finding a new location – a structure, room or basement 50 feet long by 20-30 feet wide. The 6-month program begins in October and meets one evening a week for four hours. Commissioners took his contact information and will try to come up with some options.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, July 29, 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:

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PIA O'CONNOR

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