

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 26, 2019

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on August 26, 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 8/19/19 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the minutes. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

Chairman Flohr read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 8/19/19 through 8/23/19. Thirty-three (33) permits were issued with fees collected of \$7,944 and estimated construction costs of \$7,037,090. A new commercial building for Old Dominion Freight line accounted for \$3 million of the total and over \$2 million was for Arbor Homes.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: put up signs; patched roads; mowed in Clifty, Rockcreek and German Townships; worked on Hartman Road; replaced pipes on Newbern Road, 800W, and 100W; and ditched and replaced pipes on Main and Cross Streets in Waymansville.

Hollander wanted to point out some information that was on the **July 2019 Financial Report** submitted last week. He reported that state funding totaled \$4.6 million last year, but only \$3.8 million this year; and the projection for next year is \$3.6 million. There was only speculation about reasons behind the state-wide decrease of gas tax funding, but Hollander said that LTAP would be researching the cause. Hollander said there might be some shuffling of funds or expense cuts toward the end of the year to fill the \$368,000 shortfall in the Highway Fund.

Next, the new SWMD Education Coordinator, Jessica Norcross, presented the **Recycling Center Report** for the 2nd Quarter, 2019. Director Heather Siesel was also on hand.

Education Update

- 1,348 youth reached through in-classroom programs, landfill tours, and recycling center tours
- 342 adults reached through in-classroom programs(chaperones) and presentations
- Adopt-A-Road: 7 clean-ups with 69 participants

Events Review

- Earth Day Art Fair information table @ The Commons, 4/22/19:
30 youth, 30 adults
- Earth Day Event @ Recycling Center 4/27/19
48 CFC appliances, 41 propane tanks, 288 tires collected
- Pollinator Workshop @ Fairgrounds with SWCD 5/1/19: 30 adults
- Cummins Recycle Day 6/13/19:
300 hardback books, 100 paperbacks, 150 magazines collected

Volume Report Highlights - 2nd Quarter

- Scrap Metal avg. 66,160 lbs./month
- Landfill Cardboard avg. 17,986 lbs./month
- Commercial Cardboard avg. 327,235 lbs./month
- Yard Waste avg. 2,569,340 lbs./month

Animal Control Officer Mark Case presented the **Animal Control Report** for July, 2019. There were 93 cases, 20 animals were picked up, 101 audits, 0 violations, 0 fines, 0 bite cases, 7 door hangers placed, 2 reclaimed animals, and 4 traps loaned to the public. The two vans traveled a total of 2,222 miles. Commissioner Lienhoop moved to accept the monthly report. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Veterans Services Officer Larry Garrity presented the **Veterans Services Report** for July, 2019. The Veterans Office processed 15 new applicants; conducted 116 scheduled, walk-in, and/or outside interviews; made 272 contacts by phone/mail; made 9 trips to the VA Hospital; and miles traveled in van totaled 854. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to accept the report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The **Veterans Memorial** repairs of the limestone veneer at the base of the columns are on target to bid out this fall. Currently, new lighting is being fitted and tested.

Next, Sergeant Jim Stevens of the Sheriff's Office presented for consideration a \$30,000 grant application to the Indiana Criminal Justice to fund **CITLI (Click It to Live It)** from 10/1/19 through 9/30/20. The funding is to help pay for extra patrols for the Sheriff's Department and Columbus Police Department to work five blitzes focused on driving and traffic violations in the areas of safe family driving, impaired and aggressive driving, school bus stop arm and seat belt violations (fka Operation Pullover). Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to sign the grant application. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

County Clerk Jay Phelps presented a written request to **extend the courthouse hours** to accommodate absentee voting for the upcoming 2019 Municipal General 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, 10/26/19 and 11/2/19 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for voting. On Tuesday, 11/5/19, Election Day, the courthouse will open at 5:00 a.m. and remain open until ballots are tabulated. Additional voting site information is available at www.bartholomew.in.gov/clerk. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the extended courthouse hours. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Phelps also presented a quote from **Information Records and Associates** (aka SBS Portals) for Phase II, scanning the remaining marriage and will books. Information will be placed into the Docuware Database and the Clerk will donate the hard copy books to an appropriate agency. The expense of scanning and indexing the 82 totaling \$11,635.15 will be split between the Perpetuation Fund (\$10,000) and the Clerk's budget (\$1,635.15). Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the pricing and terms. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, County Treasurer Barbara Hackman presented a lease agreement with **Mail Finance** (aka **Neopost**) for the mail equipment that serves the GOB offices. Hackman received quotes from Neopost (\$186/month) for 63 months and Pitney Bowes \$186.85/month for 60 months. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to contract with Neopost. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Under Miscellaneous, was a request from Captain Brandon Slate for ratification of the Sheriff's Department expense for **SWAT equipment** totaling \$2,733.05. Commissioner

Kleinhenz motioned to ratify the expense. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Flohr announced that county offices would be **closed Monday, September 2nd**, in observance of Labor Day.

County resident Charles Doup asked if there was legislation that allows for the billing private citizens for **emergency rescue**. The commissioners and County Attorney Grant Tucker were not aware of any law. There was more discussion about flooding roads, closures, and what could be done to reduce traffic violations regarding flood waters.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 3, 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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