

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 29, 2018

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on January 29, 2018, in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr, Larry Kleinhenz and Carl Lienhoop were present. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were both absent. Chief Deputy Auditor Sandra Beatty attended for the Auditor's Office.

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

The first order of business was the approval of the January 22, 2018, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

Next was the approval of monthly claims for January. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve monthly claims. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chairman Kleinhenz read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 1/22/18 through 1/26/18. Fifteen (15) permits were issued with fees collected of \$1,210 and estimated construction costs of \$445,378.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: worked on signs; patched roads; restocked salt and sand mix; sanded roads; mowed in Hawcreek and Sandcreek Townships; and cut tree limbs in Lowell Addition and in Taylorsville alleys.

Next item was the **Monthly Animal Control Report** for December, 2017, and the **Annual Animal Control Report** for 2017. Animal Control Officer Mark Case read the activity totals for the month and year as follows: there was a total of 76 cases (1,341/yr.), 15 animals were picked up (395/yr.), 110 audits (1,369/yr.), 0 violations (31/yr.), 0 fines (16/yr.), 0 bite cases (10/yr.), 2 door hangers placed (53/yr.), 2 reclaimed animals (45/yr.), and 3 traps loaned to

the public (66/yr.). The two vans traveled a total of 2,743 miles in December (39,826 miles for the year). Commissioner Flohr made a motion to accept the Monthly and Yearly Animal Control Reports for the period-ended 12/31/17. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Kurt Kegerreis, Executive Director of the **Southeast Indiana Work Force Investment Board** (“SEIWIB” or the “Board”) gave an update of activities and accomplishments for 2017. SEIWIB is comprised of local business representatives and its purpose is to ensure the meaningful and demand-driven use of the federal funds to enrich the regional workforce base and skill set. SEIWIB represents 10 counties, also known as Region 9: Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland. The Board runs the WorkOne system. There are six WorkOnes in Region 9, including one in the Columbus Learning Center. Kegerreis oversees SEIWIB’s focus of operations and funding management. He spoke on the following areas:

- There is a profound need for skill workers. Unemployment is extremely low, 3.3% for Region 9, 3.6% for Indiana and 4.1% for the U.S. (Data as of September 2017)

0 Dearborn - 4%	0 Ohio - 3.6%
0 Switzerland - 4%	0 Ripley - 3.5%
0 Jefferson - 3.8%	0 Jackson - 3%
0 Franklin - 3.7%	0 Bartholomew - 2.7%
0 Jennings - 3.6%	0 Decatur - 2.7%
- Continued reduction of funding and support. Funds down 42% from 2012 and State Staff down 50%. Negotiated for reduced rents at all offices and have adopted part-time hours where we can to shift staff around. May need to move to free and donated space as this trend continues .
- Board remains committed to providing local access to services. Many of our clients, especially those still in need during a strong economy, do not have access to transportation and often struggle with web and phone-based services.
- Currently working with Jim McClelland, Executive Director of Drug Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement for the State of Indiana to launch a workforce collaborative aimed at rehabilitating substance abuse patients and getting them back to work, with emphasis on the opioid epidemic in particular.

- Region remains #1 in the State for percentage of Adult Basic Education Students utilizing the WorkIN program. This program pays for short term training and certificates for unemployed jobseekers.
- Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Expanding to South Dearborn, Jac-Cen-Del/South Ripley. The latter is a unique collaboration between two schools, and a promising model for future expansion. Now 8 JAG schools in the Region (Franklin County, Lawrenceburg, Madison, Jac-Cen-Del/S. Ripley Collaborative, Jennings County, Seymour (2 Programs), and South Dearborn.
- Recent uptick in Business Closures across the state, including several in southeast Indiana. We remain available to assist these individuals and companies with their transition.
- Complete Fiscal Audit of the Board conducted by Comer Nowling & Associates with zero findings.

Next, Court Services Director Brad Barnes presented a letter of support for the **Adult Community Corrections Grant** application FY 2019 from **IDOC**. The grant has furthered the county's adult court services programs for decades by providing monies to fund personnel, operations, and new program expenses. The request for the year ending 6/30/19 is for base funding in the amount of \$1,096,469. The state has additional funding available to certain entities, Bartholomew County being one. The additional request totaling \$743,700 breaks down as follows: \$610,700 for Community Corrections and \$133,000 for Probation Department's pre-trial services. Included in the additional amount is funding for a men's residential work release program for up to 15 male felons presenting higher recidivism risks (e.g. those with substance-abuse issues), similar to the women's program (WRAP). If available, \$194,600 would be earmarked for this purpose. Commissioner Lienhoop made the motion to sign the letter of support for the grant application. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was the consideration of bids for **one (1) field truck for the Surveyor's Office** with trade of current truck.

<u><i>Bidder</i></u>	<u><i>Bid</i></u>	<u><i>Trade-in</i></u>	<u><i>Final Price including fees</i></u>
<i>Country Chevrolet (North Vernon)</i>			
<i>2018 Chevrolet Silverado 2500</i>	\$ 29,900.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 23,900.00
<i>Ray Skillman (Indianapolis)</i>			
<i>2018 Chevrolet Silverado 2500</i>	\$ 43,010.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 41,988.00

Commissioner Flohr motioned to take the bids under advisement and accept the low bid from Country Chevrolet if specifications are met. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration of an **Internet Certificate Sale Services Addendum to the SRI Master Agreement**. The addendum provides for online means of marketing tax sale eligible properties that have not sold at previous tax sales – in this case, 7 properties. SRI will receive 10% of all amounts collected for each property sold. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to sign the addendum. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

In conjunction with the performing an internet certificate sale, comes a “**resolution establishing the intent** to conduct a commissioners’ internet sale to sell tax sale certificates for properties that are severely delinquent in payment of property taxes”. Content of resolution is shown below.

RESOLUTION 2018 - 01

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INTENT TO CONDUCT A COMMISSIONER'S INTERNET SALE TO SELL TAX SALE CERTIFICATES FOR PROPERTIES THAT ARE SEVERELY DELINQUENT IN PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES.

WHEREAS, there are several properties in Bartholomew County that are severely delinquent in the payment of property taxes, having been offered for tax sales and which received no bids equal to or in excess of the minimum of sale price. The parcel numbers of those properties being attached to this resolution as "Exhibit A"; and

WHEREAS, there is an assessed value associated with these properties for taxation purposes, but no taxes are being collected, therefore causing a lower than expected tax distribution to those taxing units and taxing districts within which the properties are located; and

WHEREAS, the Bartholomew County Commissioners desire to have these properties back on the tax rolls with taxes being collected; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Statute, IC 6-1.1-24-6 et seq. allows for the County

Commissioners to acquire a lien on those delinquent properties and receive issuance of the tax sale certificates for those properties, without taking title to the properties, therefore limiting the liability and cost normally associated with taking title; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bartholomew County Board of Commissioners that the County Executive shall acquire liens and receive tax sale certificates of the properties listed on "Exhibit A" that are severely delinquent and sell said certificates at a property advertised Commissioner Tax Certificate sale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no property shall be sold on the Internet Commissioner Tax Certificate sale for less than Ten Percent (10%) of the amount of taxes and any applicable fees or charges owing with respect to said property.

END OF RESOLUTION

Commissioner Flohr moved to sign the resolution. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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