

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

May 14, 2018

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on May 14, 2018, in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr and Larry Kleinhenz were present. Carl Lienhoop was absent. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also present.

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 minutes for the 5/7/18 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the minutes. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Next was the approval of claims. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to approve the bi-weekly claims. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (2-0)

IT Director Scott Mayes presented the **Data Board ratification items** that came out of its meeting that morning. Bids received for the purchase of **10 laptops for the Prosecutor's Office** came from SHI (\$15,710.70) and CDW-G (\$17,408.42). Funding sources for the lower bid is as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u># of Laptops</u>
Child Support Div.	\$1,391.10	1
AARA Fund	\$1,391.10	1
IT Budget	\$8,346.60	6
VOCA Grant (in-process)	<u>\$4,581.90</u>	2
Low bid amount from SHI:	<u>\$15,710.70</u>	

Commissioner Flohr motioned to award to the low bidder, SHI (New Jersey). Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Secondly, was consideration of two (2) bids for one year of **VMWare maintenance**, support and upgrade abilities. VMWare is the platform from which all county servers and desktops operate. The fixed price assigned by VMWare for all vendors is \$24,354. All-Covered is the county's partnered vendor for VMWare. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to ratify the decision of

the Data Board for VMWare maintenance. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Next, the Hon. Kelly Benjamin, Circuit Court Judge, and Court Services Director Brad Barnes presented a grant application for consideration. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is accepting applications for funding of drug court programs. One such granting opportunity is through the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program (ACDGP). The federal grant funds are to be used to either establish new drug courts or enhance existing drug court programs using evidence-based principles and practices.

Drug courts have been in practice since the 1990's and are proven to reduce recidivism, substance abuse, and overdoses. Offenders are seen more regularly by the probation officer and pass through several phases of counseling and rehabilitative services, e.g., cognitive behavioral therapy, and experience heightened accountability from the frequent court appearances. The effectiveness of these practices reduces costs in the long run, because they reduce recidivism for the high-risk, high-need participants who benefit from the increased supervision and guidance the program provides.

The drug court would be implemented through Judge Benjamin's Circuit Court system and would convene for one half day weekly. The Bartholomew County Circuit Court and Court Services are applying for \$500,000 for the next four (4) years beginning 1/1/19 through 12/31/22 to implement a drug court through Judge Benjamin's Circuit Court system. The grant application calls for a 25% in-kind or cash county match. The funding would help defray costs of a probation officer/part-time public defender/possibly a part-time prosecutor. The counsel/counseled ratio is one probation officer for 25 participants. The addition of personnel would still be subject to county council approval and salary ordinance amendment. The recent passing of municipal and county ordinances established a platform for collaborative community efforts combatting addiction and provided a springboard for the establishment of a drug court. The court would seek funding from the county and city, among other sources, with this grant being one such source. Also, Barnes said that they have a seasoned employee interested in the job and thinks there would be some savings on the back end with the filling of that vacated position.

Federal funding for substance abuse has increased from last year's \$50 million to \$95 million this year. Benjamin and Barnes hope that applying earlier than the deadline of June 5th

will increase the county's chances for approval. Commissioner Flohr moved to sign the grant application. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Chairman Kleinhenz read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 5/7/18 through 5/11/18. Thirty-one (31) permits were issued with fees collected of \$3,101 and estimated construction costs of \$1,182,683.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: patched roads; ditched on 400W and 275S; crack-sealed in Talberton Addition; started berming roads for overlay; dug out stumps on 950N; and hauled cement to Southern Crossing.

Hollander submitted the Highway **Monthly Crew** Report for April, 2018, which included crew work, status of bridge and road projects and upcoming crew priorities for May, 2018; the County Highway **Monthly Financial** Report for April, 2018, which included the Financial Report, Budget Status Report and Revenue Comparisons for the Highway Fund, Local Roads/Street Fund and the Cumulative Bridge Fund; and the **Annual Operational Report** For Local Roads and Streets FYE 12/31/17, completed in accordance with IC 8-17-4.1.

He also requested the release of **Driveway Bond** 17B-06 for the property owned by Wendy Montgomery and located on Nasby Trail at Deaver Road in Ohio Township. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to release the bond. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Hollander then submitted an invoice from **Miller Equipment** totaling \$2,666.54 for repairs made to the stump grinder motor. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to ratify the repair expense. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

After initial repairs to **Bridge #66** produced complications when drilling for sheet piling, it became evident that projected costs would be considerably more than anticipated. Therefore, the commissioners voted last week to halt emergency repairs being done by Duncan Robertson and convert the job status to a full replacement. Hollander requested the process begin with a contract to **United Surveying** for design services to replace **Bridge #66**, located close to the Shelby County Line in Haw Creek Township. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to give the design job to United Surveying. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Chairman Kleinhenz then presented the annual **2018 Covered Bridge Certification** required by the state. The commissioners confirmed the county has one (1) covered bridge at Mill Race Park making the county eligible to receive state funding of \$1,850 for the maintenance of said bridge. Chairman Kleinhenz moved to sign the certification. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Chairman Kleinhenz had **two (2) invoices submitted by the Park Board** in need of ratification. Treon's Flooring invoiced \$1,710 for work done at Heflen Park. ZCM Freight Services invoiced \$1,800 for a 40' shipping container at Dunn Stadium. The Park Board will pay the expenses out of their budget. Commissioner Flohr motioned to ratify the Park Board expenses. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. (2-0)

Commissioner Flohr acknowledged the receipt of the April, 2018, **Treasurer's Monthly Report** signed by County Treasurer Pia O'Connor. He moved to accept the report. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (2-0)

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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