

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 27, 2018

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on August 27, 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 also present.

Chairman Kleinhenz called the meeting to order and County Assessor Lew Wilson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the 8/20/18 Commissioners' Meeting. 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.

Chairman Kleinhenz read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 8/20/18 through 8/24/18. Twenty-five (25) permits were issued with fees collected of \$3,321 and estimated construction costs of \$1,657,074.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: mowed in Flatrock, Hawcreek, and Wayne Townships; finished a large pipe in Grandview; replaced pipe on 400N, 500N, and 700E; put up signs; patched roads; and trimmed trees for the school buses. Final chip and seal applications in Rockcreek, Clifty, Sandcreek, and Wayne Townships brought an end to the 98.6 miles for this year.

Hollander then presented quotes for **aluminum plate box culvert** to be installed on 400N.

<u>Bidder/Breakdown</u>	<u>Breakdown</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
<b>CivilCon</b>		
Box culvert materials	\$ 18,888.32	
Assembly	<u>\$ 4,650.00</u>	\$ 23,538.32
<b>E3 Bridge</b>		
Box culvert materials	\$ 18,601.20	
Assembly	<u>\$ 6,500.00</u>	\$ 25,101.20

Commissioner Lienhoop moved to accept the low quote from CivilCon. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Veterans Service Officer Larry Garrity read the Monthly **Veterans Services Report** for July, 2018. The Veterans Office processed 9 new applicants; conducted 130 scheduled, walk-in, and/or outside interviews (one at the nursing home); made 238 contacts by phone/mail; and made 19 trips to the VA Hospital. Garrity attended annual VSO training at Camp Atterbury. The office acquired two more volunteer drivers and purchased 2 licenses to equip all staff with the VetraSpec state software program. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Kleinhenz read the **Animal Control Report** for July, 2018. There were 116 cases, 20 animals were picked up, 121 audits, 2 violations, 1 fine, 1 bite case, 6 door hangers placed, 4 reclaimed animals, and 2 traps loaned to the public. The two vans traveled a total of 2,831 miles. The office received a \$50 contribution for supplies. Commissioner Flohr motioned to accept the report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was consideration of bids received by the Surveyor's Office for the **Clifford Tile Extension Project**. This project satisfies an agreement made 18-20 years ago between the commissioners and a property owner who traded his right-of-way in exchange for tile placement. While this action should relieve some of the drainage issues, it is not likely to alleviate septic problems. The tile work in the Town of Clifford would include dual wall field tile, single wall field tile, backfilling, grading, seeding, sidewalk installation, and other incidental work. All work is to be completed by April 1, 2019. Five bids were opened and read by County Attorney Grant Tucker.

<i>Lawyer Excavation, Inc. (Seymour)</i>	<i>\$ 61,922</i>
<i>King's Trucking &amp; Excavating, Inc. (Seymour)</i>	<i>\$ 84,485</i>
<i>D&amp;L Tile and Excavating (Elizabethtown)</i>	<i>\$ 95,287</i>
<i>Best Excavating, Inc. (Westport)</i>	<i>\$ 104,420</i>
<i>Wells Excavating (Greensburg)</i>	<i>\$ 109,240</i>

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to award to the lowest bidder, Lawyer Excavation, subject to meeting specifications. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Flohr acknowledged the receipt of the June, 2018, **Clerk's Monthly Report** signed by County Clerk Jay Phelps. He moved to accept the report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration of ratification items. IT Director Scott Mayes presented the Sheriff's Department expense of **one (1) laptop and docking station for a new employee** to be paid from the IT budget. Quotes came in from SHI at \$1,446.13 and CDWG at \$1,559.02. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to ratify the expense to SHI. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The Maintenance Department also submitted bills for the **remodeling work at the Extension Office**. Andy Rager Plumbing, LLC invoiced the county \$3,402.50 for ADA restrooms and kitchen plumbing. Commissioner Flohr's motion to ratify the plumbing expense was seconded by Commissioner Lienhoop and then passed unanimously. Dwain Botts (Edinburgh) invoiced the county \$2,500 for drywall work for same restroom and kitchen. Commissioner Lienhoop's motion to ratify the drywall expense was seconded by Commissioner Flohr and passed unanimously.

Under miscellaneous items, Chairman Kleinhenz announced that county offices would be closed on **Monday, September 3rd**, in observance of Labor Day. Consequently, the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 4**, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

In closing, audience member John Dishinger commented on the counterproductive effects of salt and grading on chip and sealed roads.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

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