

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 29, 2018

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on October 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 also present.

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

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the 10/22/18 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of bi-weekly and **monthly claims**. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the claims. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chairman Kleinhenz read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 10/22/18 through 10/26/18. Twenty-five (25) permits were issued with fees collected of \$2,209 and estimated construction costs of \$1,540,619.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: wedged in Flatrock, German, and Columbus Townships; ditched and replaced culvert pipes in Northgate; patched roads; mowed in Columbus and German Townships; and cleaned up tree debris. Milestone paved 325W, the Outlet Mall and completed the mill and fill on Shady Lane, Lowell Addition.

Court Services Director Brad Barnes presented the next agenda item on behalf of Circuit Court Judge Kelly Benjamin. Commissioners were being asked to accept and sign for grant money awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs under the **Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program**. The grant application submitted in May resulted in a granting of \$499,423 over next four (4) years beginning 1/1/19 through 12/31/22 and calls for a 25% in-kind or cash county match. The grant funding, along with other local funding sources, (e.g., ASAP), will help defray costs of a probation officer/part-time public defender/possibly a part-time prosecutor for the weekly one-half day court through Judge Benjamin's Circuit Court

system. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to sign the grant acceptance. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration of the appointment of **Rob Gaskill as Director of Community Corrections** Program, as recommended by the Community Corrections Advisory Board. For the past 10 years, Gaskill has been performing the duties of an operational director for the Community Corrections Center under Court Services Director Brad Barnes. If commissioners approve today's request, the job description and title will be updated and a salary ordinance change will go before the county council. Commissioner Flohr moved to confirm the appointment of Rob Gaskill as Director of Community Corrections Program. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

County Auditor Barbara Hackman presented the **updated Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan** and Policy. All counties receiving federal funding must adopt and post on their website a compliant Title VI plan for service providers/contractors to view and be able to submit a complaint, if needed. Chris West from the auditor's office recently performed a review and update of the plan, and Hackman recommended appointing him as ADA Coordinator to ensure the ongoing monitoring and compliance of the county's plan. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to appoint Chris West as ADA Coordinator and accept the updated Title VI policy plan. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The commissioners asked that elected officials **give up their parking spaces** for taxpayers' use from Monday, 10/29/18, through Wednesday, 11/14/18. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to send out the request. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Flohr read the **Animal Control Report** for September, 2018. There were 153 cases, 44 animals were picked up, 130 audits, 2 violations, 2 fines, 0 bite cases, 8 door hangers placed, 6 reclaimed animals, and 10 traps loaned to the public. The two vans traveled a total of 2,987 miles. Commissioner Flohr motioned to accept the report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lienhoop read the **Monthly Veterans Services Report** for September, 2018. The Veterans Office processed 7 new applicants; conducted 103 scheduled, walk-in, and/or outside interviews (one housebound claimant); made 274 contacts by phone/mail; traveled 1,547 miles; and made 16 trips to the VA Hospital. VSO Larry Garrity attended Stand Down Day at

Donner Center and the POW Program. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

A question from audience member Charles Doup about the county's **roadside spraying** practices began a discussion on the environmental impact of herbicides. Commissioner Lienhoop responded since he was also interviewed for an article on the same subject matter appearing in the 10/29/18 issue of The Republic newspaper. For more information, please refer to the audio of this meeting or The Republic's article.

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

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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