

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

November 26, 2018

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on November 26, 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 Commissioner Lienhoop gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes for the 11/19/18 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 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 11/19/18 through 11/23/18. Fourteen (14) permits were issued with fees collected of \$2,095 and estimated construction costs of \$455,372.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: patched roads; put up signs; picked up TVs; mowed in German and Clay Townships; replaced culvert pipes on Lake Road; and laid stone along Tally Road shoulder. Milestone paved 100S and 650E.

Hollander then presented a letter written to **E.R. Gray, regarding the Bridge #66 Project**, requesting assistance in preparing right-of-way descriptions, an administrative plat, and marking new right-of-way for the bridge on 900E, north of Hope. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to sign the letter requesting preparation of legal descriptions. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Hollander then presented two (2) agreements for **remote sand/salt stockpile sites** through April 15, 2019. **Columbus Silgas** will charge \$4.00/ton to store reserves at 1864 West 550 North, Columbus. **Milestone Contractors LP** will allow stockpiling sand/salt on their property at 6345 Jonesville Road, Columbus, at no charge. Commissioner Flohr motioned to enter into both

agreements for remote stockpile sites. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Hollander also asked the commissioners to ratify a **funding commitment letter to INDOT for the Lowell Bridge #170** Replacement. The commissioners’ endorsement ensures that Bartholomew County is financially committed to the project and has sufficient revenues to cover the county’s portion. The estimated cost of replacement is \$2.5 million. In 2019, the county estimates dedicating \$250,000 of the Cumulative Bridge Fund for the PE contract. This will cover 100% of the estimated engineering cost until INDOT can reimburse the federal share. In 2024, \$500,000 will be dedicated for the local share of the construction phase, plus another \$375,000 for inspection(s). Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to ratify endorsing the letter. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioners also requested Hollander talk with the state about putting in railroad **crossing improvements on 550N**, the scene of a recent double fatality. The state’s 130 grants are funding these expensive improvements, e.g., crossing arm installations cost \$250,000, and are installed by the railroad.

Next was consideration of a directive for DLZ to proceed with the **Highway Garage Project design development phase**. The estimated time and costs for each phase are listed. Estimated completion is March, 2020.

	<u>Length of Phase</u>	<u>Notice to Proceed</u>	<u>% of Total \$315,000</u>
Schematic Design Phase	2 months	10/22/18	20%
Design Development Phase	2 months	Today	25%
Construction Documents Phase	3 months		30%
Bidding/Negotiation Phase	2 months		5%
Construction Phase	12-14 months		20%

Commissioner Flohr moved to authorize DLZ to proceed with design development. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Captain Brandon Slate brought in bids received for the purchase of **one (1) 2019 Dodge Charger** and to be paid from the Sheriff’s budget.

Fletcher (Franklin)	\$24,702
John Jones (Salem)	\$25,973
Bob Poynter (Seymour)	\$33,975

Commissioner Lienhoop moved to award to the low bidder, Fletcher. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

It was noted that **used Sheriff's vehicles** bring \$1,200-\$1,500 at auction. If the older vehicle is disposed through trade-in, the benefit stays with the Sheriff's budget. If sold at public auction, the proceeds go into County General. Beginning in 2019, the commissioners requested that Sheriff vehicle acquisitions be bid to include an alternate trade-in option for consideration.

Captain Slate also presented a proposal from Waymire A.P.S, Inc. for **police equipment and installation** in the new vehicle. All of this year's new vehicles were equipped using Waymire's quote awarded earlier in the year. They honored the same quote of \$9,169.97 on this vehicle, as well. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to employ Waymire to outfit the vehicle. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration of an **amended** proposal on the **slip-on calibration unit** awarded 11/19/18 for the Weights and Measures Office. Commissioners approved a \$19,323 quote from Seraphin at that time. Weights and Measures Officer Dan Londeree indicated an additional calibration attachment was also needed, bringing the total to \$19,723. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to approve the amended proposal. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Flohr read the **Animal Control Report** for October, 2018. There were 119 cases, 44 animals were picked up, 120 audits, 3 violations, 2 fines, 0 bite cases, 5 door hangers placed, 6 reclaimed animals, and 2 traps loaned to the public. The two vans traveled a total of 3,491 miles. Commissioner Flohr motioned to accept the report. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

VSO Larry Garrity read the Monthly **Veterans Services Report** for October, 2018. The Veterans Office processed 16 new applicants; conducted 121 scheduled, walk-in, and/or outside interviews (one housebound claimant); made 277 contacts by phone/mail; traveled 1,236 miles; and made 18 trips to the VA Hospital. VSO Garrity traveled to Lafayette for a VA meeting and to Hospice at Mill Race to speak to veterans and their families. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Thursday, 11/29/18 at 10:00am, the commissioners will meet in the Commissioners' Office Conference Room with some county council members regarding **Bartholomew County parks**. The public is invited.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, December 3, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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