

**Approved Commissioner's Minutes from the
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
February 21, 2011**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on February 21, 2011 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Carl Lienhoop called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioner Paul Franke, Commissioner Larry Kleinhenz, Auditor Barbara J. Hackman, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. Commissioner Kleinhenz gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, the minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Kleinhenz and seconded by Commissioner Franke.

The Payroll Claims were presented for approval. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the Payroll Claims. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report from 2/14/2011 to 2/18/2011. Twenty-five permits were issued with a fee amount of \$998.00 and a valuation amount of \$153,892.00.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Bartholomew County Highway Annual Road Program Report and the Annual Operations Report for Local Roads and Streets. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve both the Annual Road Program Report and the Annual Operations Report for Local Roads and Streets. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed

unanimously. Chairman Lienhoop read some of the highlights from the Annual Road Program Report as follows:

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| Hot Mix Overlay | \$1,056,049.78 | 18.08 Miles | \$58,409.83 Per Mile |
| Overlay New Construction | \$ 192,358.57 | 2.22 Miles | \$86,648.00 Per Mile |
| Chip & Seal Roads | \$ 320,614.85 | 46.21 Miles | \$ 6,938.00 Per Mile |
| Wedging Roads | \$ 40,254.10 | | 922.38 Tons |
| Striping Roads | \$ 35,373.23 | | |

Total = \$1,644,650.53 for 66.51 Miles

Next, Engineer Hollander read the Weekly Crew Report. Last week, the Highway Crew put up signs, cut trees on Lake Road, patched roads, and fixed school bus turnarounds.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that he, County Engineer Danny Hollander, and a couple of representatives from DLZ will be attending a meeting in Indianapolis this Wednesday with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to discuss the issue with the Southern Crossing Bridge. The Commissioners would like to realign the river in order to save the Southern Crossing Bridge because the channel is moving to the east. However, the DNR would not allow the realignment due to the endangered fish called the Sand Darter. Chairman Lienhoop hopes that the meeting on Wednesday will result in a solution that will make everyone happy.

Commissioner Franke asked Engineer Hollander to check into the speed limit on 150 West that runs between Deaver Road and 200 South because some of the residents believe that cars drive too fast in this area. Engineer Hollander said he would check on the speed limits in this area.

Commissioner Kleinhenz mentioned that the Commissioners are putting together the overlay list for this year, so if anyone knows of a road they would like to be considered for overlay, please let the Commissioners know at 812-379-1515.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop presented an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Bartholomew County, the City of Columbus, and the Columbus Redevelopment Commission regarding the provision of financial assistance to Nu Sun, Inc. to purchase real estate and a building. The County, City, and Redevelopment Commission will hold a secured mortgage interest in and to said real estate and building. Nu Sun, Inc. will manufacture solar panels and will initially provide 80 jobs to Bartholomew County. The number of jobs in the future could reach 240.

County Attorney Grant Tucker explained that Nu Sun, Inc. needs approximately \$800,000 to \$825,000. The City secured \$500,000 from their Lawrenceburg Riverboat Grant Program and \$125,000 out of their CEDIT funds for economic development. The Columbus Redevelopment Commission will contribute \$100,000 from their CEDIT fund for economic development, and they are asking the County to contribute \$100,000. Attorney Tucker said this could come out of the CEDIT Fund for economic development.

Attorney Tucker said that Bartholomew County resident Mike Lovelace asked at the meeting with the City if this was a good use of funds and what would happen if this company goes bankrupt. The City, County, and Redevelopment Commission believe this is a good use of funds. Attorney Tucker said that the County, City, and Redevelopment Commission would have a secured mortgage interest in both the building and real estate

so if bankruptcy should occur, all three parties would be protected. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Bartholomew County, the City of Columbus, and the Columbus Redevelopment Commission. The County would contribute \$100,000 from their CEDIT Fund for economic development. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Head of Hydrology Tom Finke came before the Commissioners to have them open two bids (shown below) for the purchase of a Construction Cap and the installation of that truck cap to the Surveyor's new truck.

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| Gilliland Trailer Sales, Inc. (Columbus, IN) | \$1,353.00 |
| Howco Truck Caps (Whiteland, IN) | \$1,445.00 |

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the purchase of a construction cap and the installation of the truck cap from the lowest bidder, Gilliland Trailer Sales, Inc., in the amount of \$1,353.00 subject to the cap meeting the specifications of the Surveyor's Office. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:34 am. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 10:00 am in the Commissioner's Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

PAUL FRANKE, MEMBER

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

ATTEST:

BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR