

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
October 8, 2012

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on October 8, 2012 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Larry Kleinhenz was not present. Commissioner Paul Franke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Carl Lienhoop, County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also in attendance. Director of Emergency Operations 911 Center Ed Reuter gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the October 1, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Franke read the New Permits Report from 10/1/2012 to 10/5/2012. Fifty-three (53) building permits were issued with a fee amount of \$26,978 and a valuation amount of \$17,389,074.

County Highway Technical Supervisor Stacey Gross presented the County Highway Monthly Reports for September 30, 2012. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the Stormwater Monthly Report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Ms. Gross then presented the Monthly Report.

Further, she discussed the Bridge Project Status of Bridge #148 and requested that the Commissioners ask the Surveyor's Office to complete the right-of-way descriptions for Bridge #148 located on County Road 650 N east of Taylorsville. Commissioner Franke made a motion to ask the Surveyor's Office to complete the right-of-way descriptions. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Ms. Gross then reported on crew work for last week including mowing in Wayne, Columbus and Rockcreek Townships; putting down stone on edge of roads where new asphalt had been laid; signage and pipe work done on several locations; patched, added dirt, seeded and placed straw on part of 150 E in preparation for paving. Commissioner Franke inquired on the status of line painting. Ms. Gross responded that Southern Crossing was done as well as Youth Camp Road and other areas in process. Commissioner Franke noted that 250 W remains unstriped since repaving. Ms. Gross will follow-up. Commissioner Lienhoop inspected the 850 S bridge, south of Azalea upon final payment last week and no problems were noted.

Next item of business was the second reading of the consideration of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1987-5 for creating a commission to promote the development and growth of the convention, recreation and visitor industry in the county. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker explained that a change in state law due to population variances now provides for 6 Mayoral appointees for the City and 5 appointees from the County Commissioners to that commission known as Bartholomew County Convention Recreation & Visitor Promotion Commission a/k/a the Visitor Information & Promotion

(VIP) Commission. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the amendment to Ordinance No. 1987-5. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of an ordinance amending the Bartholomew County Personnel Policy. Commissioner Franke read that the change would state that county employees not carry more than 144 vacation hours *at any given time*. County Attorney Tucker stated the intention of the amendment is to remove ambiguity by changing in writing that employees not *carry at any given time* more than 18 days (144 hours) of vacation time, which he believes to be the common understanding of the policy among personnel, and replacing the wording “*carryover into the following year*”. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the amendment to the Personnel Policy Handbook. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously on the first reading. A second reading would be presented at the next meeting.

The next item of business was presented by Director of Emergency 911 Ed Reuter accompanied by County Maintenance Dept. Supervisor Rick Trimpe. Annual maintenance revealed an inoperable block in the Emergency 911 generator that currently does not compromise its functioning. The repair/replacement does not fall under general maintenance of the service contract with Cummins Crosspoint, Indianapolis. Proposed amount of claim is \$1,497. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the

servicing proposal of the Emergency 911 generator. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Reuter also commented on the accident statistics resulting from diverting traffic from the railroad crossing at Highways 46 and 11. A total of five accidents; four property damage and one personal injury, resulted along the alternative routes over the weekend. He commended the county's contingency plan, efforts of law enforcement, the county highway department's placement of signs, and local media in raising motorist awareness for contributing to the relatively small number of accidents.

The last item on the agenda was discussion on the County Annex Building. Commissioner Franke revisited the financing options brought forth last week by the County's Financial Advisor. Those included bonding, capital improvement funds supported by a cumulative tax rate, or borrowing. The County Council members did not favor any of the proposed financing options even though the need for replacing the building is evident. Commissioner Lienhoop believed the most agreeable means of funding might come from the Commissioner's Office instituting the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (Cum Cap Fund) to repay bond issues which would not require County Council approval.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Franke at 11:00 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

Absent

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

PAUL FRANKE, MEMBER

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:

BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR