

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**February 20, 2012**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on February 20, 2012 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Larry Kleinhenz called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Commissioner Carl Lienhoop, Commissioner Paul Franke, Auditor Barbara J. Hackman, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. Commissioner Lienhoop gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Lienhoop and seconded by Commissioner Franke.

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

Next, Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permits Report from 2/13/2012 to 2/17/2012. Twenty-five (25) building permits were issued with a fee amount of \$2,877.00 and a valuation amount of \$897,000.00.

County Highway Technical Supervisor Stacey Gross presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. Last week the Highway Crew plowed and sanded roads, put up signs, cut trees on 200 South, 400 South, and Deaver Road, mixed salt and sand, mowed in Jackson and Sandcreek Townships, ditched on 550 West, 250

West, 400 North, and 500 East, ground stumps on 200 South, and picked up a lot of trash and a few tires.

Commissioner Franke noticed along Southern Crossing Road that there is a hole on the south side of the road that has a yellow caution ribbon around it. Ms. Gross said that it is a sinkhole created from a broken field tile. The Highway Department is trying to figure out whose field tile it is so it can be repaired.

Senior Planner for the Columbus/Bartholomew Planning Department Heather Pope presented the following minor subdivision for acceptance of right-of-way:

**MI/P-11-11: Tannehill Park Minor Subdivision** – is a request by Tannehill Park, Inc. to create two (2) new lots and one (1) parent tract remainder equaling 57.37 acres. The property is located on the south side of Heflin Park Road and on the east and west side of County Road 280 West in German Township. The Plat Committee accepted this right-of-way. Ms. Pope explained that the owners of the Tannehill Mobile Home Park subdivided the northern two (2) lots and had both of them rezoned Commercial. Commissioner Franke made a motion to accept the dedication of right of way for the Tannehill Park Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Kleinhenz presented the Commissioners with the Consideration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the following Ordinance amending Ordinance 2001-03 for Purposes of Adding a Newly Created and Designated Fund to the List of Funds Separately Held by the Bartholomew County Treasurer.

County Attorney J. Grant Tucker said the County has an Ordinance that sets up designated accounts that have their own separate line items and are invested by the Treasurer. Many of the funds listed in this Ordinance are drain funds. Any interest that is drawn off of these funds is put back into these funds. This amendment adds to the list of funds an Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Fund which has been set up by the courts for mediation. An additional fee of \$20.00 is added to every divorce to defray the cost of mediation for qualifying parties that is based on income.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2001-03 FOR PURPOSES OF  
ADDING A NEWLY CREATED AND DESIGNATED FUND TO THE LIST OF  
FUNDS SEPARATELY HELD BY THE BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
TREASURER**

**WHEREAS**, Bartholomew County has, by Ordinance 2001-03 designated certain named and enumerated funds from which the Bartholomew County Treasurer is authorized to invest and reinvest money from said funds; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary to add a newly created and designated fund to the aforementioned list of funds.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County, Indiana, as follows:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 2001-03 is hereby amended to add to Section 2, DESIGNATION OF FUNDS, the following newly created and designated fund:

Fund Number: 687 Fund Name/Title: ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution).

SECTION 2. Hereafter, the Bartholomew County Treasurer is authorized to invest and reinvest money from this fund in the same way as other funds established by Ordinance No. 2001-03.

SECTION 3. Ordinance No. 2001-03 shall remain unchanged in all other respects.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon it's passage.

**PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA**

S/s Larry S. Kleinhenz  
Larry S. Kleinhenz, Chairman

S/s Paul Franke  
Paul Franke, Member

S/s Carl H. Lienhoop  
Carl H. Lienhoop, Member

**ATTEST:**

By: S/s Barbara J. Hackman  
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor of  
Bartholomew County, Indiana

Chairman Kleinhenz opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Chairman Kleinhenz closed the public hearing. Chairman Kleinhenz asked why these monies cannot be placed in the County General Fund. Attorney Tucker said that State statute says that a separate fund needs to be created for these funds. Attorney Tucker said that Auditor Hackman pointed out that the ADR Fund was started by a grant that gave \$20,000.00 in seed money. Once this is approved, then the Commissioners will need to authorize the Auditor's Office to set up this fund and manage it.

Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve this ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading amending Ordinance 2001-03 to provide for the investment of County funds through

authorized financial institutions designated by the County Board of Finance. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Kleinhenz presented for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading the Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2001-10 Authorizing Payment of Certain Claims in Advance of Board Allowance. This was approved on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading at last week's Commissioners' Meeting.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2001-10 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS IN ADVANCE OF BOARD ALLOWANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County ("Commissioners") did, on December 3, 2001, adopt Ordinance No. 2001-10 which authorized the payment of certain claims in advance of approval of said claim by the Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners have been made aware that at least one vendor or supplier of goods and/or services to the County is willing to offer a discount from the amount invoiced for payment made within a stated number of days from the invoice date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners believe it to be a prudent decision to take such action as is necessary to take advantage of any offered discount even if it means paying said amount prior to approval of said claim by the Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners herein wish to amend Ordinance No. 2001-10 in order to authorize payments to be made in order to receive a discount from the amount billed or invoiced.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County, Indiana as follows:

**SECTION 1.**

Ordinance 2001-10 is hereby amended, revised and changed as follows:

**SECTION 2.**

Paragraph one of Ordinance 2001-10 is amended to add a sub-section 0, which reads as follows:

o. Payments made in order to receive a discounted price for goods or services provided to the County.

SECTION 3.

Ordinance 2001-10 shall remain unchanged in all other respects.

SECTION 4.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012.**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA

S/s Larry S. Kleinhenz  
Larry S. Kleinhenz, Chairman

S/s Paul Franke  
Paul Franke, Member

S/s Carl H. Lienhoop  
Carl H. Lienhoop, Member

ATTEST:

By: S/s Barbara J. Hackman  
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor of  
Bartholomew County, Indiana

**PASSED ON SECOND READING THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012.**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA

S/s Larry S. Kleinhenz  
Larry S. Kleinhenz, Chairman

S/s Paul Franke  
Paul Franke, Member

ATTEST: S/s Carl H. Lienhoop  
Carl H. Lienhoop, Member

By: S/s Barbara J. Hackman  
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Bartholomew County, Indiana

Auditor Barb Hackman explained that this Ordinance Amendment gives approval for the County to pay this food service vendor for both the Jail and Youth Services Center because the County is given a discount of one percent (1%) if paid within ten (10) days of receipt. This will save the County approximately \$3,000.00 a year. Attorney Tucker added that this Ordinance Amendment is not limited to this food vendor but includes all vendors and service providers who offer the County a discount within a stated amount of time.

Chairman Kleinhenz opened a public hearing. Bartholomew County resident John Dishinger wanted to emphasize what Attorney Tucker said that this applies to all invoices from vendors that give the County a discount. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Kleinhenz closed the public hearing. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve this Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2001-10 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Commissioner Lienhoop said that with the current claim procedure a vendor or business might have to wait thirty (30) to thirty-five (35) days to receive their money.

Chairman Kleinhenz mentioned that the new GIS training from 39° North that was scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at YES Cinema has been cancelled

due to lack of response from the community. 39° North will continue to have training sessions tomorrow in the County Council Chambers in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana at the times listed below:

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please contact Denise Stuckey at [denise.s@39dn.com](mailto:denise.s@39dn.com) to pre-register for a GIS training session. Chairman Kleinhenz asked Auditor Hackman to call *The Republic* and have them run a public service announcement for the GIS Training tomorrow from 39° North.

Next, the Commissioners opened two (2) Proposals for one (1) Dodge Durango SXT SUV for the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Department Major Todd Noblitt was in attendance to answer any questions. Major Noblitt mentioned that the Sheriff's Department was able to purchase a new vehicle cheaper than a used vehicle. The quotes received are shown below for one (1) 2012 Dodge Durango SXT AWD. Note that Bob Poynter included two (2) different quotes in their proposal.

<b>Fletcher, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep (Franklin, IN)</b>	<b>\$25,880.00</b>
<b>Bob Poynter Auto Group (Seymour, IN)</b>	<b>\$33,195.00</b>
<b>Boy Poynter Auto Group (Seymour, IN)</b>	<b>\$28,412.65</b>
<b>Shows \$5,232.35 for Customer Discount</b>	

Commissioner Franke mentioned that the low bidder is Fletcher. Bartholomew County resident Mike Lovelace asked the Commissioners why the quote was only for only one



(1) make and one (1) model instead of including Ford, Chevy, etc. Major Noblitt said the Sheriff's Department already has some Dodge Durangos, and they know they perform well, and the Department would like to remain consistent on the makes and models purchased for consistency for maintenance.

Next, on the agenda was the Consideration of a Proposal for the Surveyor's Office for GPS Equipment. While the proposals were being opened, Chairman Kleinhenz mentioned that in most of these cases the Department Heads can purchase the equipment they need without having to come before the Commissioners for approval, but the County policy asks for them to do this. This ensures that the County is getting the best deal for the money and ensures that the County allows as many people to participate as possible.

The following quotes were received for the GPS equipment for the Surveyor's Office.

<b>Seiler Instrument (Indianapolis, IN)</b>	<b>\$23,380.00</b>
Includes a trade-in amount of \$6,000.00	
<b>Precision Laser &amp; Instrument Inc. (Monroe, OH)</b>	<b>\$27,310.00</b>
Includes a trade-in amount of \$4,260.00	

Survey Department Head Ray Sheldon came before the Commissioners to ask that these quotes be taken under advisement to review the quotes to ensure that they meet specifications. Chairman Kleinhenz asked what this equipment is. Mr. Sheldon said that the current Trimble equipment is ten (10) years old and the Surveyor is having some trouble with it, so an upgrade is needed. This new, modern equipment uses more

satellites and is more accurate than the current equipment. This will be paid out of the Perpetuation Fund.

Bartholomew County resident John Dishinger asked what this equipment does. Mr. Sheldon said that the Surveyor's Office does several long term projects that require the use of GPS. In fact, the Surveyor's Office is working on a project that they began five (5) years ago where they are putting coordinates on all three thousand five hundred (3,500) section corners of Bartholomew County. Likewise, other departments in County government, such as the Fair Board, County Highway, the Township Trustees, Commissioners, etc., use this equipment too. This GPS equipment uses satellites to makes it more convenient and more accurate to acquire the information needed to locate right-of-ways, to perform surveys, to locate cemeteries, etc.

Mr. Sheldon added that Bartholomew County is a forerunner of ninety-two (92) counties in the State in both Surveying and the County GIS information. Therefore this upgrade will keep the county with this tradition. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to take these quotes under advisement to ensure they meet specifications. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Office Manager for the Prosecutor's Office Brenda Mijares presented the Commissioners with an Affidavit of Equitable Sharing Agreement. When an offender is arrested and has a large sum of money in their possession, then a portion of that money is put into an account and is then distributed to the Sheriff's Department, State Police, Prosecutor's Office, etc. This affidavit needs to be signed and turned in by the end of

February to the Federal Government to report how much money is in that account, what is purchased with this money, etc. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve signing the Affidavit of Equitable Sharing Agreement. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Kleinhenz asked County Attorney J. Grant Tucker to explain what the meeting was about with the Commissioners prior to the Commissioners' meeting today. Attorney Tucker mentioned that in *The Republic* newspaper this morning, it was reported that the County Fire Inspector and employee of the Bartholomew County Code Enforcement Office was arrested on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and charged with theft which is a felony. Code Enforcement Director Brian Thompson has gathered what evidence is available to this point and has placed this person on administrative duty. Therefore, this person will continue to work in the Code Enforcement Office and be paid, but will not be conducting fire investigations. Attorney Tucker said this is early in the process and is pending based on further information. Chairman Kleinhenz added that this instance concerned German Township government and not Bartholomew County government or property.

Bartholomew County resident Mike Lovelace asked the Commissioners to investigate a company called Nu Sun because there are never any cars there and some Economic Development money was used to entice this company to begin business in Bartholomew County. Chairman Kleinhenz said he would look into this today.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kleinhenz at 11:44 am. The next Commissioner's meeting will be on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 10:00 am in the Commissioner's Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

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PAUL FRANKE, MEMBER

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR