

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
December 16, 2013

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on December 16, 2013 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Carl Lienhoop called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Larry Kleinhenz and Rick Flohr, County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and Auditor Barbara Hackman were also in attendance.

Commissioner Flohr gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the December 9, 2013 meeting minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Flohr, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was the approval of Claims. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the Claims, seconded by Chairman Kleinhenz, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the weekly Permit report. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report dated 12/9/13 to 12/13/2013. Nineteen (19) permits had been issued with a fee amount of \$3,823 and an estimated construction cost of \$5,441,525. A single-family dwelling on East Otter Creek Lane showed an estimated construction cost of \$4,000,000 which probably should have been \$400,000.

County Engineer Danny Hollander said that this morning was the deadline for the Newbern Bridge Inspection Proposals. Proposals were received from Strand Associates, Inc.; Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC; and Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. They will be submitted to INDOT for scoring.

Engineer Hollander then gave the County Highway weekly crew report which included the following work: mixed salt and sand, plowed and treated roads, and readied trucks for service.

Volume of calls and/or complaints to the County Highway Dept. has been less than normal. Commissioner Flohr had taken a call from a resident of Azalia who had complained of an ice-packed stretch of road. High-traffic and tree-covered areas can be hit

with additional salt if necessary, but the Dept. was running low on salt last week pending receipt of orders.

Commissioner Flohr raised a repeat concern coming from constituents about the lack of posted speed limits on Youth Camp Road. The suggestion was made to consider users' input in conjunction with the County's speed limit study to establish speed limits for problematic areas such as Youth Camp Road.

A taxpayer in the audience asked about possibly installing a snow fence, as is utilized at the airport, to obstruct drifting snow on Marr Rd. from 550 N southward. Commissioner Kleinhenz suggested trying it out on a section and, if effective, ultimately installing seasonal snow fencing. Engineer Hollander was not familiar with the process, but could look into its application.

The next agenda item was reading the Proclamation for John D. Rondot Day. Mr. Rondot was recognized for contributing his computer knowledge coupled with his understanding of local government for the benefit of Bartholomew County. He has served on the Data Board with a diversity of skills for the past 35 years and has been an invaluable resource. Therefore, the Commissioners proclaimed December 16th as John D. Rondot Day and asked the community to acknowledge the many years of his dedicated service. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the proclamation of John D. Rondot Day. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The Commissioners went on to commend Mr. Rondot for his longevity of commitment and his practical and frugal conscientiousness which guided the County through a time of technological advancement, application and innovation. Our community has been well-served by his career expertise and willingness to serve.

Next item on the agenda was the Ratification of Data Board Items. Jim Hartsook, IT Director, presented four items for ratification.

\$2,337.00 Replace computers in the Prosecutor's Office, IV-D Budget

\$2,871.99 Fourteen 24" monitors for 911 Center dispatch stations, EOC Budget

\$2,341.95 Cellular repeater for the GOB, Commissioners' 4-43 Budget

\$1,594.44 Power module replacement for IT, Commissioners' 4-43 Budget

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to ratify the four expenditures. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Director Hartsook then submitted a contract renewal with eGIS service provider 39 Degrees North, Bloomington, IN to lock-in a three-year extension of services at the current cost. This service contract is a component of an interlocal agreement with MPO, City Utilities, City Engineer's Office, City Planning, County Surveyor and County Highway. The County's portion is \$55,350 annually. Commissioner Flohr made a motion for the County to enter into the 3-year renewal contract with 39 Degrees North. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next consideration was for Community Corrections Work Release computer replacements.

17 Computer replacements with zero clients..... Not to Exceed \$5,300
6 Laptop replacements for detectives..... Not to Exceed \$10,000
1 Laptop replacement for Sheriff's training room... Not to Exceed \$1,500

The current detective laptops don't meet portability needs and will be repurposed and used elsewhere. The new tablet hybrid computers don't require in-car mounts and are amply portable. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve these expenditures. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Director Hartsook concluded that project status updates were given for last quarter of 2013 at the Data Board Meeting and that City IT was present to request that City Fire Dept. come onto the Public Safety Software System.

Next agenda item was the consideration of an Agreement for the Provision of Inmate/Detainee Health Services. Major Gary Myers presented a one-year update of an Agreement between County and Advanced Correctional Healthcare out of Illinois which has satisfactorily provided these services for the past five years. The annual cost of services will be \$248,380 to be paid by monthly ACH payments of \$20,698 each. Responding to a question from a taxpayer in the audience, a county ordinance stipulates charging a \$15 co-pay to an inmate's account for any visit from a healthcare provider. If not paid after 30 days the charge is dropped. This outsourced approach to providing healthcare for inmates is not perfect, but has saved the County a substantial amount of

money and has provided relatively cheap medical attention while maintaining a quality standard of service. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to enter into the Agreement with Advanced Correctional Healthcare for 2014. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Emergency Management (EM) Director Dennis Moats presented a Ratification of Expenditure for Emergency Management. Bartholomew County EM, as fiscal agent for the District 8 Task Force, requested money for the purchase of two 15,000 watt generators to power the new District 8 hospital tent including an AC unit (a recently ratified purchase) and medical equipment. The cost of the two generators was \$4,558.10 from Lowe's. Commissioner Flohr made a motion that the County, as federally funded fiscal agent of District 8, ratify the purchase of two 15,000 watt generators. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion. An audience member suggested renting generators. The response was that in an emergency situation you want equipment ready for use. Another audience member asked what maintenance is being done to ensure the generators are operational. Monroe County starts them monthly and their Highway Dept. tends to any issues. With the motion made and seconded a vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of an Appointment to the Human Services Board of Directors. David Coffman has offered to fill the position that has been vacated with the resignation of Susan Fye. Mr. Coffman has worked for City Parks, Columbus Township Fire Dept. for 10 years, and is now with German Township Fire Dept. He has previously served as Director of Building Services at the Columbus Regional Hospital and has worked as an administrator of two major hospitals in Wichita, Kansas and Moore, Oklahoma. After graduating Edinburgh High School, Mr. Coffman obtained a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University and an M.B.A degree from Wichita University in Healthcare Administration. He has served in the U.S. Navy and Army Reserves and achieved a rank of Major. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to appoint David Coffman to the Human Services Board of Directors for two years beginning 1/1/2014. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

A miscellaneous item for consideration was Amendment #5-A to the Extension Contractual Services Agreement Between Purdue University and Bartholomew County to

provide additional appropriations of \$17,696.10 to fund a new FTE Educator position for 7/1/13 through 12/31/13 raising the total appropriations to \$65,566.10. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to enter into the Amendment #5-A to the Extension Services Agreement with Purdue. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Last item on the agenda was Discussion of the Annex Building Report. The Commissioners want to allow adequate time for public awareness and discussion to dispel any suspicion of secrecy regarding the outcome of the Annex Building project. At the same time, the County desires to move on toward resolving this vital need for the County. The meeting was opened up for public discussion. The Commissioners, Mike Lovelace, Tom Heller, a few County Council members, and reporter for The Republic, Mark Webber contributed to the discussion. Topics included funding; renovating other existing building(s); the usefulness of the spacious site on State Street; parking space; time considerations; accommodating the WIC Program; saving taxpayers \$18,000/yr. to house the Soil & Water Dept. and potentially generating \$30,000/yr. to house FSSA in a new Annex Building; considering the project as a catalyst for the revitalization of State Street; having a building that will last and meet the County's needs for generations to come. Renovation has not been formally ruled out, but no one present felt that it was a viable option to consider. There have already been two public meetings for the Annex discussion, but to ensure the public has adequate chance to weigh-in on this topic another public meeting, or possibly an open house at the Annex, could be scheduled after the first of the year. Additionally, it can be discussed at upcoming Monday morning meetings. The Commissioners would like to take the Annex Proposal to the County Council in February or March at the latest. Commissioner Kleinhenz said that although he would be open to hearing the argument for other views, after considering all the research and discussion over the years his view was to build new.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 11:30 a.m. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, December 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

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COMMISSIONERS

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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