

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
December 30, 2013**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on December 30, 2013 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Carl Lienhoop called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Commissioners Larry Kleinhenz and Rick Flohr, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. County Auditor Barbara Hackman was absent.

Chairman Lienhoop gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the December 23, 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 Commissioner 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 12/23/13 to 12/27/2013. Two (2) permits had been issued with a fee amount of \$30 and an estimated construction cost of \$90,000.

Engineer Hollander then gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: put up, moved and took down high water signs, cleaned up roads after flooding, patched roads, and put down stone on school bus turnarounds.

There was some discussion about the inaccurate flood predictions that came out of Indianapolis. The White River flood level was underestimated by almost 2 feet and Hawcreek by over 1 foot. Engineer Hollander stated that urban development will continually affect and change runoff. The fact that Columbus is a bit of an island cripples travel in times of flooding and impairs finding an exit route out of the City. Commissioner Kleinhenz speculated that the future improvements slated for Lowell Road might also include consideration of creating clearance and raising the elevation since only a small section (approx. 1/8 of a mile) of Lowell Road was flooded. Mike Lovelace, taxpayer, questioned the ability of the county roads being able to handle the increased traffic through that area. The situation would not be ideal, but the influx of traffic would be for short-term

emergency travel. With several large road projects having now been completed, maybe it's time for the County, along with City officials' input and MPO representation, to look into improving transportation across the City/County as the next large, long-term goal of the County Government.

Larry Perkison of the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation presented an itemization of the 2014 grant recommendations approved by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to be drawn from the Bartholomew County Local Drug Free Communities Fund. The fees collected in 2013 and deposited totaled \$57,525. The Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council is the decision-making/advisory committee that submits the requests for funding. Mr. Perkison proposed that the funds be allocated in the following areas:

<i>PREVENTION/EDUCATION:</i>	<i>\$21,675 (37.68% of funds)</i>
<i>Advocates for Children</i>	<i>\$3,675</i>
<i>Big Brothers/Sisters</i>	<i>\$4,400</i>
<i>Turning Point</i>	<i>\$4,800</i>
<i>Teen Council</i>	<i>\$3,500</i>
<i>BCSC Student Services</i>	<i>\$300</i>
<i>Party Safe/Communities That Care</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Reach Healthy Comm. Tobacco...</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>TREATMENT/INTERVENTION:</i>	<i>\$14,650 (25.47% of funds)</i>
<i>Community Church of Columbus</i>	<i>\$5,450</i>
<i>Turning Point</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Youth Care Fund (BCSC)</i>	<i>\$7,000</i>
<i>P.R.I.M.E. (Barth. Co. Court Serv.)</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES:</i>	<i>\$16,200 (28.16% of funds)</i>
<i>Translation Services</i>	<i>\$2,700</i>
<i>Columbus Police Dept.</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>
<i>Barth. Co. Sheriff's Dept.</i>	<i>\$6,500</i>
<i>P.R.I.M.E. (Barth. Co. Court Serv.)</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>ADMINISTRATIVE:</i>	<i>\$5,000 (8.69% of funds)</i>

Mike Lovelace, taxpayer, noted the absence of monies designated for meth-related issues. Mr. Perkison suggested that funding for meth programs typically runs higher than amount of funds available through this program and, therefore, are sought through other funding sources. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the Bartholomew County Local Drug Free Communities Fund 2014 grant recommendations as presented. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was the decision on bids presented at the 12/23/13 meeting for the purchase of a 2013 or 2014 mid-size vehicle for the County Assessor's Office. County Attorney Grant Tucker stated that the County Assessor Lew Wilson chose the bid presented by Fletcher Chrysler for a 2014 Chrysler 200 LX for \$17,890. The bid for that particular vehicle had been submitted but missed during the reading of the bids and, therefore, not recorded in the 12/23/13 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Mike Lovelace, taxpayer, suggested tabling the decision for next week amidst some confusion. Commissioner Kleinhenz suggested rejecting the bids and asking for re-appropriation of funds and re-bidding. Commissioner Flohr suggested not approving any of the bids that day rather than rejecting. County Attorney Tucker suggested holding the bids under advisement to allow time to investigate the 2014 Chrysler 200 LX. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to take the bids under advisement and table the decision on the Assessor's Office vehicle purchase for another week. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next agenda item was the November Animal Control Monthly Report. Commissioner Kleinhenz read the report as follows: picked up 29 dogs and 14 cats, there was 6 dog violations and 4 fines for dogs, there were 2 dog bite cases and 1 cat bite case, 6 animals had been reclaimed, 1 dog trap had been loaned and there were 18 other cases for a total of 107 events. Van 1 had driven 1,968 miles and Van 2 had driven 1,457 miles. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the November Animal Control Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next under miscellaneous business Chairman Lienhoop announced that County Offices would be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 31st and January 1st, in observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Additionally, Chairman Lienhoop talked about John Dishinger's submission of certain verbiage in the IC Code regarding reassessment. Chairman Lienhoop pointed out that the Code is in need of updating to allow for digital aerial services, such as provided by Pictometry. The Code requires a physical inspection of each parcel of real property and that the County Assessor must personally perform this duty.

There was some discussion about not delaying the action on the Annex project any further. An opportunity may have been missed by not moving forward during the recession in 2009. Commissioner Kleinhenz mentioned that he spoke with Jim Bickel about Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) housing its clinic on the County's property on State Street and that they are very interested in the prospect.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 11:05 a.m. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

BARBARA J HACKMAN