

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 17, 2014

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on March 17, 2014 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Carl Lienhoop called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Rick Flohr was present and a quorum was established. Commissioner Larry Kleinhenz, County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were absent.

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

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the March 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Chairman Lienhoop, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of the payroll. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the payroll, seconded by Chairman Lienhoop, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was reporting the weekly permits. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report dated 3/10/14 to 3/14/14. Twenty-five (25) permits had been issued with a fee amount of \$2,965 and an estimated construction cost of \$2,022,302.

County Engineer Danny Hollander requested permission to advertise for the annual spring bids for road materials, specifically: 1) hot mix bituminous paving materials, 2) liquid asphalt, and 3) cold mix bituminous paving and patching materials. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to give notice to bidders for the specified highway materials with the bid opening to be April 7, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Flohr, and the motion passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander then gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: put up signs, patched roads, and cut trees on Tannehill, 250W, Lowell and Tellman Roads.

Under miscellaneous agenda items, St. Paul Lutheran Church requested that the County waive the permit fee to construct a 13x18 storage building on church property. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to waive the permit fee(s), seconded by Commissioner Flohr, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Lovelace, in the audience, opened discussion about the future of the Sears building. He hoped that Sears would be put back in the tax rolls given the fact that their taxes ran about \$63,000 per year. The Columbus Capital Foundation (Foundation) has received that property as a gift, and the Sears lease expires March 31, 2014. Chairman Lienhoop went on to say that the Foundation doesn't have a large bank balance with which to maintain the building, but does want to find the best use possible for that building. The Foundation will be holding a public meeting on March 27th, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the IU Center for Art and Design Building (IUCA+D) on the corner of 3rd and Jackson to receive input from the public.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:25 a.m. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

ATTEST:

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

BARBARA J. HACKMAN