

## **COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**September 15, 2014**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on September 15, 2014 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 County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also in attendance.

County Assessor Lew Wilson gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the September 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Flohr, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of payroll. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the payroll. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permit Report dated 9/8/14 to 9/12/14. Twenty-six (26) permits had been issued with a fee amount of \$5,305 and an estimated construction cost of \$3,491,582 (partly attributable to a commercial building estimated at \$2,834,000).

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: worked on signs; wedged in Jackson Township; mowed in Hawcreek & German Townships; worked on 325W; Milestone paved Base Road from 275E to Jewell Village; and O'Mara paved on 750S and 725W in Jackson Township.

Engineer Hollander also submitted the Bartholomew County Highway Monthly Financial Report for August, 2014 which included the Financial Report, Budget Status Report and Revenue Comparisons for the Highway Fund, Local Roads/Street Fund and the Cumulative Bridge Fund.

Engineer Hollander then presented a letter written to the County Surveyor's Office requesting assistance in defining the right-of-way for the Bridge #39 project on County Road 300N. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to sign the letter to the County Surveyor. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

For the next agenda item Heather Shireman, Soil & Water Conservation District Coordinator, presented the August, 2014 MS4 Stormwater Monthly Report. IDDE (Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination) yearly training requirements have been satisfied. Good Housekeeping walkthrough inspections are to be done for the Solid Waste Management District (9/30/14) and County Highway (TBD) facilities. The Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Cooperation and Coordination of Implementing 327 IAC 15-13 (Rule 13) was submitted to IDEM by its August 29<sup>th</sup> deadline. The next deadline will be submitting Part C Draft to IDEM by October 1, 2014. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the August, 2014 MS4 Stormwater Monthly Report as presented. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

County Assessor Lew Wilson presented a quote in the amount of \$16,946.35 from Worrell Corporation (Indianapolis) for print and mail services for the 2014 "Notice of Assessment of Land and Improvements" (Form-11). Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to sign the contract with Worrell Corporation for the Assessor's Office Form-11. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Assessor Wilson then presented an addendum to an annually renewing contract with Nexus Group, Inc. (Zionsville) amending the hourly rate from \$125/hr. to \$150/hr. for legal services in connection with Indiana property tax appeals, if needed. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to sign the Addendum to Contract for Professional Property Tax Services with Nexus Group, Inc. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

For the next agenda item County Clerk Tami Hines, accompanied by Deputy Jay Phelps, presented for consideration a quote from MicroVote/KNOWiNK for the purchase

of fourteen (14) poll pads including hardware and software packages to be used at the vote centers. Clerk Hines said that this initial purchase would put two poll pads at each of the 7 vote center locations for the city election at a cost of \$31,398 to come from the election board account. She stated that the County Council has already appropriated funds in next year's election board budget allowing for the purchase of 20 more poll pads needed for county elections if the decision is made to continue with vote centers. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the purchase agreement of 14 poll pad packages from KNOWiNK/MicroVote for \$31,398. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next under miscellaneous items was the ratification of the final amended bill from Helwig Concrete Finishing, Inc. for the courthouse ADA ramp project that included project overrun costs. The final bill was for \$11,540. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to ratify the expense of \$11,540 for concrete work at the courthouse. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Also associated with work done at the courthouse for the ADA ramp/restroom project, was the request for ratification of the final bill from DLZ. The final bill was increased by \$590.78 to \$35,090.78. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to ratify the additional expense included in the final bill totaling \$35,090.78 for improvements at the courthouse. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

With items from the published agenda having been concluded, Chairman Lienhoop began a discussion about the economic forces historically and presently impacting Bartholomew County's prosperity. Commissioner Kleinhenz mentioned [earlier in the meeting and inserted here for its content] that the Commissioners had discussed the possibility of writing into the Redevelopment Commission ("RC") Ordinance a mechanism for division of the funds whereby allowing school corporations or local governments to receive a portion of proceeds. Audience members Tom Heller, Ed Curtin, Jim Reed and Mark Webber contributed to the discussion. Mr. Reed would like to see the establishment of TIFs (tax incremental financing allocation areas) to be

site-specific versus simply designating areas. Mr. Heller sees similarities between the origination of RC/TIF and the trend toward governmental privatization and spoke on employing other economic incentives or lessening disadvantages as alternatives to the use of TIF. On the other hand, Mr. Webber spoke of following popular practice in order to stay competitive and the value of having a redevelopment commission as the county's contact to facilitate communications with potential investors. The second reading of the ordinance establishing the Bartholomew County Department of Redevelopment and the Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission was to be voted upon at this meeting, but was postponed until the September 22, 2014 Commissioners' Meeting due to the absence of advisory parties.

Mr. Webber also asked if the Cummins Foundation was ready to provide the list of architects for the Annex Building Project. Chairman Lienhoop responded that the Commissioners have not yet received the list of architects and now anticipate delaying ground-breaking on the project from spring up to June of next year.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:55 a.m. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

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COMMISSIONERS

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

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RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN