

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**January 26, 2015**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on January 26, 2015 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Larry Kleinhenz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Rick Flohr and Carl Lienhoop were present. County Auditor Barbara Hackman was also in attendance. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker was absent.

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

First item on the agenda was the approval of the January 20, 2015 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

The next item on the agenda was the weekly reports. Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permits Report dated 1/19/15 to 1/26/15. Nineteen (19) permits had been issued with fees collected in the amount of \$1,685 and estimated construction costs of \$860,000.

Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: put up signs; mowed in Clifty, Rockcreek and Ohio Townships; ground stumps; patched roads; mixed salt and sand; cut trees on 250W, 200W and 100W; took out fencing and brush on 625S and 200W.

Kurt Kegerreis, Director of the Southeast Work Force Investment Board (the "Board"), gave an overview of the organization. The 1998 Workforce Investment Act mandated that each region establish a board, comprised of over 50% businesses, to ensure the meaningful and demand-driven use of the federal funds to enrich the regional workforce base and skill set. The Southeast Work Force Investment Board represents 10 counties, also known as Region 9: Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland. Commissioner Flohr is the County's

liaison to the Board. Bartholomew County is represented on the Board by Kent Fuller from Caltherm Corp. and Chip Orben from Duke Energy.

In his first year, Mr. Kegerreis has seen the Board transition through some operational obstacles and accomplish a 30% reduction of administration overhead costs and an 83% increase of training dollars going to clients. The positive momentum has attracted more funding into this region. Most of the funding is federal with some state dollars. \$100,000 has come in recently for short-term training for evaluating credentials for Ivy Tech and they've received a \$30,000 transportation grant for people with disabilities. The Board is presently working with the Columbus Education Coalition and the EcO15 initiative (focused on the betterment of economic opportunities through education). Of the annual \$2.5 million budget, most goes toward infrastructure of the six WorkOne regional offices and the rest to training.

Additionally, Mr. Kegerreis spoke on the recently passed Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. One requisite of the bill is the signing of a request to retain Region 9's designation as a local region under the WIOA and preserve the 10-county region as presently defined. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to sign the letter of support, subject to County Attorney Grant Tucker's review. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was the consideration of an agreement with Snow Kreilich Architects, Inc. for Phase I of the Annex Building Project. Phase I includes programming, site analysis and concept design having an estimated completion time of 10 weeks and billed as follows:

Architectural Services	\$85,000
Cost Estimating Services	<u>\$12,350</u>
Total Fees for Phase I:	\$97,350

Funding for Phase I will be coming from the Cummins Foundation. The agreement has been reviewed by Attorney Grant Tucker for the County and by Columbus Regional Hospital's Attorney Cindy Boll for the Volunteers In Medicine Building going up on the

shared site. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to enter into the Proposal for Bartholomew County Annex & VIM Phase I with Snow Kreilich. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Captain David Steinkoenig representing the Sheriff's Department requested permission to apply for a \$4,000 grant from the Indiana Foundation/Homeland Security. The grant would be used to purchase new/replacement first aid kits for each deputy. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to sign the grant application. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The second grant request from the Sheriff's Department was for \$5,000 through the Columbus Regional Hospital Foundation for the purchase of Naloxone/Narcan from the CRH pharmacy. Naloxone/Narcan is an intervention drug used to counter heroin and/or opiate overdoses. Deputies would be trained and equipped to administer in such overdose cases. Commissioner Flohr made the motion to sign the grant application. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next item was the monthly Animal Control Report for December, 2014, and for the year 2014. Animal Control Officer Mark Case read the report as follows: there was a total of 78 cases (1,598/yr.), 25 animals were picked up (513/yr.), 72 audits (1,189/yr.), 3 violations (66/yr.), 1 fine (37/yr.), 0 bite cases (22/yr.), 6 door hangers placed (88/yr.), 3 reclaimed animals (72/yr.), and 3 traps loaned to the public (58/yr.). The two vans traveled a total of 2,588 miles in December (43,227 miles for the year). Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to accept the December, 2014 and Annual Animal Control Reports as presented. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

County Clerk Jay Phelps presented the 2015 Infinity Voting System Annual Maintenance Agreement with MicroVote General Corporation for consideration. The proposed annual fee remains at \$9,500 for software maintenance/support of the Infinity Voting System. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to enter into the agreement with

MicroVote General Corp. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Kleinhenz mentioned that bond rates have decreased to possibly the lowest rate in the last 30 years. The County's Jail Bonds, originated nine years ago, have become eligible for refinancing through satisfaction of the minimum maintenance term. At the lower rate, \$1.25 million could be saved over the remaining 11-year term on the \$18 million outstanding bond. The Commissioners plan to discuss bond refinancing with the County Council and present a resolution for consideration at their upcoming work session.

County Treasurer Pia O'Connor proposed an additional option, such as, restructuring part of the bond debt with the County's own internal financing means and having the Jail Corp. repaying the County's General Fund. Treasurer O'Connor suggesting furthering the discussion during the Board of Finance Meeting following the Commissioners' Meeting.

Chairman Kleinhenz also mentioned that the Commissioners have been having some informal discussions with various Council members about the Annex Building. More money would be needed to build the kind of Annex Building they want to build. Commissioners are being advised by the architect that despite rigid economizing the County's Annex budget of \$3.25 million is too tight and of concern.

Lastly, Dr. Stuart Cundiff, from the audience, brought to the Commissioners his concerns regarding their appointment of the Veteran's Service Officer.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kleinhenz at 11:00 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

---

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

---

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

---

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

---

BARBARA J. HACKMAN