

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 19, 2015

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on October 19, 2015 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Larry Kleinhenz, Carl Lienhoop and Rick Flohr were present. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also in attendance.

Chairman Larry Kleinhenz called the meeting to order. Commissioner Lienhoop gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the October 12, 2015 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of claims. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the claims. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permit Report dated 10/12/15 to 10/16/15. Thirty-three (33) permits had been issued with fees collected of \$4,538 and an estimated construction cost of \$2,884,890.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: mowed in German, Columbus and Harrison Townships; wedged in Clifty and Wayne Townships; cut trees along Talkington Road and replaced a culvert; replaced pipe on 300N; ditched and put in driveway pipes on 300E, 275W and 600E; placed stoned along 350W; put up signs; picked up tires; and paved Seymour Road and on 330W.

Next item on the agenda was the consideration of an appointment for the county's **Information Services Director** position. Two employees recently left and with the filling of this director position the department size will be reduced from five to four through attrition. Additionally, IT will also be losing the unofficial support that Deputy Jeff Wehmiller has provided for the Sheriff's Department. Staff reduction may decrease

response times, but 911 EOC and the Sherriff's Department will continue to receive top priority. Thirteen-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department Jeff Wehmiller's interest in the position stems from his education from ITT Technical Institute (Computer Electronics Engineering Technology Degree) and his practical IT experience performed for the Sherriff's Department. Commissioners prefer to fill positions in-house, when possible. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to appoint Jeff Wehmiller as IT Director beginning October 26th. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Assistant Director of Public Health Nursing Division Amanda Organist presented the next agenda item. Bids had been solicited for the purchase of a pharmacy, under-the-counter **refrigerator for the Nursing Division** vaccine storage. Three were received; however, one was submitted via email making it in violation of specifications and ineligible for consideration. The remaining two were received from:

Henry Schein (Melville, NY)	4.0 - 4.5 cu. ft.	\$ 939.46
Helmer Scientific (Noblesville)	5 cu. ft.	\$3,917.00

Given the substantial difference in bids, Commissioner Flohr motioned to take the bids under advisement. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Organist then presented a **contract with JR Promotions, LLC** (Columbus-principals Janeen and Rick Sprague) for billboard ads to be funded with money received from a state immunization grant. The purpose of the ads is to increase awareness of vaccinations, pertussis, HPV and MyVaxIndiana. The two sign locations are in the Edinburgh area on I65 about ½ mile north of Exit 76 and on US31 about ½ mile north of Hospital Road. The cost is \$5,650 for three (3) months beginning 11/5/15. (The grant is also funding two billboards located on SR11 and US31 under a contract with Lamar.) Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the contract with JR Promotions. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

For the next agenda item, DLZ's Charlie Day made a recommendation on the bids received and opened on 10/5/15 for the **demolition of the County Annex Building**:

Demolition Excavating Group, Inc. (Manito, IL)	\$99,870
Renascent, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN)	\$144,850
Earth Services (Benton, IL)	\$211,300
Vann Companies, LLC (New Hope, MN)	\$373,399

Day stated that Steve Winters from DLZ who put together the project specifications had reviewed the bids and met on-site with County Maintenance Supervisor Rick Trimpe and the contractor. There will also be a pre-construction conference prior to the start of work. The contractor understands the specs and has an IDEM-approved sub-contractor for the asbestos removal. DLZ recommends accepting the low bid from Demolition Excavating Group, Inc. subject to submittal of an acceptable payment and performance bond, proof of insurance, letter of understanding, and an appropriate contract (included in the specs). Commissioner Flohr motioned to award the job to Demolition Excavating for \$99,870 subject to the documentation listed above. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Lienhoop presented a **Notice of Public Auction of Surplus Property** to be held on November 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and located at the County Highway Garage, 2452 State Street, Columbus. Boewe-Newsom Auctioneers will conduct this year's auction. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to advertise the Public Auction of Surplus Property for November 14th as stated above. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda, consideration of an agreement for flower maintenance, was not ready for presentation.

Next was the **Treasurer's Monthly Report**. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of September, 2015 for

submission to the SBOA. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

E911 Director Ed Reuter presented a **letter of consent to allow Comcast** Cable Communications to install, operate and maintain cable and equipment on the property of the E911 Emergency Operation Center located at 131 S. Cherry St., Columbus. Installation of INdigital redundant equipment will be at no additional charge. Comcast shall repair any incidental damage to the property. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to give permission by signing the letter. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

With the formal agenda concluded, Chairman Kleinhenz asked for any additional comments from the attendees.

County Auditor Barbara Hackman stated that the 2016 Budget has been approved.

Purdue Extension Education Coordinator Kris Medic announced the next CAFO Regulation Study Committee would be meeting on Wednesday October 21st at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of that meeting will be to review their draft recommendations in light of the public input received during the September open house. Recommendations will then go to the Commissioners for codification before then moving on to the Planning Department.

Ed Reuter said the state wants to stay abreast of incidents reported through the Text 911 program for its marketing research. Reuter said the center received its first texted deaf incident this last weekend. Of course the program is a notable service for all its users, as well.

Mike Lovelace, in the audience, asked if there was anything that could be done to improve the weak cellphone coverage through the Mobley Curves area between Columbus and Greensburg, particularly with its higher frequency of accidents. Reuter said he communicates regularly with cellular companies as they adjust their coverage areas. He will pass the information along to them regarding Mobley Curves.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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COMMISSIONERS

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

BARBARA J. HACKMAN

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