

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

April 27, 2015

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on April 27, 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 and County Assessor Lew Wilson gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the April 20, 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 payroll. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the payroll. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permit Report dated 4/20/15 to 4/24/15. Twenty-six (26) permits had been issued with fees collected of \$2,416 and an estimated construction cost of \$1,103,429.

Kris Medic from the Purdue Extension Office said that there were two scheduled meetings remaining for the CAFO Regulation Study Committee. They have reached the discussion phase and are focusing on regulatory tools that will help guide the County's governing of CAFOs. The committee will present their findings to the Planning Department and Commissioners to facilitate the handling of future CAFO applications and the application of code. They also hope to hold an open house for the public to present their findings.

Next, County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: worked on signs; patched roads; worked on 325W; replaced pipe on 670E; installed driveway pipes on 425E, 500N, 1050E and 250W; extended a pipe under 525S; ditched on 550W; graded and added stone to alleys

in Lowell Addition; graded 850S and 1000S; and hauled 16 loads of trash from Dawson Street (80.14 tons). Several attempts to provide dumpsters in that area resulted in scavengers removing items from the dumpsters. Commissioner Lienhoop thanked the County Highway for getting the trash cleared out of that area per a request from County Code Enforcement. Although some may question the use of highway trucks for that purpose, the Highway Department was commended for its community service.

Engineer Hollander then asked for signatures on a non-matching grant agreement with INDOT for \$32,450 for railroad crossing improvements, e.g., signage, pavement markings, stop bars, etc. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to sign the OSI Grant Agreement with INDOT to accept funding for railroad crossing improvements. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander also submitted a change order from Milestone Contractors, LP for milling and surfacing on the 325W project totaling \$88,825.00 for the three-quarters of a mile stretch between 200N and Lowell Road. (Binder that was put down last year was included in the contract price.) Revised total for last year's overlay is now as follows:

Original Contract Amount	\$ 1,131,929.16
Previous Change Orders	158,479.40
This Change Order	<u>88,825.00</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 1,379,233.56

Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the change order from Milestone. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Solid Waste Management Education Coordinator Tricia Pontrich presented the Recycling Center Volumes for January through March 2015. Residential Recycling decreased slightly due to the activation of curbside recycling. While overall Commercial Recycling volumes were holding steady, the increase in March volumes were attributable to the closing of Bradbury's. User numbers at Satellite Recycling sites were down from

January since removing the bins from Kroger despite the continuation of the Saturday route. Office Supplies recycling continues to produce the highest average volume at the Landfill Reuse Center.

The Earth Day event held on April 25th was attended by 250 dropping off 80 appliances, 30 propane tanks, and 325 tires. Additionally, 90 people came through the center to dispose of:

100	gals.	Oil
800	lbs.	Cardboard
300	lbs.	Glass
500	lbs.	Newspaper
100	lbs.	Metal
300	lbs.	Paper
200	lbs.	Plastic
40		Televisions
3	Gaylord	boxes of Computer items
2	boxes	Computer items

The Sheriff's Department also collected unused prescription drugs at the event. Soil & Water Conservation gave away leftover trees from their Arbor Day Event. The next event is Tox-A-Way Day scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2015, at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the Recycling Center Report. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next agenda item was the monthly Animal Control Report for March, 2015. Animal Control Officer Mark Case read the report as follows: there were 119 cases, 44 animals were picked up, 130 audits, 8 violations, 4 fines, 0 bite cases, 5 door hangers placed, 7 reclaimed animals, and 5 traps loaned to the public. The two vans traveled a total of 1,122 miles in March.

Next, Chairman Kleinhenz acknowledged the receipt of the County Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month of March, 2015. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to

approve the Treasurer's March, 2015 Monthly Report for submission to the SBOA. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Sheriff Matt Myers mentioned that he continues to hold community crime prevention/public safety meetings to educate communities and receive input from residents. The latest meetings were held in Hope, Clifford and Elizabethtown. Sheriff Myers heard public concerns regarding signage and drivers exceeding speed limits and directed residents to notify the Commissioners' Office about signage/posted speed limits. In the absence of signage, county highways/rural roads speed limits are 55 mph until entering a residential or high traffic area which then lowers the speed limit to 30 mph. Sheriff Myers hopes this approach of education along with some enforcement will help curtail the rise in traffic accidents, common this time of year. The other concern was criminal activity associated with drug use. The County has seen a rise over national averages of burglaries in recent years and associates it with drug activity. The department continues to work with surrounding law enforcement and drug task force(s) to maximize drug enforcement efforts. Sheriff Myers also stressed the value of neighbors watching over neighbors and notifying the Sheriff's Department of suspicious activity, anonymously if needed.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kleinhenz at 10:30 a.m.

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

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