

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

February 3, 2020

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on February 3, 2020, in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr, Larry Kleinhenz and Carl Lienhoop were present. County Auditor Pia O'Connor was also present. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker was absent.

Chairman Lienhoop called the meeting to order and Catherine Greenlee from the Auditor's Office gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of the January 6, 2020, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of claims. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the bi-weekly and monthly claims. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permit Report dated 1/27/20 to 1/31/20. Sixteen (16) permits were issued with fees collected of \$1,854 and estimated construction costs of \$935,150. Permit fees for the month of January, 2020, totaled \$21,847.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: ditched in Taylorsville, on Carr Hill Road, and 100E; worked on signs; patched roads; crack-sealed in Royal View and Lexington Green; picked up trash; and ran the ditcher in Clifty and German Townships.

Hollander also requested **ratification of an expenditure** for one more snow plow hydraulic valve assembly. The invoice from Reading Equipment (Louisville, KY) totaled \$3,610.41. Chairman Lienhoop moved to ratify the expense. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was consideration of the bids opened last week for the **CCMG Overlay Program** consisting of 10 road segments. Dave O'Mara (North Vernon) submitted the low bid of \$1,181,994.80. Milestone Contractors, LP (Columbus) bid \$1,294,934.21. All Star

Paving (Seymour) bid \$1,495,912.26. Hollander reviewed those bids and recommended awarding the project to the lowest bidder, Dave O'Mara. The Community Crossings Matching Grant requires the entire project be awarded to one contractor, but it was of no consequence to the County, Hollander said, since O'Mara was lower on each of the 10 road jobs, anyway. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to award the overlay program to Dave O'Mara. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Hollander presented a **funding commitment letter addressed to INDOT** for the Community Crossing Grant Application #8744. The commissioners' endorsement ensures that Bartholomew County has funds earmarked for the necessary match. The County's share will be \$980,978. Commissioner Flohr moved to sign the letter. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next agenda item was consideration of proposals received for the installation of **four (4) concrete box culverts on 500E** (Nos. 1,2,4, and 5). They are located on 500E between 900N and the County Line. The fields along that mile are almost as high as the road. Since, metal culverts require a covering of 12" to 18" for structural strength, concrete box culverts provide the best option for that area.

Bidder		Culvert #1		Culvert #2		Culvert #4		Culvert #5
S&M Precast, Inc. (Henryville)	✓	\$ 10,950.00		\$ 16,350.00	✓	\$ 27,285.00	✓	\$ 7,050.00
Indiana Precast (Columbus)		\$ 11,100.00	✓	\$ 14,520.00				\$ 7,620.00
CivilCon (Jeffersonville)		\$ 35,240.00		\$ 37,610.00		\$ 67,803.50		\$ 32,420.00
E3 Bridge (Bedford)		\$ 42,240.00		\$ 44,610.00				\$ 38,550.00

✓ = Low Bid

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to award the low bid on Culvert #1 to S&M Precast. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Lienhoop motion to award the low bid on Culvert #2 to Indiana Precast. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Commissioner Flohr motioned to award the low bid on Culvert #4 to S&M Precast. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Lienhoop motioned to award the low bid on Culvert #5 to S&M Precast. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Maintenance Supervisor Rick Trimpe requested the **ratification** of an invoice totaling \$1,255.52 from South Central for an emergency **replacement of the furnace** at the Youth Services Center. Commissioner Flohr moved to ratify the expense. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Planning Department Senior Planner Ashley Beckhort presented a **dedication of right-of-ray (“ROW”) for Hoefle Minor Subdivision Replat (MI/P-19-17)**, totaling approximately 0.29 acres. The subject property is located at 5555 Lowell Road in Columbus Township. Stephen Oltman has requested to create one new lot for a total of 2 lots and 2 parent tracts consisting of 53.19+/- acres. Since the property crosses multiple jurisdictions, the request was presented to and approved by both the City’s and the County’s Plat Committees. The County’s Subdivision Control Ordinance requires the dedication of ROW along frontages of newly created lots. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the dedication of ROW. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Bobbie Shake, **Circuit Court** reporter and JDAI Coordinator, presented a request, signed by the Hon. Kelly Benjamin, to **apply for grant funding from Heritage Fund-AEI Youth Sports Fund**. The request was for \$1,500 to provide positive reinforcement and incentive to hand-picked youth within the justice system. The funding period runs from March through December, 2020. The money is to be used toward participation fees and costs associated with fitness and athletic programs.

Audience member Mike Lovelace questioned diverting Heritage Funds to troubled youth from youths who aren’t troubled, but whose families struggle financially. Shake stressed incentivizing certain juveniles who have done well during probation. She said that JDAI uses a lot of incentives, but none are sports related. She went on to say that these juveniles are receiving consequences for their mistakes, and if are showing progress, deserve an opportunity to better themselves. Sports is a good way to get involved [with others] by thinking outside of themselves and for the benefit of the team. The Circuit Court system would like to test this approach and monitor its results. Commissioner Kleinhenz would rather see administration of such assistance, independent of the courts. Shake said that Heritage Fund encouraged Circuit Court to apply, since its personnel are in a position to see the need. She understood “the concern of the judicial system being involved, but when we become involved, we become involved with the whole person and not just their criminogenic

behavior". Commissioner Flohr made a motion to sign the grant application to Heritage Fund. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion.

Commissioners asked, that throughout the course of this 9-month program, Shake consider if there might be a better administrator available in the future. They also recognized that the Heritage Fund was willing to invest a little funding to see if it was something workable. Commissioners trust that Shake and her group will complete an evaluation toward year-end to see if it was a worthwhile endeavor. With a motion on record, Chairman Lienhoop called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was consideration of an 8-year **agreement with AT&T to replace the aging enhanced 9-1-1 system**, for which the current AT&T contract is expiring and many components continuing to reach end-of-life. E911 Director Todd Noblitt said that preparations and planning to replace the system began in 2017. While contract negotiations have been ongoing between County Attorney Grant Tucker and AT&T, Noblitt has been securing monies to meet the approximately \$1.2 million financial obligation. There will be a lump sum payment of \$691,200 and \$4,242 monthly, thereafter; plus, an additional contract of \$50,000 for the recording system.

Federal grant funds of \$445,000 have been secured. The Indiana Statewide 911 Board will pay roughly \$400,000 toward routing and database functions over the next 8 years. Noblitt has budgeted over the last few years to encumber up to \$327,000 from his 2019 9-1-1 budget. The remaining balance will be split between the City and County (55/45) for \$165,000 and \$135,000, respectively. The system will be fully paid in 2020.

The Next Generation Motorola Solutions Vesta NG9-1-1 system has been specifically engineered for an enhanced 911 (E911) environment. Some of the features include a library of speed dial numbers, texting dialogue capability (TTY), an ANI/ALI (automatic number and location identification) Controller hosted at an AT&T location, personal computers, management information system (MIS) software, activity view, and a time synchronization device at controller locations. The system will readily interface with computer-aided dispatch (CAD), offers improved operational efficiencies, and pinpoints a mobile caller's location faster and more accurately as mandated for PSAPs (public safety answering points). Noblitt estimated the system to be up and running within 4 months of signing the contract. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to approve the agreement with AT&T,

subject to final approval by the County's attorney. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was consideration of **Amendment No. 1** to a master agreement, signed on 12/30/19, with **HomeWAV** for inmate telephone, email, and remote video visitation system at the jail. The amendment is to document the addition of three (3) more kiosks at the jail, at no cost to the county. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the amendment for additional kiosks. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz acknowledged receipt of the December, 2019, **Treasurer's Monthly Report** signed by County Treasurer Barbara Hackman. He moved to accept the report. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Audience member Mike Lovelace asked about the **groundbreaking for the New County Garage Facility** and questioned why Milestone Contractors had not started site work for the project, since the weather has been mild. Milestone was awarded the job on 9/9/19. Milestone recently told commissioners that when weather broke, they would move onto the site to begin. Commissioners expect to see groundbreaking this spring, after wet conditions are over and there has been a freeze-thaw event. They optimistically expect completion of the facility by year-end, or soon after.

And finally, reporter for ***The Republic*, Mark Weber**, shared a letter he received from Irvin Finke, who has farmed an area on Marr Road since 1960. In the letter, Finke writes about the amount of trash that he is finding scattered all over the place being worse than ever. It goes on that, "a certain amount has always been there, but for some reason it has gotten much worse." His neighbors agree. In the letter, he asked who is best to address the situation. Commissioners empathetically discussed the problem, suggested issuing citations for littering, and offered to contact Solid Waste Management Director Heather Siesel, who coordinates roadside cleanup events using volunteers, Adopt-A-Road, etc.

The next regular session of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, **February 10, 2020** at 10:00 a.m. in the GOB Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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