

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

June 17, 2019

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on June 17, 2019, in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr, Larry Kleinhenz and Carl Lienhoop were present. Attorney J. Grant Tucker was also present. Auditor Pia O'Connor absent. Chris West attended on O'Connor's behalf.

Chairman Flohr called the meeting to order and Commissioner Lienhoop gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes for the 6/10/19 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Flohr motioned to approve the minutes from the special session held on 6/13/19. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

Chairman Flohr read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 6/10/19 through 6/14/19. Thirty-eight (38) permits were issued with fees collected of \$3,602 and estimated construction costs of \$1,029,995.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: put up signs; patched roads with hot box and dura patch; replaced culvert pipes under 350E and 300S; worked on driveway pipes on 600E and Vine Street; ditched along 1175E, 225S, 825W, Baker Hollow, Wolfcreek, 850W, 300S, 850S and 100S; wedged in Flatrock, German and Clay Townships; mowed in Hawcreek and German Townships; and cleaned up the dirt piles at the fairgrounds.

Hollander submitted the **Highway Monthly Crew Report** for May, 2019, which included crew work, status of bridge and road projects and upcoming crew priorities for June.

Planning Department Planner Ashley Beckort presented a **dedication of right-of-way ("ROW") for the Mote's Minor Plat 2nd Replat (MI/P-19-04)**, totaling approximately 0.07 acres along Huffer Road. The subject property is located at 17441 E. Huffer Road in Clifty

Township. Alfred Weber has requested to create one new lot making two lots totaling 15.48 acres. The county's subdivision control ordinance requires dedication of ROW along frontages of newly created lots. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the dedication of ROW. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Beckort presented a second **dedication of right-of-way ("ROW") for the Von Fange Acres Minor Subdivision (MI/P-19-05)**, totaling approximately 0.10 acres along 1050S. The subject property is located south of 11440 W 1050 S in Jackson Township. Louis Voelker has requested to create one new lot and a parent tract remainder totaling 76.50 acres. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the dedication of ROW. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of an **ordinance authorizing the assessment of a real property endorsement fee**. The ordinance repeals Bartholomew County Ordinance 2007-08. A \$5 fee is already being collected for the purpose of maintaining the County Plat Books. With this ordinance, effective 7/1/19, the fee increases to \$10 and requires the owner to provide their tax identification number on any document to be recorded on the property. Chris West of the Auditor's Office said the change will establish consistency among Indiana counties and facilitate electronic processing of property records. Content of the ordinance is inserted here.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF A  
REAL PROPERTY ENDORSEMENT FEE**

**WHEREAS**, Indiana Code 36-2-9-18 authorizes County Auditors to collect a fee of up to Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each deed or each legal description of each parcel contained in a deed for which the Auditor makes a real property endorsement; and

**WHEREAS**, such fee, if collected, shall be placed in a fund of specifically dedicated for the purpose of maintaining County Plat Books; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bartholomew County Auditor believes that the citizens of Bartholomew County will benefit from the imposition of a Real Property Endorsement fee and has requested that the County Commissioners pass and Ordinance adopting such fee; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the Auditor's recommendation, the Board of Commissioners agree that said fee is needed and agree to impose it; and

**WHEREAS**, Indiana Code 36-2-9-18 also permits the Auditor to require a tax identification number identifying the affected real property to be placed on an instrument that

conveys, creates, encumbers, assigns or otherwise disposes of an interest in or a lien on real property.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That consistent with the provisions of Indiana Code 36-2-9-18, and as the same may, from time to time be amended, the Bartholomew County Auditor is hereby authorized to collect a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each deed or legal description of each parcel contained in a deed for which the Auditor makes a real property endorsement.
2. The fee provided in paragraph one (1) herein shall be in addition to any other fee provided by law.
3. All revenue received by the Auditor pursuant to this ordinance shall be placed in a dedicated fund for the use of maintaining plat books.
4. The Auditor shall also be permitted to require a tax identification number identifying the affected real property placed on an instrument that conveys, creates, encumbers, assigns or otherwise disposes of an interest in or a lien on real property.
5. This Ordinance Repeals Ordinance 2007-08.
6. This Ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2019.

*End of Insert*

Chairman Flohr opened the meeting for public comment. There being none, he closed the meeting. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration of a contract with **J. Grant Tucker for legal services** associated with construction of the new highway garage, including but not limited to, issuance of bonds. He will bill \$225/hour, but not exceed \$15,000. Chairman Flohr motioned to enter into the contract. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lienhoop read a written request from Suzanne Shaw on behalf of Harrison Lake Country Club requesting a **road closure for their fireworks display** on July 3rd from 7:00-

11:00pm. The request was for closing a section of Country Club Road from the south entrance to the intersection of Country Club Road and Raintree Drive South. She also asked for the highway department's cooperation in supplying barricades by July 2nd and pick up on July 4th or 5th. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the request for road closure and highway department assistance. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, June 24, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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RICHARD A. FLOHR, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

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PIA O'CONNOR

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER