

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 9, 2018

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on July 9, 2018, in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr, Larry Kleinhenz and Carl Lienhoop were present. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also present.

Chairman Kleinhenz called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the 7/2/18 Commissioners' Meeting. 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.

Chairman Kleinhenz read into the minutes the New Permit Report dated 7/2/18 through 7/6/18. Twenty-seven (27) permits were issued with fees collected of \$2,614 and estimated construction costs of \$1,204,552.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: chip and sealed in Wayne Township and Jackson Township; put up signs; ditched on Enon Road and placed rip rap on the Clifty Creek bank; added to pipes on Lowell Road; ditched and put down rip rap along 800S in Wayne Township; cleaned out pipes on 200E south of 1000S; mowed in Harrison Township and Wayne Township; and patched roads. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that they had received an onion for chip and sealing roads. Another item was the bridge on State Street over Hawcreek - it looks like chip and seal, but without the black. Hollander stated it is an epoxy. INDOT swears by it and are using it on all their bridges. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that a lot of stone had been washed away on Old Nashville Road near the Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department and he would like it looked at.

Next was the consideration of an appointment of **Larry Garrity as the Veteran Services Officer**. Garrity has been an assistant in the office for quite some time. They believe this should

be a pretty seamless transition. He has proven that he is calm and level headed and loves the veterans. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to appoint Larry Garrity to finish the term of VSO until December 31, 2018. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mark Weber asked if they had an application on file for him. They stated they did from when he applied for his current position. He is out of the office until Thursday for training.

Chairman Kleinhenz spoke about the lack of a **highway garage facility**. Commissioners met with the County Council last week at their work session. Chairman Kleinhenz was approached by someone at church about the tax increases. He stated that it could be put in the debt service line, but they do not want to do that. They believe they can pay for it out of existing revenues. They are going to move ahead to get the Council's support. Mark Weber asked when the Council would vote on it. A vote may happen tomorrow night at the regularly scheduled council meeting. If a favorable vote is obtained, the Commissioners would start the bond process. They have the money in their CEDIT funds to pay the bond. Taxpayers want the county to live within its means and they believe this plan provides that.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, July 16, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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