

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
October 10, 2011

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on October 10, 2011 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Carl Lienhoop called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioner Larry Kleinhenz, Commissioner Paul Franke, Auditor Barb Hackman, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. Chief Deputy Treasurer Kari Spurgeon gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, the minutes of the October 3, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Kleinhenz and seconded by Commissioner Franke.

The Voucher Claims were presented for approval. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the Voucher Claims. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report from 10/3/2011 to 10/7/2011. Seventy-six permits were issued with a fee amount of \$4,962.75 and a valuation amount of \$2,441,269. The total fees collected for September 2011 was 29,644.95.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Bartholomew County Highway Financial Report for September 2011 for the Highway Fund, Local Roads & Street Fund, and the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Likewise, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the September 2011 Monthly Report for the

Highway Department that includes the accomplishments of the Highway Crew for September, the status of Bridge Projects and Road Projects, the number of Driveway Permits and Road Cut Permits issued, and the Highway Crew Priorities for October 2011.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with a Proposal from Montgomery Environmental Inc. for soil and groundwater characterization due to a fuel spill at 3885 North County Road 325 West, Columbus, Indiana. This occurred at one (1) of the homes the Commissioners purchased for the FEMA Demolition Project that was recently approved. This inspection was required by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The estimated cost is \$5,263 which includes mileage, an hourly rate of \$75.00 per hour, and laboratory fees.

Commissioner Kleinhenz mentioned that the Commissioners received a grant in order to purchase and demolish three (3) homes on 325 West that were flooded in the 2008 Flood. The Commissioners purchased said properties in order to make road improvements to 325 West. Two weeks after closing, someone stole the copper valve off of the fuel tank which resulted in the tank leaching fuel into the Driftwood River and the surrounding soil. The Commissioners requested proposals from three (3) firms to perform the soil and groundwater testing, but Montgomery Environmental Inc. was the only company that met the requirements set forth by IDEM. The report from Montgomery Environmental Inc. mentions that this fuel leak is low priority indicating potential soil contamination only, but the groundwater will need to be tested too. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the proposal with Montgomery

Environmental Inc. to perform the necessary testing required by IDEM for the fuel spill at 3885 North County Road 325 West. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. Last week the Highway Crew mowed in Clay and Jackson Townships, patched roads, put in pipes on 250 West, placed stone along road shoulders where overlay was done, worked on signs, and cleaned up and planted grass seed around new culverts on 525 South, 400 East, and 450 East.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the September 2011 Monthly Stormwater Report. During the month of September, the Highway Department picked up trash and tires on six (6) separate occasions. The trash (bags, mattresses, etc.) was taken and disposed of at the local landfill.

In the month of September, tires were taken to the Highway Department and stored until CCE of New Albany, Indiana picked up the tires for recycling. They are waiting on tickets to verify how many tires were recycled. Also, approximately twelve (12) tons of sediment was removed from ditches along the County Roads in the month of September. Waste was left in fields if the property owners needed it for filling in low field areas or it was hauled to the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds for future use.

The Highway Department helped the Bartholomew County and City of Columbus Advisory Committee to get the County caught up to date on Part C and the County's MS4 permits. The Highway Department submitted the required letter and additional

information to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) prior to the September 30th deadline. The County is on track for IDEM Compliance as long as all entities can complete their task in a timely fashion.

Also, in September 2011, the County had five (5) employees trained in Stream Monitoring for Outfall Locating through the Hoosier River Watch Program. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve the September 2011 Monthly Stormwater Report. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Associate Planner Rae-Leigh Stark, with the Planning Department, presented the following minor subdivision for acceptance of right-of-way:

MI/P-11-06: J&C Prohaska Minor Subdivision – is a request by John Prohaska to create 1 new lot for a total of 2 lots equaling 2.88 acres. The property is located at 277 South Wolfcreek Road in Harrison Township.

Thirty-five (35) feet (or 0.19 acres) of right-of-way will be dedicated, and the Plat Committee has accepted this right-of-way. Commissioner Franke made a motion to accept the dedication of right of way for the J&C Prohaska Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Project Manager for Kenna Consulting Christi Pappano presented the Commissioners with a Consideration of a Financial Settlement/Expenditure Report and Administrative Closeout for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) PL-09-030 for Driftwood Utilities. This is Stage 2 of the closeout and will be the last reports. Currently, Driftwood Utilities is looking for a local match for the grant. This grant will allow for upgrades to the Driftwood Utility lines. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a

motion to approve the Financial Settlement/Expenditure Report and Administrative Closeout for the Community Development Block Grant PL-09-030. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop presented the Consideration of Irregular Courthouse hours for Absentee Voting requested by the County Clerk Tami Hines and the Election Board. The State of Indiana Code IC 3-11-10-26 requires that the Courthouse be open for at least seven hours on the two Saturdays prior to an election. Therefore, the Bartholomew County Courthouse would need to be open Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Likewise, the Courthouse will also be open on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2011 from 6:00 a.m. until the votes are tabulated, but not for absentee voting. Also requested is that the County Highway will help post signage and a Maintenance Staff member will help move voting machines for the November 8th elections. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to extend the Courthouse hours for the two Saturdays before the election on November 8, 2011, have the County Highway post signage, and have a Maintenance Department staff member help move voting machines. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop presented the Consideration of the 2012 Payroll and Voucher Schedules to the Commissioners for approval as follows.

2012 Payroll Schedule

Due in Auditor's Office:	Commissioners' Approval:	Pay Date:
01/03/12	01/09/12	01/13/12

01/17/12	01/23/12	01/27/12
Due in Auditor's Office:	Commissioners' Approval:	Pay Date:
01/30/12	02/06/12	02/10/12
02/13/12	02/20/12	02/24/12
02/27/12	03/05/12	03/09/12
03/12/12	03/19/12	03/23/12
03/26/12	04/02/12	04/06/12
04/09/12	04/16/12	04/20/12
04/23/12	04/30/12	05/04/12
05/07/12	05/14/12	05/18/12
05/21/12	05/29/12	06/01/12
06/04/12	06/11/12	06/15/12
06/18/12	06/25/12	06/29/12
07/02/12	07/09/12	07/13/12
07/16/12	07/23/12	07/27/12
07/30/12	08/06/12	08/10/12
08/13/12	08/20/12	08/24/12
08/27/12	09/04/12	09/07/12
09/10/12	09/17/12	09/21/12
09/24/12	10/01/12	10/05/12
10/08/12	10/15/12	10/19/12
10/22/12	10/29/12	11/02/12
11/05/12	11/13/12	11/16/12
11/19/12	11/26/12	11/30/12
12/03/12	12/10/12	12/14/12
12/17/12	12/26/12	12/28/12

2012 Voucher Schedule

Due in Auditor's Office:	Commissioners' Approve & Vouchers Paid:
12/28/11	01/17/12
01/11/12	01/30/12
01/25/12	02/13/12
02/08/12	02/27/12
02/22/12	03/12/12
03/07/12	03/26/12
03/21/12	04/09/12
04/04/12	04/23/12
04/18/12	05/07/12

Due in Auditor's Office:	Commissioners' Approve & Vouchers Paid:
05/02/12	05/21/12
05/16/12	06/04/12
05/30/12	06/18/12
06/13/12	07/02/12
06/27/12	07/16/12
07/11/12	07/30/12
07/25/12	08/13/12
08/08/12	08/27/12
08/22/12	09/10/12
09/05/12	09/24/12
09/19/12	10/08/12
10/03/12	10/22/12
10/17/12	11/05/12
10/31/12	11/19/12
11/14/12	12/03/12
11/28/12	12/17/12

Finding the schedules to be in order, Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the 2012 Payroll and Voucher Schedules. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop presented the Consideration to Waive Demolition Permit Fees by Case Construction, Inc. for the City of Columbus for the following three (3) homes:

1938 State Street, Columbus, Indiana 47201
1951 Indiana Avenue, Columbus, Indiana 47201
3520 Carr Hill Road, Columbus, Indiana 47201

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to waive the Demolition Permit Fees for all three (3) homes mentioned above providing that the requirements set forth by the

Technical Code Enforcement Office have been met. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Bartholomew County resident John Dishinger sent an email to the Commissioners asking them to explain the funding, the authority, and the financing concerning the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), as well as moving Bridge #26.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization Officer Kent Anderson and Eric Brunn from Strand & Associates were present at the meeting today. Mr. Anderson explained that in 2000 the area between Edinburgh and Columbus, that starts at the I-65 and US 31 corridor and runs south of Columbus and includes the City limits down to Walesboro, was changed to an urbanized area by the Census Bureau because the population went above 50,000 people. This is a thorough highway requirement that changes the funding received from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). Prior to having an MPO, INDOT would approve or disapprove giving the County money for road projects. However, with an MPO a steady stream of money will continue to be received for this urbanized area. Currently that amount is \$1,660,000 per year for road construction. This represents the fuel tax coming back into this urbanized area. Of that \$1.66 million, \$150,000 is received for transportation enhancements for trails, etc. Likewise, \$150,000 is given for safety funds for crosswalks in which 90% is federal funding and 10% is from a local match. The salary for the MPO Kent Anderson is funded 80% federally, 18% from the City of Columbus, and 2% from the County.

Mr. Dishinger stated that he has been pleased with the way that the Commissioners and Bartholomew County Highway Department have handled their funds prior to the endeavor of moving Bridge #26 to the City which interferes with the jurisdiction of the Commissioners. Engineer Hollander explained that Bridge #26 was deemed a historical bridge, so the County needed to find someone who wanted this bridge because it cannot be destroyed. The City of Columbus wanted it. Mr. Dishinger said then the City should pay to have this bridge moved. Engineer Hollander said that the County received a grant to help with the move. Mr. Dishinger reiterated that this takes away from the jurisdiction of the Commissioners and he is against it.

Secondly, Mr. Dishinger mentioned that the County is not well represented on either the Technical Advisory Committee or the Policy Board. There is only one County representative, County Engineer Danny Hollander, on the Technical Advisory Committee. Likewise, there is not a good representation for the County on the Policy Board that made the decision to move Bridge #26 to the City. Mr. Anderson mentioned that Bridge #26 was deemed historical, so it has to be preserved and will be a costly endeavor.

Finally, Ivy Tech student Catherine Blair is gathering information for a school project. Ms. Blair is looking at working as an advocate for children and/or the elderly when she graduates. Ms. Blair approached the Commissioners and asked them what school programs they are a part of. Chairman Lienhoop said that the Commissioners are not directly involved with school programs other than as members of various boards and

commissions they serve on, such as the Education Coalition. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker said that the Commissioners are not responsible for school programs because that is not their jurisdiction. Auditor Barb Hackman mentioned that the County collects property tax money that funds the schools, such as the bus replacement fund and debt service.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 11:00 am. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 10:00 am in the Commissioner's Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

PAUL FRANKE, MEMBER

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

ATTEST:

BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR