

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
November 21, 2011

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on November 21, 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 Barbara J. Hackman, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. Chairman Lienhoop gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, the minutes of the November 14, 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 11/14/2011 to 11/18/2011. Seventy-three permits were issued with a fee amount of \$5,575.00 and a valuation amount of \$3,152,107.00.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander presented the Commissioners with an Agreement with Columbus Silgas, Gary Sims (Sim's Saw Mill), and Grower's Farm Service to store sand and salt for the County so the drivers to not have to come back to the Highway Garage to replenish their stock this winter. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked how much it costs to store the sand and salt at these sites. Engineer Hollander said it

costs \$4.00/ton at Silgas and Grower's Farm Service and \$2.00/ton for Sim's Saw Mill. Engineer Hollander mentioned that the dates on the agreement were incorrect, so the agreement will need to be signed next week. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve signing the agreement with Columbus Silgas, Grower's Farm Service, and Gary Sim's (Sim's Saw Mill) to be remote salt and sand sites for the County this winter. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Commissioner Kleinhenz added that these remote salt sites save the County lots of money in fuel costs and in man hours.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. Last week, the Highway Crew mowed in Harrison and German Townships, patched roads, ground stumps on 200 West, put up signs, hauled shot rock to Southern Crossing Bridge, put stone along 800 North, picked up trash, and paved the lot at the City Garage. Also, Milestone paved Goeller Road.

Next, Prosecutor Bill Nash and Office Manager Brenda Mijares presented the Commissioners with the Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing Disbursements from the Bartholomew County User Fee Fund on 1st Reading. Prosecutor Nash thanked County Attorney J. Grant Tucker for putting this Ordinance together. Prosecutor Nash mentioned that the Legislature changed the statute this year to require that a local ordinance be written to authorize the disbursement of the user fee funds. Bartholomew County has already been in compliance with the content of this ordinance, but this makes every County adhere to and be in compliance with the State codes. Prosecutor Nash also

mentioned that five (5) salaries (four (4) part-time and one (1) full-time)) are paid out of these Bartholomew County user fees. The Ordinance is as follows.

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY USER FEE FUND**

WHEREAS, IC§33-37-8-5 provides for the establishment, in each County of a County User Fee Fund consisting of fees listed in IC§33-37-8-5 and collected by the County Clerk and fees collected by the Juvenile Court under IC§31-37-9-9; and

WHEREAS, Bartholomew County has previously established such a fund as described hereinabove; and

WHEREAS, Recent amendments to Indiana law require the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the disbursement of monies from said fund for one or more of those purposes listed in I.C. §33-37-8-6 as the same presently exists and may from time to time be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County, Indiana “Commissioners” deem it appropriate to take such action as may be necessary to permit the disbursement of monies from said fund upon proper application therefore.

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

Section 1. Upon appropriate application pursuant to IC§33-37-8-6 and appropriation by the Bartholomew County Council, the Bartholomew County Auditor “Auditor” is authorized to make disbursements from the Bartholomew County User Fee Fund to or at the direction of, the Bartholomew County Prosecutor to be used for any one (1) or more of the purposes listed in IC §33-37-8-6 as the same presently exists, or may from time to time, be amended.

Section 2. Such funds may also be used for any other purpose that benefits the Prosecutors Office or law enforcement provided that such use is agreed upon by the Bartholomew County Prosecutor and the Bartholomew County Council.

**PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS 21st DAY OF November,
2011.**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA

S/s Carl Lienhoop
Carl Lienhoop, Chairman

S/s Paul Franke
Paul Franke, Member

S/s Larry S. Kleinhenz
Larry S. Kleinhenz, Member

ATTEST:

S/s Barbara J. Hackman
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor

Chairman Lienhoop opened the Commissioners' Meeting to a public hearing. Hearing no comments, Chairman Lienhoop closed the public hearing portion of the meeting. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of this Ordinance Authorizing Disbursements from the Bartholomew County User Fee Fund. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that the 2nd Reading of this Ordinance will be on Monday, November 28, 2011.

Next, Technical Highway Supervisor Stacey Gross and Soil and Water Educator Heather Shireman presented the Commissioners with three (3) proposals for a hand held Trimble GPS device. Ms. Gross explained that the GPS hand held device will give longitude and latitude, as well as any other conversions needed, and it has a camera built in it too. Therefore, a person can gather and store lots of information with just one piece of equipment. This GPS device will be used by the MS4 Stormwater Committee, the

Highway Department, Soil and Water, and the Surveyor's Office. The City of Columbus will also be able to use it for relocation and mapping they do through the joint agreement with the County. The three (3) proposals are shown below.

MapSync-Ky (Lexington, Kentucky)	\$9,149.95
Precision Laser & Instrument, Inc. (Monroe, Ohio)	\$9,785.00
Seiler (Indianapolis, Indiana)	\$8,595.25

Ms. Gross mentioned that Trimble has a buy-back program and will give the County \$500.00 for their 1998 backpack unit that was purchased by the Drainage Board, the Highway Department, and the Surveyor's Office. This backpack unit is now obsolete, and it would cost a substantial amount of money to upgrade it and even then some items cannot be upgraded due to the age of the device. Commissioner Franke made a motion to award the quote for one (1) hand held Trimble GPS device to Seiler for \$8,595.25. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Bartholomew County resident Mike Lovelace asked if there is a maintenance agreement with the purchase of this GPS device that should be included. Ms. Gross said it has a warranty agreement for one (1) year, but it does not have a maintenance agreement. Commissioner Franke said that the cost of a maintenance agreement is usually more expensive than just paying for what needs to be fixed. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked Ms. Gross to find out how much the maintenance agreement would cost for this device. Ms. Gross said that a hard case was purchased to store the GPS device in to make it easier to transport the device and to keep it safe.

Ms. Gross said that the price includes the training of ten (10) people which will be done at the Highway Garage. Mr. Lovelace asked if this would require an additional appropriation or was budgeted. Chairman Lienhoop said that this will be paid out of the MS4 Stormwater Line Item that was budgeted in the Commissioners' Budget.

Bartholomew County resident John Dishinger asked to give him just one (1) example of how this GPS device will be used. Ms. Gross said that it will be used to find coordinates of outfalls (places where streams, sewers, or drains discharge) that eventually connect with State waterways in the MS4 Stormwater areas. The coordinates and pictures of the local outfalls will be uploaded to the Bartholomew County GIS system for the general public to view. This is a requirement from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) in order for Bartholomew County to be in compliance with the MS4 Stormwater.

Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that the representative from IDEM, Ms. Torphals, is also an advocate of pet stations. Ms. Torphals is recommending that Bartholomew County have a pet station in at least eight (8) of the County parks. The pet station includes plastic bags to clean up pet waste, as well as a container to dispose of the waste. The pet stations cost \$500.00 each. Commissioner Kleinhenz suggested that having the Highway Department purchase and put up "*You are responsible for your pet!*" signs in each park might suffice, but the County must comply to the requirements from IDEM to avoid paying substantial fines.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that the Commissioners approved purchasing thirty-five (35) AED Defibrillators for the Sheriff's Department at last week's Commissioners' meeting. Today, the Commissioners will be opening proposals to purchase nine (9) AED Defibrillators for eight (8) of the County buildings. The quotes are as follows.

Aim Right, Inc. (Westfield, Indiana)	\$11,808.00
AED Brands (Kennesaw, Georgia)	\$13,761.90
NKEMS (Fort Thomas, Kentucky)	\$10,600.00

Commissioner Franke made a motion to accept the quote from Northern Kentucky Emergency Medical Services (NKEMS) for the nine (9) AED Defibrillators in the amount of \$10,600.00. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop presented the Commissioners with a Change Order #2 with Repp and Mundt, Inc. for both sidewalk and step repairs at the Courthouse in the amount of \$21,556.00. Change Order #2 will allow for the sidewalk and handicap curb on Second Street to be cut out and replaced with the correct slope for \$1,987.00. Also, the main entrance steps to the Courthouse will be replaced for \$14,000.00, and an embedded, electric, snow-melt system will be installed for \$5,569.00. The new contract amount is \$161,663.00. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve Change Order #2 with Repp and Mundt, Inc. for \$21,556.00. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Franke presented the Commissioners with the October 2011 Clerk's Monthly Report. Finding the report in order, Commissioner Franke made a motion to accept the October 2011 Clerk's Monthly Report. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that the County Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2011 and Friday, November 25, 2011 in observance of Thanksgiving. The County Offices will reopen for business on Monday, November 28, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Mike Lovelace asked if the Commissioners are having another meeting at 11:00 a.m. Auditor Hackman mentioned that this meeting is about the formation of a Redevelopment Commission. Chairman Lienhoop said that this meeting is open to the public, but will include the Commissioners, the County Council, Mr. Dan Botich from Cender and Company, LLC, and Executive Director of the Columbus Economic Development Board Jason Hester.

Mr. Lovelace asked if they are considering forming a TIF District in the County. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker said not at this time, but there have been inquiries about companies looking at locating in Bartholomew County, and the formation of a Redevelopment Commission could help facilitate those prospects. Mr. Lovelace said he hopes the County takes into account what has happened with the City Redevelopment Commission, as well as the fact that people in our community are struggling to make

ends meet, and if the County creates a Redevelopment Commission, then he hopes they will not throw away money like the City Redevelopment Commission does.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:51 am. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, November 28, 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