

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
December 12, 2011

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on December 12, 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. Emergency Operations E911 Center Director Ed Reuter gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, the minutes of the December 5, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Kleinhenz and seconded by Commissioner Franke.

The Payroll 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 12/05/2011 to 12/09/2011. Thirty-five permits were issued with a fee amount of \$1,811.00 and a valuation amount of \$475,894.00.

Next, County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander presented the Commissioners with both the Bartholomew County Highway Financial Report for November 2011 for the Highway Fund, Local Roads & Street Fund, and the Cumulative Bridge Fund, as well as the Monthly Report for the Highway Department that includes the accomplishments of the Highway Crew for November 2011, the status of Bridge Projects and Road Projects,

the number of Driveway Permits and Road Cut Permits issued, and the Highway Crew Priorities for December 2011.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. Last week, the Highway Crew mowed in Harrison Township, worked on signs, fixed school bus turnarounds, washed and waxed trucks, and made salt brine to get ready for winter. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked if there is salt and sand at the satellite locations. Engineer Hollander said there is salt and sand at the satellite locations, and the County has a new satellite location at County Materials south of town by Quality Surplus.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the MS4 Stormwater Monthly Report for November 2011. During the month of November, the Highway Department picked up trash and tires on eight (8) separate occasions. The trash (bags, mattresses, etc.) was taken and disposed of at the local landfill. The tires were taken to the Highway Department and will be stored until they can be taken to or picked up by CCE in New Albany, Indiana, for recycling.

The Highway Department helped the Columbus and Bartholomew Water Conservation – Advisory Committee to get the County caught up to date on the County's MS4 permits. The Highway Department has submitted the required letters and additional information to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) prior to the November 30th deadline. The County and Advisory Committee are on track for compliance. The Executive Advisory Committee met one (1) time in the month of November to get all the processes going. Commissioner Franke made a motion to

approve the MS4 Stormwater Monthly Report for November 2011. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

IDEM Representative Reggie Torphals suggested that the County purchase and install pet stations at several of the Bartholomew County parks that would supply bags and a trash receptacle for dog owners to use to dispose of their pets waste. The Commissioners have been granted approval from Ms. Torphals to have signs put up in those parks, in place of the pet stations, to remind pet owners to pick up after their pets.

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

MI/P-11-10: Florence Critney Minor Subdivision – is a request by Florence Critney to create 5 new lots totaling 82.99 acres. The property is located at 5260 West County Road 450 North in German Township.

The Plat Committee accepted this right-of-way. Commissioner Franke made a motion to accept the dedication of right-of-way for the Florence Critney Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, IT Director Jim Hartsook said the Data Board had a quorum this morning, so they could vote on motions made. Director Hartsook then presented the Commissioners with the following items for ratification from the Data Board.

Department:	Item Purchased	Cost:	Account Number:
IT	Data Domain software/hardware maintenance (2)	\$ 4,463.11	03-60
IT	DR SAN software maintenance	\$ 3,085.43	03-60
IT	Primary SAN software/hardware maintenance	\$ 15,403.82	03-60
IT	Server RAM for remaining 3 ESX servers	\$ 6,808.92	04-43

IT	Data Cave power upgrade (detail below)	\$ 7,260.00	03-60
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Director Hartsook mentioned that the IT Department over-circuited the twenty (20) amps circuit at the Data Cave which resulted in the Thin Client outage a couple of weeks ago. The Data Cave migration included a power upgrade to metered power, as well as expanding to a second rack. Going to metered power means that the County will only be charged for power that is used. Currently, the County pays \$912.00 for one (1) rack now. It will cost \$1,700.00 for the two (2) racks. This will decrease even more because the County upgraded to metered power. Commissioner Franke made a motion to ratify the five (5) items above from the Data Board meeting. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The Data board also approved upgrading the web content filter and replacing the firewall for in-house security for \$6,417.00 that was paid out of the 04-43 for 2011. Also, the Data Board approved purchasing seven (7) dual monitors for the Auditor's Office that will not exceed \$2,000.00. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the web content filter and firewall replacement for \$6,417.00, as well as purchasing seven (7) dual monitors for the Auditor's Office that will not exceed \$2,000.00. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, IT Director Hartsook presented the Commissioners with the Consideration of an Agreement with Jim Gordon, Inc. and an Agreement with Great America Leasing Corporation of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The agreement with Jim Gordon, Inc. will allow them to provide supplies and services for the copying and printing devices for the

County. There are nineteen (19) devices that will be retired and replaced with lease equipment from Great America Leasing Corporation. Director Hartsook said that the local printers will be retired and not replaced. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker said that he has read and approved both agreements. Chairman Lienhoop said both agreements are for five (5) years (60 months). Jim Gordon, Inc. Director of Sales Scott Hebler said that the County will be billed quarterly for the services provided by both Great America Leasing Corporation and Jim Gordon, Inc. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve signing the agreements with Jim Gordon, Inc. and Great America Leasing Corporation for the management of the copying and printing for Bartholomew County beginning in 2012. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Auditor Barb Hackman asked Chairman Lienhoop for an amount for both agreements. Director Hartsook said that the cost would fluctuate because the price is based on the cost per print. However, the base cost is 0.0168 cents per print and has been bundled in the leased price for the nineteen (19) devices. Commissioner Kleinhenz said the County will also save money on color copies because IT will be monitoring that. IT Director Hartsook added that the County will save lots of money in toner savings too.

Next, Director of Emergency Management Dennis Moats presented the Commissioners with the Consideration of a 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant – Competitive Sub-Grant Agreement – CFDA#97.042 EDS #C44P-075A. Director Moats explained that this is a 2011 Homeland Security grant for \$3,623.18 that is a bonus

that was earned by meeting Homeland Security expectations. Director Moats explained that Emergency Management received an identical grant last year, but Emergency Management ran into some difficulties and was not able to fulfill that request. Therefore, this grant money will be used to purchase a security camera over the front door of the Emergency Management facility, as well as remote door locks. The Bartholomew County Maintenance Department will do the wiring needed, and Staublin Technology Service, Inc., of Columbus, Indiana, will install the remote locks and security camera. The IT Department will also be involved with this project because the camera will tie into the IT system so it can be viewed by Emergency Management. Mr. Moats said there is no local match for this grant. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve signing the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant for \$3,623.18. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Franke presented the Commissioners with the Treasurer's Monthly Report for November 2011. Finding the report in order, Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the November 2011 Treasurer's Monthly Report. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that there were a few items added under miscellaneous. The first item was a letter drafted by the Commissioners that will be sent to Bartholomew County Clerk Tami Hines to announce that they plan to leave their Commissioner Districts as is with no changes for the 2012 election. Commissioner

Kleinhenz mentioned that the State Election Board suggests that the Commissioners Districts be equal in terms of population while keeping in mind township boundaries.

Bartholomew County resident John Dishinger asked what the population is for each Commissioner. Commissioner Kleinhenz's district has a population of 19,000 to 21,000, Chairman Lienhoop's district has a population of 40,000, and Commissioner Franke's district has a population of 12,000 to 14,000. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve signing and sending this letter on Commissioner Districts to County Clerk Tami Hines. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion.

Bartholomew County resident Mike Lovelace said that he read in the newspaper that Mr. Dewayne Hines will be running for Commissioner Franke's seat in 2012. Mr. Lovelace said the area that Commissioner Franke's district covers is way too large of an area to take care of his constituents. Chairman Lienhoop said that the Commissioners are well within the rights of the Indiana Code with the district boundaries they have set. Likewise, all three (3) Commissioners are working for the good of the County and try to allocate the resources based on need. Chairman Lienhoop said the motion has been made and seconded, so he asked for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item for consideration is an Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority – Community Development Block Grant Program – Disaster Relief 1 – Lien and Restrictive Covenant Agreement for the FEMA Flood Buyout/Demolition Project that occurred with four (4) homes on 325 West. This agreement was submitted by ARa Manager of Municipal Programs Trena Carter. County

Attorney J. Grant Tucker said that a stipulation of the Commissioners entering into the FEMA Buyout program was that the land could never be used, built upon, or developed. This agreement conveys that if the County should allow the land to be used in this fashion, then the County would have to pay back the money given by FEMA for the Buyout project. Attorney Tucker said that this agreement will have to be resigned every two (2) years to insure that the provisions are being honored by the County. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve signing the Lien and Restrictive Covenant Agreement for the FEMA buyout. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop explained that there were four (4) properties on 325 West that were severely damaged in the flood of 2008 and were of no value, so the Commissioners purchased those homes and had them demolished. Bartholomew County now owns the properties that have to remain as a green space. John Dishinger asked why the County cannot sell them. Commissioner Kleinhenz said that the Commissioners would rather this property remain in the private sector, but FEMA wanted a governmental entity to own this land. Mr. Dishinger said that the County now has property to maintain. Commissioner Kleinhenz said the Commissioners selectively purchased these four (4) properties because the Commissioners needed the right-of-way to improve this County road. Chairman Lienhoop said the Commissioners were asked to purchase twelve (12) other properties, but they did want the Highway to have to maintain those properties, so they did not buy them. Mr. Dishinger asked what happened to the properties that the

Commissioners did not purchase. Commissioner Kleinhenz said these properties stayed in the private sector, and some of them filed bankruptcy, some were foreclosed on, and some were fixed up.

Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that the Commissioners were not able to attend the Data Board meeting this morning because they attended the December meeting with the Columbus Regional Hospital (CRH) Board and CRH President and CEO Jim Bickel. The CRH Board and President Bickel reiterated to the Commissioners that the flood wall surrounding CRH was mandated and paid for by the Federal government. It was not paid for by CRH operating funds or local tax dollars. If flood waters rise, then gates will flip up into position to protect CRH from future flooding.

The second topic that was discussed was the CRH ambulance services. Commissioner Kleinhenz said that the County entered into an Interlocal agreement with the City of Columbus and CRH about eight (8) years ago for CRH to provide ambulance services for the entire County for a total amount of \$914,668.32 of subsidy. This agreement runs through 2012, and the City of Columbus pays \$683,722.32 and the County pays \$230,946.00. In 2005, CRH showed a loss of \$650,000 from the ambulance service. This year they are showing a \$120,000 loss. The Commissioners challenged CRH, in the next few months, to develop and implement a plan that would allow CRH to provide ambulance service to the County with little to no subsidies. This is a bold goal, but reducing the subsidies to at or near zero will reduce the tax subsidy from local taxpayers from both County and City government.

Chairman Lienhoop said that the CRH Board members and President Bickel talked about the biggest monetary losses for CRH are: Obstetric Services, Emergency Room care, and the ambulance services, specifically transporting patients to another hospital. The Commissioners suggested having the ambulance services hired out to reduce the monetary loss. However, Commissioner Kleinhenz said great care needs to be used to insure that the level of care provided is not reduced. Chairman Lienhoop said that CRH has 2012 to work on creating a plan and implementing this for 2013 while keeping in mind the level of care that needs to be provided. Commissioner Franke said that it is costly to continue to provide the level of care that is being given now, but the Commissioners will hear an outcry from the public if cuts to the level of care are made.

Commissioner Kleinhenz said the Columbus Regional Hospital is a taxpayer owned hospital and is County owned. Mr. Dishinger said the property was titled to the hospital by the Commissioners. Mr. Lovelace said the way to solve the problem [with the ambulance service] is to put it up for bid with specifications to find out the true cost. Mr. Lovelace also asked the Commissioners to mention, if the rumor is true or false, that once the flood gates are put in, then IU Med Center will be taking over CRH. Chairman Lienhoop said this is not a true rumor at all. The CRH Board and President Bickel have been directed that the three (3) Commissioners will be the first three (3) people to know when CRH is owned by another entity. Commissioner Kleinhenz said CRH is owned by the taxpayers. Mr. Lovelace said that CRH could be leased to IU Med Center. Commissioner Kleinhenz said partnerships can emerge which is what is happening.

Mr. Lovelace feels bad that the City of Columbus gives the hospital \$683,722.32 and the County is only paying \$230,946.00 for the ambulance service, so the city is not getting a fair shake. Commissioner Kleinhenz said the history should be considered because prior to the hospital taking over the ambulance service, the City had a small number of employees that were running the ambulance service. In an effort to deflect that cost to the hospital, the fees were determined then. Mr. Lovelace said the County should have paid all of the \$914,668.

Mr. Tony London said that Commissioner Kleinhenz mentioned that the ambulance service should be looked at as a private business to make it more profitable. Mr. London said that if this was true, then the private business would look at eliminating this service, which Mr. London hopes does not happen. Mr. London asked if this was presented to the CRH Board as a goal to lower subsidies or if the CRH Board was told that the County would no longer be paying their portion for the ambulance services. Chairman Lienhoop said this was presented as a goal at this time. Commissioner Kleinhenz said it was presented to the CRH Board as an expectation. Mr. London asked if the ambulance service was eliminated, then what would be done with patients that need to be transported to other hospitals. Chairman Lienhoop said that CRH would have to contract for transports. If the medical condition is life threatening, then the patient would be transported via helicopter. However, if the medical condition is not life threatening, then the patient can be transported within a certain period of time. CRH could also develop specifications for the ambulance service, such as do you equip the ambulance

with one (1) paramedic and one (1) EMS person, etc. Commissioner Kleinhenz said that if no ambulance service is provided, then that is something to consider, and that is why the County has been involved in the ambulance service for the County. However, County government has no responsibility to provide ambulance service for the County statutorily, but it is in the best interest for the community that there is a viable, qualified ambulance provider which needs to be kept in mind throughout this process.

Commissioner Franke added that the ambulance service does provide revenue to CRH because people from surrounding counties are then brought to CRH. If the ambulance service is dropped, then that revenue could diminish.

Mr. Lovelace asked the Commissioners if any of the bids received for the tandem axle dump truck had a Cummin's engine. The Commissioners were not sure, but Chairman Lienhoop said that the bids will likely be rejected because they did not meet the specifications for any of the requests. Mr. Lovelace would like the specifications to include having a Cummin's engine. Likewise, Mr. Lovelace feels like the trade-in allowance that was given for the tandem axle dump truck was too low. Mr. Lovelace was saddened by the fact that none of the automobile dealers in Bartholomew County put bids in on the police cars or four-wheel drive vehicles. Commissioner Franke said that the Commissioners noticed that. Mr. Lovelace said he would like the Commissioners to meet with area automotive dealers to see what the problem is.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 11:15 am. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 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