

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**February 28, 2011**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on February 28, 2011 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Carl Lienhoop called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioner Paul Franke, Commissioner Larry Kleinhenz, and Auditor Barbara J. Hackman were also in attendance. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker was not in attendance. County Assessor Lew Wilson gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, the minutes of the February 21, 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 2/21/2011 to 2/25/2011. Twenty-two permits were issued with a fee amount of \$1,580.00 and a valuation amount of \$512,358.00.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Final Payment and Change Order for Bridge #1 on 500 South with Duncan Robertson, Inc. of Franklin, Indiana with an overrun amount of \$406.90. Engineer Hollander asked that the check be held until Duncan Robertson, Inc. cleans up the signs and takes away a fuel tank left behind. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve

the Final Payment and Change Order for Bridge #1 in the amount of \$406.90 after Duncan Robertson, Inc. picks up the signs and fuel tank left behind. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. Last week the Highway Crew worked on signs, cut trees on Lake Road, patched roads, cleaned out pipes, cleaned out log jams under a couple of bridges, picked up tires and trash, worked on school bus turnarounds, cleaned up the Truss bridges for inspection next week, and used the Durapatcher to help the City with patching on Gladstone Avenue.

Commissioner Kleinhenz asked Engineer Hollander to look at the New Hope Bridge and the bridge on 950 North to see how well they have held up. The Commissioners hoped both of these bridges would last for at least forty years.

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

**MI/P-10-09: Roberts Minor Subdivision** – is a request by Randy Roberts to create four new lots for a total of five lots and a parent-tract remainder equaling 13.1 Acres. The property is located at 3355 North County Road 925 East in Clifty Township. They are dedicating 35’ of right-of-way on Seymour Road and 35’ of right-of-way on 200 North for a total of 1.21 Acres of right-of-way.

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the dedication of right of way for the Roberts Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Solid Waste Management Education Coordinator Emily Hodnett presented the Commissioners with the Recycling Center Totals Report for 2010, as well as for January 2011. The only area with a significant increase occurred with the roll-off recycling containers with an increase of 67,000 pounds due to the new container located at Harrison Township and the increased awareness by the Community on recycling. There are also roll-off recycling containers at Kroger, Petersville, and at the Landfill.

Ms. Hodnett wanted to give some upcoming event dates at the recycling center. Both March 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup> are Senior loading days for compost and mulch where seniors can receive one truckload of compost or mulch that is loaded for them at no cost. Regular mulch and composting loading will be available to Bartholomew County residents beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup> and will run every Friday from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm through October at a cost of \$10.00 a truckload. Ms. Hodnett asked everyone to come to the Recycling Center for the annual Earth Day and Amnesty Day celebrations. Also, May 14<sup>th</sup> is the First Annual Tox-Away Day that will be held at the Fairgrounds where Bartholomew County residents can dispose of such items as Latex paint. The only two items that will not be accepted on Tox-Away Day are explosives (such as fireworks) and medication. There will be more details to come.

Next on the agenda was Major Todd Noblitt with a proposal for a 14' enclosed trailer that is 8' wide for the Sheriff's Department. This trailer will have a dual purpose. The main purpose for the trailer will be to dismantle meth labs. It will also double as a

command center at scenes when the Sheriff's Department will be there for an extended amount of time. The three bids shown below were opened by the Commissioners.

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| <b>Millennium Trailers, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN)</b>          | <b>\$ 6,116.80</b>  |
| <b>Gateway Featherlite (Pana, IL)</b>                        | <b>\$ 6,950.00</b>  |
| <b>Fortuna Ford &amp; Featherlite Trailers (Fortuna, CA)</b> | <b>\$ 18,890.85</b> |

Commissioner Lienhoop mentioned that the bid from Fortuna Ford included the trailer and some extras. Major Noblitt said that the trailer will be paid from the Sheriff Department's donation fund. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the purchase of one trailer for the Sheriff's Department from Millennium Trailers, Inc. in the amount of \$6,116.80. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, IT Director Jim Hartsook presented the Commissioners with a proposal for a County website redesign. Director Hartsook gave the Commissioners a contract that included a Scope of Work from Projectvisionary.com on redesigning the County website that will include information for 34 County Offices. The redesign will cost \$25,550 and will be paid out of the 03-60 account. Commissioner Lienhoop mentioned that the Data Board has been talking about redesigning the County website for at least three years. Director Hartsook said that several government designed strategies were considered, but they had annual fees, so Joomla, which is an open sourced product that will not have any annual reoccurring costs, was chosen to be used for the website redesign. Joomla is free, but there are optional items that could be purchased for the County for a fee. Director Hartsook mentioned that the current website has limited storage and the County is

charged at such a high rate to increase the storage that a new website redesign would be a better option for the County and would allow for growth. Jorge Morales, Ryan Lauer, John Rondot, and Jim Hartsook spent a lot of time researching possible website redesign options for the County. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve the contract with Projectvisionary.com for a County website redesign in the amount of \$25,550 that will be paid out of the 03-60 account. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of an Agreement with Microvote for 2011. Clerk's Office Chief Deputy Karen Aud came before the Commissioners to explain that Microvote will create the ballots for the County for both the primary and general elections in 2011, as well as do public testing for the primary election. The cost for the services from Microvote for 2011 will be \$3,100 for the primary election and \$2,500 for the general election for a total of \$5,600. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the Agreement with Microvote for their services for the 2011 primary and general elections in the amount of \$5,600. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Driftwood Utilities, Inc. Wastewater Utility Plan. Mr. Jason Newton, Ms. Christy Papano, and a representative of Schneider Corporation came before the Commissioners to gain approval of the Driftwood Utilities, Inc. Wastewater Utility Plan that establishes the policies, goals, and objectives for land use, public facilities, transportation, housing, and

economic development. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the Wastewater Utility Plan for Driftwood Utilities, Inc. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is the Consideration of an Agreement with Dan Eggermann, a financial consultant for Bartholomew County in the amount of \$15,300 that is paid out of the Auditor's Budget. Auditor Hackman said that Mr. Eggermann worked for the Department of Local Government Finance for thirty years. Mr. Eggermann is now working as a private consultant, but continues to be a financial advisor to Bartholomew County and provides assistance with the preparation and review of the budget for the Bartholomew County Taxing Units, the County Council binding review of special districts, and the non-binding recommendations for all other taxing units in Bartholomew County. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the Agreement with Dan Eggermann as financial advisor to Bartholomew County for 2012 in the amount of \$15,300. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of an Appointment to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. The Commissioners have appointed Mr. Jim Pridgen to the Community Corrections Advisory Board which is a four year term that will expire December 31, 2014. Mr. Pridgen accepted this appointment. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve appointing Mr. Jim Pridgen to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Kleinhenz presented the Animal Control Monthly Report for January 2011. In January 2011, Animal Control took 31 animals (dogs, cats, and a piglet) to the Humane Society, had 4 bite cases, loaned out 3 traps to the public, received and investigated 110 complaints/calls, had 142 audits, gave out 9 warning violations and 7 violation fines, hung 11 door hangers, and put 760 miles on the 2003 van and 2,246 miles on the 2007 van. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the Animal Control Monthly Report for January 2011. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Franke presented the Clerk's Monthly Report for approval for January 2011. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the report which was seconded by Chairman Lienhoop and approved unanimously.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop presented the January 2011 Veteran's Monthly Report. In January, the Veteran's Office had 112 personal interviews (in office and in person), had 99 claims and applications filed (for veterans, spouses, widows, and children), received 301 claims and referrals for information and counseling services, attended 8 meetings, had zero power of Attorneys filed, had zero out of the office interviews (house calls, nursing home, and hospitals), traveled 810 miles, received 214 incoming telephone calls, and made 109 outgoing telephone calls, and made 9 trips to the VA Medical Center. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to accept the January 2011 Veteran's Monthly Report. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a Proposal from HRC Roofing and Sheet Metal, Co., Inc. to repair the roof of the Courthouse in the amount of \$33,865.00. Chairman Lienhoop said this is an emergency repair and that HRC Roofing is the only company in town that works on copper roofing. HRC will remove all the copper metal and put new copper metal down on the West side of the Courthouse. There could be an additional cost if more damage is found once the copper metal is removed. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve the proposal from HRC Roofing and Sheet Metal, Co., Inc. to repair the roof of the Courthouse in the amount of \$33,865.00. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Bartholomew County resident Reta Wetherald came before the Commissioners to show them and County Engineer Danny Hollander pictures of the flooding on and around her property at 200 North and Stanley Road from the 1.5 inches of rain that fell on Monday, February 21, 2011. Ms. Wetherald said that she presented the Commissioners with this issue in June 2010. She would like the Commissioners to force the hand of the Shiremans to allow the Commissioners to put in a big ditch. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that if a ditch were dug it would be full of silt, corn stalks, and trash which would not fix the problem. Chairman Lienhoop said that Commissioner Kleinhenz and County Engineer Hollander would continue looking into this problem and hopefully foster a solution.



There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 11:04 am. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 10:00 am in the Commissioner's Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

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PAUL FRANKE, MEMBER

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR