

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**January 23, 2012**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on January 23, 2012 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Larry Kleinhenz called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioner Carl Lienhoop, Commissioner Paul Franke, Auditor Barbara J. Hackman, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. County Assessor Lew Wilson gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, the minutes of the January 17, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Lienhoop and seconded by Commissioner Franke.

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

Next, Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permits Report from 1/16/2012 to 1/20/2012. Twenty-nine building permits were issued with a fee amount of \$4,027.00 and a valuation amount of \$3,592,411.00.

Chairman Kleinhenz mentioned that in addition to County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander the following people from the Highway Department were present at today's meeting: County Highway Superintendent Dwight Smith, County Highway Assistant Superintendent Jeff Whittington, and Highway Technical Supervisor Stacey Gross.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander mentioned that as of Friday there was a request for proposals out for the construction inspection for the final phase of the 600 North project. Additional information will need to be collected from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) before the Commissioners will be able to rate the following companies that submitted proposals: FPBH of North Vernon, Indiana; Butler, Fairman, & Siefert of Plainfield, Indiana; Beam, Longest, & Neff, LLC of Indianapolis, Indiana; Janssen & Spaans Engineering Inc. of Columbus, Indiana; RQAW Consulting Engineers and Architects of Indianapolis, Indiana; Strand Associates Inc. of Columbus, Indiana; and United Consulting Engineers of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. Last week the Highway Crew ground stumps on Deaver Road and 150 East, picked up trash and tires, as well as 150 paint cans at the intersection of 650 East and 300 North, cut up trees, and applied salt and sand to roads both Friday night and Saturday. Commissioner Franke asked how much salt and sand was used. Engineer Hollander said eight hundred and twenty (820) tons of mix was used.

Bartholomew County Jewell Village resident Carl Roberts added that the Highway did a great job salting and sanding Baseline Road, but did not touch any of the roads in Jewell Village. County Highway Superintendent Dwight Smith explained that the Highway Department first plows the main roads, then the side roads, and if needed they will plow the main roads again, but the subdivisions are always last. The reason why some of the subdivisions were not touched during the ice event Friday night and

Saturday was due to the fact that some of the Highway Crew worked twenty (20) to twenty-two (22) hours straight.

Chairman Kleinhenz mentioned that the Commissioners have had questions about the drainage ditches in Jewell Village. Some of the ditches and culvert pipes under driveways are plugged. County Highway Superintendent Dwight Smith said that he went out there on Friday to look at the situation. He said some of the driveway pipes are plugged and some were crushed or could not be seen anymore. Mr. Carl Roberts said all of the culverts need to either be plowed out or a new culvert put in and then apply those charges to those residents' property taxes.

Mr. Roberts added that a sign needs to be put up to keep the tractors and trailers off those roads because the roads are too narrow for the turn and the tractor or trailer wheels are dropping off and mashing the culverts. Chairman Kleinhenz said that they will look into cleaning the ditches, but the culverts are a difficult issue. Engineer Hollander said that the culvert pipes are the responsibility of the property owner, so it is a matter of collecting the money needed to replace them from the property owner. Chairman Kleinhenz asked County Attorney J. Grant Tucker to research the idea of applying a charge to the property owner's property taxes if the culverts are replaced.

Mr. Roberts said that when Assistant Code Enforcement and Zoning Compliance Officer Bill Klakamp organized a clean-up of Jewell Village two (2) or three (3) years ago, he did what he could to help. Superintendent Smith said that the main issue at Jewell Village is the fact that the leaves are clogging up the ditches. Mr. Roberts said

that the residents cannot burn the leaves once they are raked up, and they are too poor to pay to have them hauled away, so what are they supposed to do?

Mr. Roberts also asked the Commissioners to create an ordinance so he can ride his golf cart around Jewell Village. Mr. Roberts said that other people can ride their golf carts around Columbus, Edinburgh, and North Vernon, but not at Jewell Village. Mr. Roberts would like an ordinance written that could state that the person needs to be eighteen (18) years of age with a valid driver's license to drive a golf cart. Chairman Kleinhenz asked if Mr. Roberts had been pulled over for driving a golf cart. Mr. Roberts said he was driving his golf cart on Patterson when he was pulled over. The Sheriff Deputy gave Mr. Roberts a warning and said the next time he is caught riding his golf cart on the road, then he would haul the golf cart in and issue Mr. Roberts a fine. Chairman Kleinhenz said that he would talk to the Sheriff about this.

County Attorney J. Grant Tucker said that he talked with Mr. Roberts about the golf cart issue on Friday. Attorney Tucker said that there is an Indiana law that allows cities and towns to pass an ordinance on golf carts, but it does not include counties. The statute excludes power chairs because of handicap issues. Chairman Kleinhenz said that the Commissioners would discuss the golf cart issue.

Next, IT Director Jim Hartsook presented the following items for ratification:

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Item Purchased:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Account Number:</b>
IT	VMware software maintenance (2011)	\$ 8,883.78	03-60
Courts	CSI Software maintenance	\$23,650.00	03-60
CSC/WRC	Paperless Business System	\$ 4,200.00	03-60

Superior Court II	Digital mixer replacement	\$ 3,400.00	04-43
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Director Hartsook said that the VMware software maintenance was from 2011. The Digital mixer replacement for Superior Court II was turned into insurance for delayed lightning damage. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to ratify the four (4) items shown above. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

IT Director Hartsook mentioned that the Data Board had a discussion on storage, the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Renewal, Project Status Updates, and the new County website design. The Data Board approved the Financial System Upgrade Proposal for \$38,200.00 that will be paid out of the 03-60 account, approved the purchase of a Barracuda Load Balancer for \$2,169.00 that will be paid out of the 04-43 account, and approved an additional \$300.00 for the Palo Alto, the web content filter device, for remote support for both the installation and configuration that will be paid out of the 04-43 account. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the items above. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Kleinhenz asked about training for the new GIS system. IT Director Hartsook said that the new GIS system will be online by the end of January. There will be one (1) hour training sessions on the new GIS system by 39° North all day on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 for the County employees, as well as the public. There will also be a public training session from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21,

2012 at Yes Cinema. Chairman Kleinhenz asked that a letter will be sent out to realtors and appraisers that use this system daily.

Next, County Clerk Tami Hines presented the Commissioners with the Consideration of the 2012 Annual Software Maintenance Agreement with Microvote. Ms. Hines explained that this is the same agreement that the County has agreed to the last few years. There is no increase in the amount either. Microvote was instrumental in helping with the recount and did not send a bill to Ms. Hines. Bartholomew County has one of the most complicated ballots in the State because Bartholomew County has three (3) State Senators, three (3) State Representatives, and one (1) Congressional District that govern over Indiana. Therefore, Bartholomew County has approximately forty (40) ballot styles. The software maintenance agreement is for \$9,500.00. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve signing this software maintenance agreement with Microvote in the amount of \$9,500.00. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Auditor Barb Hackman presented the Commissioners with a Consideration of an Agreement with Daniel F. Eggermann. Mr. Dan Eggermann is the financial consultant for Bartholomew County, specifically the County Council, the Commissioners, and Auditor Hackman. Mr. Eggermann helps with the budgetary items and any other financial situations. The amount of the agreement is \$15,300.00 that is paid out quarterly at \$3,750.00. Commissioner Franke made a motion to sign this agreement with Mr. Dan Eggermann to be the financial consultant for Bartholomew

County. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Commissioner Lienhoop said that Mr. Eggermann worked for the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) for thirty (30) years and is very well respected.

Next was the Consideration to Transfer Monies to the State. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker mentioned that there are two (2) statutes that deal with the Congressional School Principal Fund (550) and the Congressional School Interest Fund (551). Back in the 1800s there was a lot of land that was deeded to counties for schools. Not all of the land was used, so when it was sold, the monies were placed in these two (2) funds. The monies can be kept in the funds and the Auditor's Office can keep track of those funds and continue to send the interest made to the school corporations quarterly, or the monies can be given to the State of Indiana to keep track of and be responsible to send the interest made to the school corporations. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to transfer \$57,906.75 from the Congressional School Principal Fund (550), and the amount of \$33,112.26 from the Congressional School Interest Fund (551) to the State of Indiana. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Emergency Management Director Dennis Moats explained that Bartholomew County is a part of the Homeland Security District 8 that consists of the following seven (7) counties: Bartholomew, Brown, Monroe, Lawrence, Orange, Washington, and Jackson Counties. Homeland Security District 8 is in the process of creating a Task Force that would be supportive of law enforcement, EMS, and the fire departments. They are governed by a District Planning Council that sets the spending

priorities for the Task Force. The District Planning Council is governed by the District Planning Oversight Committee on which Commissioner Chairman Larry Kleinhenz sits. Therefore, if guidance is needed, then we do have access to our local government officials.

Director Moats would like to purchase one (1) Zumro portable shelter system at a cost of \$17,727.52. The Zumro shelter system is a self-supporting shelter that could be used by law enforcement, the fire departments, and EMS. The money that will be used to purchase this shelter originally comes from the USA Homeland Security to FEMA. Once the State of Indiana has an allocation process based on each districts' budgets. Bartholomew County is in charge of purchasing these items because it is the fiscal agent for the Homeland Security District 8. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) Zumro shelter system for Homeland Security District 8 for \$17,727.52. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Director Moats also is requesting the purchase of four (4) trailers that will be stationed throughout the Homeland Security District 8 area in Orange County, Monroe County, Jackson County, and either Brown or Monroe County. The two (2) quotes received for the four (4) trailers are shown below.

<b>Roots RV &amp; Sales, Inc. (Mitchell, IN)</b>	<b>\$2,862.00 each</b>
<b>I-69 Trailer Center (Markle, IN)</b>	<b>\$3,600.00 each</b>

Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve purchasing four (4) trailers for Homeland Security District 8 from Roots RV & Sales, Inc. for \$2,862.00 each. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Bartholomew County Maintenance Supervisor Rick Trimpe came before the Commissioners with a request to purchase carpet for the Court Services Center offices. The carpet has been there for years and needs to be replaced. The hallway carpet was replaced in 2010 and was purchased and installed by Graham's Carpet World. Therefore if the carpet is purchased from Graham's Carpet World, then it would match the carpet that is in the hallway. The carpet will be purchased using encumbered money from 2011. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to award the quote to Graham's Carpet World for \$9,947.00 to carpet the offices at the Court Services Center. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The carpet will be installed sometime in February.

Next, Commissioner Franke presented the Clerk's Monthly Report for December 2011. Finding the report in order, Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the December 2011 Monthly Clerk's Report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Kleinhenz mentioned that the Commissioners would like to discuss the Southern Crossing Bridge issue. The Commissioners were pleased to have several DLZ Indiana, LLC representatives, as well as some employees from the Highway Department at the meeting today for this discussion. The Commissioners had aerial maps

from 1998 to present day that show where the river was and how far it has moved. Chairman Kleinhenz said that there is an ongoing problem with the Southern Crossing Bridge and the river trying to bypass the bridge and eroding the abutments and support systems for this bridge. About two years ago, the Commissioners asked for permission from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to cut the channel in order to straighten it and to align it better with the bridge and take away some of the curves that cause turbulence in the water, but they were denied.

Engineer Hollander used a 1998 aerial photo to show that the sand bar was 80' wide. In 2011, this sand bar was now 190' wide because the channel is pushing further away. This has caused the footings to become shallower and is compromising the safety of the bridge. The Highway Department has taken action to protect the piers with shot rock, but if the river continues to push that way, then the piers will sustain even more damage. Chairman Kleinhenz said that the Commissioners are responsible for the bridges of Bartholomew County, and they are concerned that this bridge might collapse.

Department Manager of Stormwater for DLZ Indiana, LLC John Laturner first made it clear that he is not speaking on behalf of the DNR or the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). Mr. Laturner said that he recently spoke with DNR about the Southern Crossing Bridge. For ecological reasons, DNR does not want this channel to be cut through because it would increase the velocity of the river which could be detrimental to a couple species of fish that are endangered. However, DNR will give Bartholomew County a permit to create a substantial armoring of the two (2) areas.

One area is a section of the bank to keep the river from jumping and the eastern bank to keep the river from migrating. A preempted island could also be built that would give the pier support.

Commissioner Lienhoop asked if there is any Federal or State money to help with this project or if Bartholomew County is on its own to pay for this. Mr. Laturner said that there is not any Federal or State money for this. FEMA money is only given after the fact. Commissioner Lienhoop asked if the County could build a levy with that would be higher to enforce the bank. Mr. Laturner said a levy would cause a secondary channel, so that would make the situation worse.

Chairman Kleinhenz said the Commissioners would like to be proactive instead of reactive and asked Mr. Laturner what the County should do. Mr. Laturner said he suggests that the County protect the piers from the river moving with armoring first. It will cost money, but Mr. Laturner also suggests building some preempted islands to protect the piers too. The designs that DLZ gave to Engineer Hollander are meant to stand and function that way forever.

Chairman Kleinhenz said that the Highway will continue to work on armoring the banks. Likewise, the Commissioners will continue to work with DNR on the issue of the channel. Chairman Kleinhenz and Commissioner Franke said that the Cumulative Bridge money could be used to pay for this project.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kleinhenz at 11:07 am. Chairman Kleinhenz said that a Board of Finance meeting will

be held after the Commissioners' meeting today. The next Commissioner's meeting will be on Monday, January 30, 2012 at 10:00 am in the Commissioner's Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

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PAUL FRANKE, MEMBER

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR