

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
April 29, 2013

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on April 29, 2013 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Carl Lienhoop called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Larry Kleinhenz and Rick Flohr, County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also in attendance. State Representative Milo Smith gave the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the April 22, 2013 minutes. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The Payroll Claims were presented for approval. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the Payroll Claims as presented. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report from 4/22/2013 to 4/16/2013. Thirty-one (31) permits had been issued with a fee amount of \$3,586.00 and a valuation amount of \$1,685,055.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander gave the weekly crew report. Last week, they worked on signs, cut trees on 325 W., ditched in German Township, replaced a pipe on Grandview Drive, ditched and placed dirt along 750 S. and 400 S., cleaned out pipes at Grandview, fixed washouts at Schaefer Lake and built a headwall on 930 S.

Engineer Hollander thanked State Representative Milo Smith for getting approximately \$750,000 extra per year for road funding from the State's General Fund without having to adopt a wheel tax. Mr. Smith explained that this will be approximately 20% more in funding than last year for the city and the county. Last week, the Commissioners sent a letter to the Senators, State Representatives and the Governor expressing their concern with a proposed state legislation concerning the wheel tax and asking them to adopt a final version closer to the House version, which does not supersede local authority or force new taxes on the taxpayers of Bartholomew County.

County Auditor Barb Hackman recognized Representative Smith for honoring Bartholomew County resident Red Whittington for his service in World War II. There was a reception for him at the State House.

Senior Planner Thom Weintraut presented the following minor subdivision for dedication of right-of-way:

MI/P-13-02 – Meyer-Steinwedel Minor Subdivision – They are dedicating .19 of an acre of right-of-way in Clifty Township. There is a 20-acre ag tract and they have created one building lot and have a 17-acre ag remainder.

Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to accept the right-of-way dedication of .19 of an acre for the Meyer-Steinwedel Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to appoint Commissioner Flohr to act on behalf of the Commissioners on the Local Region 9 Workforce Investment Board. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously. County Attorney J.

Grant Tucker explained that this board submitted an agreement for the Commissioners' review, but there is at least one provision that causes some concern.

The next item on the agenda was the ratification of an emergency expenditure concerning the scanner at the Courthouse. Chairman Lienhoop explained that the metal scanner is not working in the Security department of the courthouse and he authorized Captain Gary Meyer to purchase a new scanner. The following proposals were received:

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| <i>Galls, LLC</i> | <i>\$3,060.00</i> |
| <i>Officestore.com</i> | <i>\$3,599.99</i> |
| <i>Hayneedle.com</i> | <i>\$4,999.99</i> |

The Sheriff's Department purchased from Galls, LLC, the low proposal. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to ratify the emergency expenditure of \$3,060 from Galls, LLC for a new scanner for the Security department of the Courthouse. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz read the Animal Control Monthly Report for the month of March 2013. There were 34 animals picked up, 9 violations, 1 fine, 5 bite cases, 6 animals reclaimed and 3,958 miles logged. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the Animal Control Report for the month of March 2013. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

An item under miscellaneous was a change order for Repp & Mundt in the amount of \$19,830 to provide and install new metal doors and frames to modify the main entrance and Commissioner Chamber entrance at the Bartholomew County Government Office Building. This change order is a part of the sidewalk replacement project.

Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$19,830 from Repp & Mundt. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The second item under miscellaneous was the consideration to waive permit fees for the Columbus Parks Foundation. They are installing pavilions in Morningside and Pence Street Parks. These pavilions are being installed as part of a project entitled *race2play!* Inspections will still take place. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to waive permit fees for the Columbus Parks Foundation. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The third item under miscellaneous was the consideration of Contractual Services with Purdue Extension. Chairman Lienhoop explained that this is concerning the employees that are affiliated with Purdue Extension whose salaries are split between Purdue and Bartholomew County. At the last Council meeting, the Council agreed to make a position a contractual position with Purdue. The health benefits and the associated costs with being full-time will be a part of the Purdue budget. The increase to Bartholomew County for this position is \$17,696.10. This position will be a 61% full time equivalent with Purdue Extension. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve the addition in the amount of \$17,696.10 to the total Purdue contract. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop read the following letter that the Commissioners received recently from ***The Tower Clock Company:***

Dear Commissioners,

I have been servicing your tower clock for over 20 years now and I also restored your clock dials approximately 15 years ago.

I have worked on tower clocks all over the country and just wanted you to know how rare your clock is.

The Bartholomew County Courthouse Clock is 1874 #4 E. Howard tower clock movements. The E. Howard Company produced some of the finest clocks ever made. The company was the world's largest tower clock manufacturer.

The #4 was the largest clock E. Howard made. There were only 17 #4 clocks built by the company. I know of only one other #4 E. Howard clock.

If you would ever be interested in a quote for the restoration of your #4 E. Howard clock I would be glad to provide one for you.

Thank you for your continued business.

Sincerely,

Phil Wright

Owner of The Tower Clock Company

Citizen Tom Heller presented a GIS image of downtown Columbus. He wants the Commissioners to make a "bulb" in front of the Governmental Office Building on 3rd Street since they are currently working on the sidewalk project. He said that it would create more parking and make the street "less hostile." He stated that he had spoken to the City Engineer about this who said it would be up to INDOT. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that they have reached out to the City, but have not received any specific requests from the City Engineer.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:56 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR