

## **COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**April 28, 2014**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on April 28, 2014 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.

Commissioner Kleinhenz gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the April 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Flohr, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of the payroll. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the payroll, seconded by Commissioner Kleinhenz, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was reporting the weekly permits. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report dated 4/21/14 to 4/25/14. Forty-eight (48) permits had been issued with a fee amount of \$4,466 and an estimated construction cost of \$6,338,395.

Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: put up signs; patched roads; laid stone along 100W from 450S to 930S; graded and stoned gravel roads 850S, 1000S, 200E, 400S and 700S; dug out soft spots on 200N; loaded logs from 475E; cut trees on Tannehill Road; ran the ditcher on 550S, 1020E, 100S, 300E and Base Road; leveled road banks on 500N and 750S; fixed a washout on Jackson Street going out of Hope, and; put down driveway and field entrance pipes on 930S, 525E and 600E.

Next, Solid Waste Management Education Coordinator Heather Siesel presented the Recycling Center Volumes Report for the first quarter. First, she stated that the Earth

Day event this last weekend was quite successful. They collected 88 CFC appliances, 340 tires, 30 propane tanks, and 8 electronics. She then started her presentation of the January through March, 2014 volumes. Residential Recycling Volumes were lower, which is typical for that time of year. The Satellite Recycling Volumes reflected growing interest for cardboard recycling, especially at the Kroger site. The recycling trailer is onsite at Kroger on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The Landfill Reuse Center Volumes showed that the highest average of reused items continues to be in the office supply category. The SWMD Program Totals included 5,210 pounds of Christmas trees collected in January, 350 pounds of vinyl siding and 18,901 pounds of electronics for the first quarter. The Commercial Cardboard Program historical charts show a steady increase in volume. Ms. Siesel hopes for proportionately higher volume increases with the addition of a new truck this summer.

Ms. Siesel summarized her education programs so far this spring: 25 in-classroom programs, 10 recycling center tours, 2 landfill wetland tours, and 5 community presentations. She estimates 25 programs upcoming in May. She announced that Tox-A-Way Day will be held on May 17, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds. The event purpose is to collect hazardous household waste (paint, pesticides, corrosive acids, antifreeze, motor oil, etc.), appliances, electronics and tires from the residential and commercial communities at no or at a limited cost.

The next item on the agenda was a proposal from the Probation Department to purchase four (4) home detention units. Director Brad Barnes stated the units include both a receiver and transmitter and requested the purchase of the four (4) BI Homeguard 200 Basic Units at \$1,350 each for a total of \$5,400 from BI Incorporated (Boulder, CO). These are unique items supported by the existing base previously purchased and currently maintained by the vendor, BI. Product compatibility necessitates overriding the generally practiced bidding process in favor of awarding the bid to the current vendor, BI, when purchasing additional/replacement equipment for the current system. Funding was received from the Department of Correction through the Community Corrections

Program and approved by both the local Community Corrections Advisory Board and the DOC to be used for this purchase. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve the purchase of four (4) BI Homeguard 200 Basic Units at \$1,350 each for a total of \$5,400 from BI Incorporated (Boulder, CO) for the Probation Department. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was the consideration of a resolution transferring certain real estate to the Board of Trustees of the Newbern United Methodist Church (“Church”). *(See attached)* Several years ago, when pursuing efforts to replace the Newbern Bridge the County took some of the nearby Church’s right-of-way. At times, the Church’s parking demand exceeds its land boundaries and carries over to public roads. The County has owned a small plot of un-purposed, unbillable land since 1893 which lies in close proximity to the Church’s property. In the process of working out the Newbern Bridge Project, the County has agreed to transfer title of the small lot to the Church to improve public safety by providing the additional land for the Church’s parking needs. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer certain real estate (Parcel 03-97-09-430-001.300-003) to the Board of Trustees of the Newbern United Methodist Church. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The last item on the agenda was the monthly Animal Control Report for March, 2014. Commissioner Flohr read the report as follows: there was a total of 130 cases, 40 animals were picked up, 112 audits, 6 violations, 6 fines, 4 bite cases, 7 door hangers placed, 6 reclaimed animals and 9 traps loaned to the public. The two vans traveled a total of 3,171 miles. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to accept the March Animal Control Report as submitted. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop reminded the public of the availability of early voting at the Clerk’s Office prior to the May 6, 2014 Election Day.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:35 a.m. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

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RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN  
AUDITOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2014- 04 -

**A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY  
TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE NEWBERN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**WHEREAS**, Bartholomew County is the owner of a certain parcel of real estate located in the Town of Newbern, Indiana, more particularly described as Lot 28 in the original plat to the Town of Newbern; and

**WHEREAS**, Bartholomew County does not use or maintain said real estate and cannot envision a circumstance wherein it would have a need or use for said real estate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Newbern United Methodist Church is located in close proximity to the above-described real estate; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the upcoming replacement of the Newbern Bridge, the Newbern United Methodist Church will lose space currently used by parishioners for parking during church services and other church activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the real estate described herein could be utilized by the church as a parking area if appropriate improvements were made to the real estate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County, ("Commissioners") believe that having the church utilize the above-described real estate as a parking area will improve public safety for residents of Newbern, parishioners and visitors to the Newbern United Methodist Church and travelers along Main Street and Clifty Street in Newbern, and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners believe that the best use for the above-described real estate is as a parking lot for the Newbern United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Newbern United Methodist Church is an Indiana non-profit corporation organized for religious purposes, that is exempt from taxation under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code and thus the provisions of Indiana Code 36-1-11 do not apply to the transfer of the above-described real estate; and

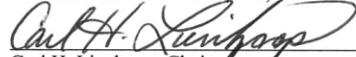
**WHEREAS**, given that Bartholomew County has no present and envisions no future use for said real estate; that the upcoming replacement of the Newbern Bridge and road improvements related thereto will adversely affect parking for parishioners and visitors to the Newbern United Methodist Church and thus that creating a designated parking area for the church will improve public safety; and further that to improve the real estate for use as a parking area will require a sizable expenditure of the church's funds, the Commissioners believe it to be appropriate to transfer the above-described real estate to the Board of Trustees of the Newbern United Methodist Church without requiring payment from the church to the County.

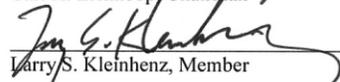
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA** to immediately transfer the real estate described in this Resolution to the Board of Trustees of the Newbern United Methodist Church to be used for church purposes which may include but not be limited to for use as a parking area.

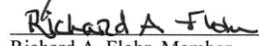
The legal description of the real estate to be transferred is: Lot 28 in the original plat of the Town of Newbern as recorded in Plat Book A, page 53 in the office of the Recorder of Bartholomew County, Indiana.

DATED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2014.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA

  
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Carl H. Lienhoop, Chairman

  
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Larry S. Kleinhenz, Member

  
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Richard A. Flohr, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Barbara J. Hackman,  
Bartholomew County Auditor