

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 11, 2014

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on August 11, 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.

E911 Director Ed Reuter gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the August 4, 2014 Commissioners' 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 claims. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permit Report dated 8/4/14 to 8/8/14. Thirty-nine (39) permits had been issued with a fee amount of \$11,373 and an estimated construction cost of \$6,216,235.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: did chip and seal in German, Flatrock and Hawcreek Townships; mowed in Sandcreek, Clifty and Clay Townships; replaced pipes on Base Road; and milled on 600N and 750N in preparation for overlay. Also, Engineer Hollander spoke briefly on the project statuses of 325W, 400W and 350W and the use of chip and seal.

Next was consideration of a new competitive grant from the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) - Immunization Division. The grant funds are to be used for the purchase items and/or services that would assist in increasing immunization rates while complying with the Vaccine for Children program requirements. The County may be competing with up to 28 Indiana counties for the \$250,000 entitlement. Carla Wolff,

Health Department Assistant Director, feels the County's immunization rates are not accurately reflected on the state immunization registry, CHIRP, because of inconsistent/lack of reporting of immunizations by private medical practices. The Health Department's rate is at 98%; whereas, inclusion of private medical practices yields a 53% immunization rate. Grant money could fund the wages of a person to enter the omitted historical data of private medical offices into the registry to more accurately reflect and raise the County's immunization rate. The Center for Disease Control polls this data and allots money based on increases in the immunization rate. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to sign the application for the ISDH-Immunization Division Grant to help increase immunization rates in Bartholomew County. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

For the next agenda item Heather Shireman, Soil & Water Conservation District Coordinator, presented the July, 2014 Stormwater/MS4 Monthly Report. The Good Housekeeping Audit Workshop was attended on July 16, 2014 by Ms. Shireman, Commissioner Carl Lienhoop and Flatrock-Hawcreek Watershed Program Coordinator Jenny Whiteside and was a valuable training session. Walkthrough inspections will be performed at the Highway Department, Parks and Recreation Department and the Solid Waste Management District facilities.

Ms. Shireman has negotiated cooperation from other offices. Code Enforcement has agreed to engage its services in any case of noncompliance of IDDE (Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination) and/or construction ordinances, although the ordinance first needs some revision. The Surveyor's Office and Mapping Department added MS4 conveyances and outlets to the MS4 map and the Health Department has agreed to annually screen the samples from these sites.

Upcoming deadlines include:

August 29, 2014 – Memorandum of Understanding due to IDEM
October 1, 2014 – Part C Draft due to IDEM

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the July, 2014 MS4 Stormwater Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

There were two (2) miscellaneous items. First, Commissioner Flohr spoke briefly on a CAFO (Confined/Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation) moratorium. Constituents have suggested that a moratorium be imposed on CAFO applications during this time of study and consideration. It appears likely that a suspension will be invoked until the CAFO Regulation Study Committee (“CAFO Committee”) has opportunity to review, evaluate and make recommendations for possible revisions to the standards within the Bartholomew County Zoning Ordinance regarding CFO’s and CAFO’s. County Attorney Grant Tucker stated that the County Plan Commission would be the first to determine the need for a moratorium and report to the Commissioners. The action then would be initiated by means of an ordinance.

Lastly, under miscellaneous, Purdue Extension Educator Kris Medic gave the selection results for residential members to serve on the CAFO Regulation Study Committee:

Dan Fleming, an area cattleman, teacher, and agricultural broadcaster

Mike Percy, a Hartsville resident and retired mechanical engineer

Leah Beyer, a farmer with experience in crops and livestock, former 4-H Educator, former Livestock Director for the Indiana Soybean Alliance and Indiana Corn Marketing Council, from German Township

Zach Matthews, a farmer and Conservation Officer from Hartsville

Mike Speaker, an area swine producer and 4-H leader in swine projects, from Wayne Township

Mike Ferree, the Purdue Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator, retired in 2012, from Columbus

Charlie Mitch, a medicinal chemistry drug researcher with Eli Lilly, and Sierra Club Winding Waters Group Chair, from Columbus

Annalee Huey, a Hope area resident

Those members will join the roster along with the following members who were designated by virtue of their office:

Rick Flohr, Board of County Commissioners, County Plan Commission

Kris Medic, County Plan Commission, Purdue Extension

Tom Finke, County Surveyor's Office, County Plan Commission

Scott Strietelmeier, County Health Department

Dennis Brooks, County Soil and Water Conservation District

Scott Bonnell, County Farm Bureau

The first meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Government Office Building. The CAFO Committee's meetings will be advertised, open to the public, documented by written minutes, and will make provisions for public comment. The CAFO Committee hopes to conclude its work by May, 2015.

County resident Mike Lovelace commented that he wished this study/review process would have taken place prior to the Gelfius application. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that the Gelfius and Shoaf applications have been acted on and the decision stands. Those two grandfathered applications would not be subject to revisions that may come from the CAFO Committee's study.

Kristin Whittington, in the audience, asked if the CAFO Committee will be able to revise the language and definitions of the current ordinance, written in 1997, to parallel that of other Indiana counties and be brought up-to-date with state law. The Commissioners agreed that this is the time to make such changes and is the purpose of the CAFO Committee. Ms. Whittington was encouraged to submit any related information for consideration.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:45 a.m. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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