

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
September 26, 2011

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on September 26, 2011 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Carl Lienhoop called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioner Larry Kleinhenz, Commissioner Paul Franke, Auditor Barb Hackman, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. Assessor Office Chief Deputy Rita Carr gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, the minutes of the September 19, 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 9/19/2011 to 9/23/2011. Sixty-eight permits were issued with a fee amount of \$3,525 and a valuation amount of \$1,054,612.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander presented the Commissioners with contracts that need to be signed for the repair work on Bridge 300 in Tipton Lakes by Milestone for \$134,354.20. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve signing the contracts awarded to Milestone for Bridge 300. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Engineer Hollander asked the Commissioners to ratify the purchase of a used freight liner truck in the amount of \$5,527 from Betty and John R. Kennedy Jr. The 1990 single-axle freight liner will be used by the Highway Department to pull the low boy trailer around. This will help eliminate the towing bills to Indianapolis when trucks or other equipment break down. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve ratifying the purchase of the freight liner for \$5,527. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The freight liner was purchased at Crider's in Columbus, Indiana.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. Last week, the Highway Crew mowed in Clay, Wayne, and Rockcreek Townships, patched roads, put in driveway pipes on Youth Camp Road in Hickory Hills, replaced a pipe on 450 East, ditched on 500 East, put up signs, ground stumps on Huffman Road, picked up trash along the road, fixed school bus turnarounds, and hauled mulch to Youth Camp Road. The Highway Crew also chipped and sealed 175 West for the City. The City paid for all the materials. Milestone paved Carr Hill Road and part of Youth Camp Road.

Commissioner Franke mentioned he received a recommendation for a Stop Ahead sign on the east side of the intersection of 700 South and 400 West because you drop over a hill and then there is the stop sign. Also, Commissioner Franke said he received a CD from an engineering firm about building a small bridge over Sandcreek on State Road 7. The engineering firm mentioned that they would improve 525 East for approximately

2,000 feet to the South. This would change the angle of the road and will improve the visibility at this intersection. There was no time table given by the State for this project, but there will be a temporary structure in place while the new bridge is being built.

Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that three (3) bids were opened at last week's Commissioner's meeting for the demolition of three (3) homes on 325 West for the FEMA Buyout Demolition Project. The low bidder was Case Construction of Columbus, Indiana in the amount of \$24,943. Commissioner Franke made a motion to award the bid to Case Construction. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

ARa Grants Manager Carrie Riley presented the FEMA Buyout Demolition Project contracts that needed to be signed by the Commissioners.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop presented the 2011 Voting Precincts list for the City Elections on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Chairman Lienhoop mentioned there will also be elections held in Hope, so precincts 4800 and 4900 at the Hope Community Center on 543 Washington Street in Hope, Indiana will be open on November 8th. Likewise, Edinburgh will hold an election at precinct 3900 in the Parks and Recreation Building on 722 S. Eisenhower Drive in Edinburgh, Indiana. The legal notices of precinct voting places will be advertised in *The Republic* on Thursday, September 29, 2011. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve the 2011 Voting Precincts list. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Franke presented the August 2011 Monthly Animal Control Report. In August 2011, Animal Control took thirty (30) dogs and thirty-two (32) cats to the Humane Society, picked up one (1) bird and one (1) rabbit, had one hundred and eight (108) audits, seven (7) violations, three (3) fines, three (3) bite cases, had four (4) animals reclaimed, and had a total of one hundred eighty-two (182) cases. Van #1 was driven 2,785 miles, and Van #2 was driven 1,605 miles. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the Animal Control Monthly Report for August 2011. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The Clerk's Monthly report for August 2011 was presented for approval by Commissioner Kleinhenz. Finding the report to be in order, Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the August 2011 Clerk's Report. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Executive Director of River Hills Economic Development Jill Saegesser presented the Commissioners with Change Order #4 for the Innovation Center of Columbus Regional Hospital (CRH) from Bruns-Gutzwiller, Inc. of Batesville, Indiana. Change Order #4 is the final change order and will increase the contract by \$145,926.24 to a new total of \$4,759,326.69. After Change Order #4 is approved, there will still be \$8,700.00 left in the grant budget. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve Change Order #4. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Ms. Saegesser presented the Commissioners with Draw Request #11 in the amount of \$136,526.52 for the Columbus Regional Hospital (CRH) Innovation Center. Draw Request #11 will be the final draw request for this project. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve Draw Request #11. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Finally, Commissioner Kleinhenz mentioned that the tax rate for Solid Waste Management District 12 to 14 years ago was fifteen cents per \$100,000 of assessed value. Today, the tax rate will be at a new low of 2.5-2.8 cents per \$100,000 of assessed value. Commissioner Kleinhenz said that a couple of weeks ago there was an article by the Candidates for City Council on a new recycling program that will be self-funded. Commissioner Kleinhenz would like to learn more about it, so he asked if anyone knows about this program by the City of Columbus. Brandon Allen from the Youth Services Center said that the City would not charge for this recycling program, but it would not be self-supporting either. Commissioner Kleinhenz is very proud of the Bartholomew County landfill because it is run very efficiently. Also, Director of the Solid Waste Management District Jim Murray is the only director running a single County owned landfill in Indiana.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:40 am. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 10:00 am in the Commissioner's Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

PAUL FRANKE, MEMBER

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

ATTEST:

BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR