

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
November 28, 2011

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on November 28, 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 Barbara J. Hackman, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. Commissioner Kleinhenz gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, the minutes of the November 21, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Kleinhenz and seconded by Commissioner Franke.

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

Next, Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report from 11/21/2011 to 11/25/2011. Twenty-four permits were issued with a fee amount of \$1,780.00 and a valuation amount of \$511,082.00.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander mentioned that the Highway Garage has no water due to a water main break that occurred between the Highway Garage and the meter.

Next, County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. Last week, the Highway Crew patched roads, mowed in

German and Harrison, hauled shot rock to Southern Crossing Bridge, washed and waxed trucks, put up signs, used a loader at the grain bin fire on 600 North and 350 East, and picked up trash.

Commissioner Franke said he received a complaint from a Bartholomew County resident that 800 South, where it crosses the river in Azalia, is bouncy and wavy and needs to be paved. Engineer Hollander said they would take a look at it to see if it can be wedged or if it needs to be added to the paving list.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that on Monday, November 21, 2011 the Commissioners approved the following Ordinance on 1st Reading for the Prosecutor's Office. Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that this Ordinance gives the Prosecutor authorization on how to use the Bartholomew County User Fee Fund. Bartholomew County has always followed the procedures set forth by the Indiana Codes for the User Fee Fund, but several counties have not done this. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker said that a new statute states that every County needs to create an Ordinance that authorizes how their Prosecutor can use the User Fee Fund, but the User Fee Fund money still has to be appropriated by the County Council. The Ordinance is as follows:

ORDINANCE 2011-09

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY USER FEE FUND

WHEREAS, IC§33-37-8-5 provides for the establishment, in each County of a County User Fee Fund consisting of fees listed in IC§33-37-8-5 and collected by the County Clerk and fees collected by the Juvenile Court under IC§31-37-9-9; and

WHEREAS, Bartholomew County has previously established such a fund as described hereinabove; and

WHEREAS, Recent amendments to Indiana law require the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the disbursement of monies from said fund for one or more of those purposes listed in I.C. §33-37-8-6 as the same presently exists and may from time to time be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County, Indiana “Commissioners” deem it appropriate to take such action as may be necessary to permit the disbursement of monies from said fund upon proper application therefore.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Upon appropriate application pursuant to IC§33-37-8-6 and appropriation by the Bartholomew County Council, the Bartholomew County Auditor “Auditor” is authorized to make disbursements from the Bartholomew County User Fee Fund to or at the direction of, the Bartholomew County Prosecutor to be used for any one (1) or more of the purposes listed in IC §33-37-8-6 as the same presently exists, or may from time to time, be amended.

Section 2. Such funds may also be used for any other purpose that benefits the Prosecutors Office or law enforcement provided that such use is agreed upon by the Bartholomew County Prosecutor and the Bartholomew County Council.

PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS 21st DAY OF November, 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA

S/s Carl Lienhoop
Carl Lienhoop, Chairman

S/s Paul Franke
Paul Franke, Member

S/s Larry S. Kleinhenz
Larry S. Kleinhenz, Member

ATTEST:

S/s Barbara J. Hackman
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor

PASSED ON SECOND READING THIS 28th DAY OF November, 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA

S/s Carl Lienhoop
Carl Lienhoop, Chairman

S/s Paul Franke
Paul Franke, Member

S/s Larry S. Kleinhenz
Larry S. Kleinhenz, Member

ATTEST:

S/s Barbara J. Hackman
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor

Chairman Lienhoop opened the Commissioners' Meeting to a public hearing. Hearing no comments, Chairman Lienhoop closed the public hearing portion of the meeting. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2011-09 Authorizing Disbursements from the Bartholomew County User Fee Fund. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Superior Court II Office Manager Janet Ketron presented the Commissioners with a Proposal for nine (9) chairs for the Courthouse Defense tables. The current chairs are approximately thirty (30) years old, and they have been worked on

numerous times. They rock and squeak when sat in, so Superior Court II would like new chairs purchased. The following quote was read this morning.

Office Environment Company (Louisville, KY)

\$3,079.27

Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that a “No Bid Response” letter was received from the **Office Shop of Batesville, Indiana** because they were not able to meet the required specifications given by Superior Court II. Ms. Ketron also sent and requested a bid from Indiana Office Supply, Inc. of Greensburg, Indiana, but they did not respond to the request.

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve awarding the quote to Office Environment Company for nine (9) chairs for Superior Court II in the amount of \$3,079.27 subject to the County Council approving the Superior Court II transfer request from Other Services and Charges (03-90) to Machinery and Equipment (04-40) in the amount of \$3,079.27. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Franke presented the Commissioners with the October 2011 Monthly Animal Control Report. In October 2011, Animal Control took thirty-seven (37) dogs and thirty-four (34) cats to the Humane Society, had one hundred thirty-six (136) audits, thirteen (13) violations, four (4) fines, had one (1) bite case, hung thirteen (13) door hangers, had two (2) animals reclaimed, loaned out one (1) trap to the public, and had a total of one hundred fifty-seven (157) cases. Van #1 was driven 2,936 miles, and Van #2 was driven 1,621 miles. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the

Animal Control Monthly Report for October 2011. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz mentioned that both the past and present Commissioners made a commitment to keep up on the maintenance of the Courthouse building and have done so over the years to make it look as nice as it looks today. Therefore, the Commissioners are having the main entrance steps, curbs, and sidewalk work done because they were in terrible shape.

Bartholomew County resident John Dishinger complimented both the Commissioners and the County Council for staying within their budgets and not getting the County into debt with numerous bonds (other than the bond for the Jail).

Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that the Commissioners might need to consider taking out a bond to replace the Highway Garage Main Office because it was built in the early 1950s and is in bad shape. Mr. Dishinger said that the Commissioners need to be putting money into a building fund, so they will not have to finance building a new Highway Garage. Chairman Lienhoop said that is what the Commissioners and the Auditor have been doing and saying, but this requires County Council action. Mr. Dishinger said that as a taxpayer, he would rather pay an increase in taxes to pay for a project rather than paying tax on interest for a project. Chairman Lienhoop said the County Council asked the Commissioners to refinance the Jail bond, but County Attorney J. Grant Tucker said that the bond cannot be refinanced until 2016.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:25 am. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 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