

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
March 28, 2011

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on March 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. County Assessor Lew Wilson gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, the minutes of the March 21, 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 3/21/2011 to 3/25/2011. Twenty-one permits were issued with a fee amount of \$3,221.00 and a valuation amount of \$1,659,819.00.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander presented the Commissioners with a Notice to Bidders for the Hot Mix, Cold Mix, and Liquid Asphalt. The bids will be opened on April 18, 2011. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the 2011 Notice to Bidders. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked Engineer Hollander to make sure it is

clear in the Notice to Bidders that the Commissioners have the right to award the project(s) to whomever they feel is the best suited for the job.

Next, Engineer Hollander gave the Weekly Crew Report. Last week, the Highway Crew patched roads, worked on signs, cut trees on 750 East and 750 South, and ground stumps on Lake Road, 350 East, and 525 East. Commissioner Franke mentioned that on 700 South just east of 350 West there is a large hole that is coming into the road that needs to be checked out before it caves in.

Next, Manager of Municipal Programs Trena Carter from Administrative Resources Association and President Merrill Henderson of the Hillview Estates Sewer Utility presented the Commissioners with an update for the Hillview Estates Sewer Utility Planning Project. The Hillview Estates Subdivision had its own sewage system plant built when the subdivision was built. Now, the sewage plant is deteriorating and is in need of repairs because it is close to the end of its life span. The first step in fixing the plant will be procuring a grant. This grant will be a study that will look at what areas need attention. From the information gathered from this study, it will be determined what would be most cost effective: fixing the plant or having the homeowners tie into the City sewage utilities. Commissioner Franke mentioned that Mt. Healthy Elementary School is having an issue with their sewage system too, he thought they might be able to work together to help them out too. Chairman Lienhoop said that the Hillview Estates Subdivision has poor soil for a septic system, so that is why a sewage system plant was created years ago.

The next item on the agenda was the Appointment of the Animal Control Officer. Chairman Lienhoop mentioned that the previous Animal Control Officer, Trudi Smith, served the County well for over three years. Ms. Smith took a job with the City, so the Commissioners have appointed Mark Case to serve as the Bartholomew County Animal Control Officer for the remainder of 2011. Mr. Case has been working in the Surveyor's Office for the County. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve appointing Mark Case as the Animal Control Officer for the remainder of 2011. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, the Commissioners looked at two bids for Fire Alarm Inspections for the County. The two bids are shown below.

SimplexGrinnell (Indianapolis, IN)	\$ 5,990.70
Indiana Automatic Sprinkler, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN)	\$ 9,500.00

Commissioner Franke made a motion to award the Fire Alarm Inspections for the County to the lowest bidder, SimplexGrinnell, in the amount of \$5,990.70. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was two proposals from OJS Building Services, Inc. to finish up the remodeling at the Jail. The first proposal from OJS included installing AHU #1 and 2 Controls only for the Digital Control System in the amount of \$15,276.00. The second proposal from OJS included installing six (6) existing hot water reheat coils in the amount of \$6,505.00. The total amount for both proposals was \$21,781.00. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to award the bid to OJS Building Services, Inc. both

proposals in the amount of \$21,781.00. This is necessary in order for the heating and cooling system at the Jail to work properly. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, County Clerk Tami Hines presented the Commissioners with the 2011 Notice of Precinct Voting Places. The City Election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011. There were no changes in the voting precincts from 2010. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the 2011 Notice of Precinct Voting Places. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Lienhoop asked Ms. Hines to remind the pole workers to be respectful at the voting precincts because some are schools, churches, fire departments, etc.

Bartholomew County resident Mike Lovelace mentioned that his brother lives at Carter's Crossing and objects to having to go to Donner Center to vote with all the construction going on. Commissioner Kleinhenz said that the Commissioners could look into this for future elections, but it is too late to do anything about it for the upcoming May election. Ms. Hines suggested that Mr. Lovelace's brother could vote at the Courthouse prior to the election or vote by mail.

Next, Chairman Lienhoop presented the Consideration to Waive Permit Fees for the Bartholomew County 4-H Fair Board for the addition to the Cattle Barn located at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds providing that the requirements set forth by the Technical Code Enforcement are met. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion approve

waiving the permit fees for the Bartholomew County 4-H Fair Board. Commissioner Franke seconded this motion that passed unanimously.

Next, the Director of Solid Waste Management District Jim Murray presented the Commissioners with a customer loyalty check from Abitibi Paper Recycling in the amount of \$275.37. This amount was for the Abitibi Paper Recycling container located at the Government Office Building Parking Lot.

Chairman Lienhoop asked Mr. Murray to talk about the two upcoming events at the Recycling Center. Mr. Murray said that the annual Earth Day celebration will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Bartholomew County Recycling Center. At the Earth Day celebration, there will be an appliance amnesty, where Bartholomew County residents can dispose of the following items at no cost: up to two refrigerant-containing appliances, up to two propane tanks, up to two computers with associated peripherals (i.e. keyboard, monitor, mouse, etc.), and up to four passenger tires with the rims removed.

Mr. Murray said there will also be a Tox-Away Day on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds. Bartholomew County residents will be able to properly dispose of their household hazardous waste.

Bartholomew County resident Mike Lovelace mentioned that in the newspaper, the Visitor's Center is going back to the same board that they had. Mr. Lovelace does not understand how this could happen when the ordinance states the make-up of the Visitor's Center Board be made up of five members appointed by the City and six members

appointed by the Commissioners. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker said that it is not illegal for the two groups to meet as one, but in his opinion they should be separate from one another. Much more discussion occurred between the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and the audience members. Bartholomew County resident Phillip Swaim would like the Commissioners to disband the Visitor's Center Board and recreate a new commission that adheres to the statute set forth in the ordinance.

Next, Bartholomew County residents Larry and Linda Van De Wege of 3103 N. Stanley Lane came before the Commissioners to show pictures of the flooding in their area and would like the Commissioners to do something to eliminate the flooding issue. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked Engineer Hollander to take a look at this area today.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 11:00 am. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 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