

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**January 17, 2012**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on January 17, 2012 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Larry Kleinhenz called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Commissioner Carl Lienhoop, Commissioner Paul Franke, Auditor Barbara J. Hackman, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. Commissioner Chairman Kleinhenz gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, the minutes of the January 9, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Lienhoop and seconded by Commissioner Franke.

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

Next, Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permits Report from 1/9/2012 to 1/13/2012. Thirty-three building permits were issued with a fee amount of \$3,176.00 and a valuation amount of \$917,473.00.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Bartholomew County Highway Financial Report for December 2012 for the Highway Fund, Local Roads & Street Fund, and the Cumulative Bridge Fund, as well as a chart that shows the Total Motor Vehicle Highway and Local Road and Street Revenues for

Bartholomew County from 1995 through 2011. This chart is shown at the end of the minutes (Exhibit A).

Engineer Hollander mentioned that the gas tax revenues were down again and if it wasn't for CEDIT monies then the revenues would be back to where they were in 1996. Chairman Kleinhenz asked Engineer Hollander to explain the special legislation money. Engineer Hollander said that in 2006 and 2007 there was special legislation money given from the toll road sales. From 1996 to 2001, legislation money was given from the State from the lottery revenue and State surplus.

Commissioner Franke asked where the blue line will be on the chart for 2012. Engineer Hollander said he does not anticipate it going up because of gas prices, cars being more fuel efficient, etc. Chairman Kleinhenz said the County is receiving \$300,000 less than what they were getting in 2003. Engineer Hollander said when the State calculates the budget; they take more money off the top of the gas tax revenues. The Highway Fund and Local Road and Street Fund, as well as a portion of the State Police budget comes from the gas tax revenues. Chairman Kleinhenz said that Bartholomew County has been able to do more with less money. Engineer Hollander said that the Highway costs (payroll, fuel, maintenance, insurance, vehicle maintenance, etc.) are always increasing and comes out of this money too. Bartholomew County resident Mike Lovelace asked how much CEDIT money went into this fund last year. Engineer Hollander said that in 2011 the County put in \$606,000 of CEDIT money.

Chairman Kleinhenz said the certified amount that will be given for CEDIT money in 2012 is \$1,300,000.

Next, Engineer Hollander mentioned that he reviewed the bids that were opened last week for the purchase of one (1) 2012 Dump Truck for the Highway Department. Engineer Hollander recommends awarding the bid to Stoops Freightliner-Quality Trailer, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana because they were the lowest bidder. The bid was for \$142,315.00 that included a \$4,000.00 trade-in for the 2000 GMC Dump Truck. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker asked what the 2000 GMC Dump Truck would bring at auction. Chairman Kleinhenz suggested listing the 2000 Dump Truck at an online auction to see what it would bring. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve awarding the bid for one (1) 2012 Tandem-Axle Dump Truck to Stoops Freightliner-Quality Trailer, Inc. because they were the low bidder, but will hold off on the trade-in of the 2000 GMC Dump Truck to see what it might bring at auction. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. Last week, the Highway Crew patched roads, mowed in Sandcreek and Hawcreek Townships, cut trees on Deaver Road by the I-65 overpass, ditched and placed pipes along 200 West and on 625 South, picked up trash, placed stone in an alley in Walesboro, washed and waxed trucks, and sanded roads Saturday night in the southern half of the County.

Chairman Kleinhenz said that the Commissioners will have a presentation for the public on the Southern Crossing project at the Commissioners' meeting next Monday.

Commissioner Lienhoop added that the Financial Report that was shared by Engineer Hollander is available to the public. Also, there is \$2,500,000 in the Cumulative Bridge Fund. There were no bridges bid in 2011. In February, Engineer Hollander will go before the Council to ask that the 2011 unused Cumulative Bridge money be appropriated into the 2012 budget. Commissioner Lienhoop said the Commissioners are holding on to this money to pay for the Newbern Bridge. Chairman Kleinhenz said people think this money is just sitting there, but this money is earmarked because of the expense associated with a \$1,000,000 bridge.

Chairman Kleinhenz was recently asked by a Bartholomew County resident when the Opossum Glory Bridge will be reopened. Engineer Hollander said the repairs will be done in-house to get this bridge open again, but the Highway Department will be asking for federal funds to help with the rehabilitation of this bridge. Auditor Hackman asked who recommended closing this bridge. Engineer Hollander said United Consulting was hired to do the County bridge inspections this year, and they recommended closing this bridge.

Chairman Kleinhenz said the next order of business is the Consideration of the Covered Bridge Certification that is done annually. Commissioner Lienhoop certified that Bartholomew County has one (1) covered bridge that is located in Mill Race Park.

Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the Covered Bridge Certification. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Kim Maus, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, presented the 2012 Grant Requests for the Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council. Ms. Maus said these funds are collected from fees assessed against people who are convicted of drunk driving and/or drug offenses by the three (3) Bartholomew County courts. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the fees stay locally and are placed in the local Substance Abuse Fund. Those funds can only be given as grants in the following three (3) areas: 1) Prevention/Education/Community Awareness, 2) Treatment/Intervention, and 3) Justice/Law Enforcement. The stipulations associated with the grant money state: that no more than fifty percent (50%) of the grant money can be spent in any one of the three (3) areas. Likewise, at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the grant money has to be spent in each of the three (3) areas. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of the fees collected are given to the State and placed in the State Drug and Alcohol Fund.

Chairman Kleinhenz asked who was on the Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council. Ms. Maus said the Substance Abuse Council includes a representative(s) from: the school corporation, Big Brother and Big Sisters, the Sheriff's Department, the Police Department, and Columbus Regional Hospital Health Communities. This is not a closed group, so others can join.

Ms. Maus read the 2012 Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council Grant Requests to the Commissioners as shown in the chart on page 6.

### 2012 Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council Grant Requests

Agency	Approved For	Amount Requested	Prevention/ Education/ Community Awareness	Treatment/ Intervention	Justice/Law Enforcement	Total Approved by LCC
Young Marines	Scholarships/Red Ribbon Week	\$3,745.20	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation	Treatment subsidy	\$8,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$8,000.00
Excise Police	Equipment	\$340.00			\$340.00	\$340.00
Healthy Communities/Tobacco Awareness	Prevention Services/Groups	\$2,024.00	\$2,024.00			\$2,024.00
Community Church of Columbus	Prevention Services/Groups	\$5,885.00	\$1,885.00	\$4,000.00		\$5,885.00
Columbus Police Department	Equipment	\$7,605.00				\$7,605.00
Family Services and Prevention Programs	R.O.C.K.S.	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
Turning Point	Drug Screens/Beyond Trauma	\$5,440.00	\$2,440.00	\$3,000.00		\$5,440.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Mentoring	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00
Advocates for Children	Foster children support services	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00
Girls on the Run	Mentoring	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00			\$1,200.00
Bartholomew County Court Services	Translation Services	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Bartholomew County Court Services	PRIME	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00
Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department	Enforcement/Equipment	\$8,000.00			\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Teens for Betterment of Bartholomew County	Teen programming/activities	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00
		\$66,239.20	\$26,549.00	\$15,500.00	\$18,945.00	\$60,004.00
		Administrative				\$5,000.00
		<b>2012 Grand Total</b>				<b>\$65,994.00</b>

Chairman Kleinhenz asked Ms. Maus to explain why money was given to Community Church of Columbus in the amount of \$5,885.00. Ms. Maus said the grant money is not going to their traditional services, but they provide additional programs and services (especially on Tuesdays) to the community that has to do with drug or alcohol support for either people suffering from drug and alcohol addictions or people who have family

members that are suffering from drug and alcohol addictions. These support services are completely free. Because the programs are free, the Community Church of Columbus reaches a greater number of people in the community. Chairman Kleinhenz said this concerns him because most churches have programs for abuse and yet they do not submit for any funding. Ms. Maus said that no other churches have been turned down, but rather those churches have not asked for funding. Ms. Maus said she called and asked someone at the State level about this. The Criminal Justice Institute at the State level sent Ms. Maus a letter that said they support and encourage the involvement of the faith community in the grant process and to be the recipient of the grant. There is no separation of church and state.

The administrative fees of \$5,000.00 are used to pay for services or expenses by the Substance Abuse Council. None of this money is used to pay salaries. The total amount of grant money for 2012 is \$65,994.00. Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the 2012 Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council Grant Requests in the amount of \$65,994.00.

Before a second could be made, County Attorney J. Grant Tucker asked Ms. Maus if this began from a \$200 fee that was charged to drunk drivers. Ms. Maus said that this also included a \$200 to \$1,000 fee that was charged to drug offenders. Attorney Tucker asked if this program was used to educate people in order to reduce the number of drunk drivers in Bartholomew County because there are more drug interdiction fees imposed than drunk driver interdiction fees, so is there a need for more grant money to

keep this fund at the level it was? In other words, has there been a conscious effort to tell the courts that the funding is dropping because there are fewer drunk drivers? Chairman Kleinhenz said the funds have stayed pretty steady even though fees for drug offenders have been added.

Bartholomew County resident Mike Lovelace asked if the people that do the training at the Community Church of Columbus are certified drug and alcohol counselors. Ms. Maus said that they provide support and not treatment, so the need to have certified drug and alcohol counselors are not the same as having a treatment agency, but some of the people that work in those programs work in the mental health field. Also, they follow a curriculum in those programs. Mr. Lovelace said that a family member of his abuses drugs and does not seem to be getting the help that he needs. Therefore, the money is not being put in the right place. Mr. Lovelace said the money should be placed into the treatment centers instead of the churches. Chairman Kleinhenz said there was a motion on the floor by Commissioner Franke to approve the 2012 Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council Grant Requests as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Franke said he had a letter from Code Enforcement Director Brian Thompson recommending that the Commissioners approve the purchase of a 2011 Ford Ranger pickup truck from Renner Motors, Inc. of Columbus, Indiana in the amount of \$15,527.65. This bid meets the specifications set forth by Code Enforcement.

Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve awarding the bid to Renner Motors, Inc. for \$15,527.65. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Kleinhenz mentioned that Rick Flohr was in the audience. Mr. Flohr is a candidate for District 3 County Commissioner. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kleinhenz at 10:452 am. The next Commissioner's meeting will be on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 10:00 am in the Commissioner's Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

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PAUL FRANKE, MEMBER

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR