

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
May 14, 2012

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on May 14, 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 Barb Hackman, and County Attorney J. Grant Tucker were also in attendance. Emergency Operations E911 Center Director Ed Reuter gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the May 7, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Franke seconded the minutes that passed unanimously.

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

Next, Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permits Report from 5/7/2012 to 5/11/2012. Forty-four (44) building permits were issued with a fee amount of \$3,297.00 and a valuation amount of \$1,179,941.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Monthly Financial Report for April 2012 for the Highway Fund, Local Roads & Street Fund, and the Cumulative Bridge Fund.

Next, Engineer Hollander reviewed the bids received last week for Bridge #128 and asked the Commissioners to award the low bid to Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. of

North Vernon, Indiana in the amount of \$289,727.55. Commissioner Franke made a motion to award the bid to Dave O'Mara for Bridge #128 in the amount of \$289,727.55. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion. Chairman Kleinhenz said that Dave O'Mara has never built a bridge in Bartholomew County before. Commissioner Franke said that their paving work has been a class act, so they will be fine. Engineer Hollander said that Dave O'Mara has bid on bridge work before, but has always been a high bidder. Chairman Kleinhenz asked for a vote on the motion that passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander mentioned that he looked into the historic bridge on Stafford Road that was discussed at a Commissioners' meeting a couple of weeks ago. Engineer Hollander found out that Bartholomew County will have to show early on that bypassing this historic bridge is the only prudent and feasible alternative. The historic bridge preservation will not allow demolition due to neglect of this historic bridge, so it will need to be maintained for a minimum of twenty-five (25) years. A full blown rehabilitation of the bridge is not necessary though. If this bridge will be used for pedestrian use, then it will need to be maintained. Finally, a safe access to the bridge and safe parking needs to be created. Commissioner Franke said the approach could be used for accessing the bridge and parking. Commissioner Lienhoop said it is crazy to think that constructing another one-lane bridge beside this one, but it would be a solution. Commissioner Lienhoop asked if the sides could be sawed off, the bridge expanded and then put the sides back on. Engineer Hollander said some counties are building new bridges with local funds, but the County would not be able to use any federal funds until

2020 if they do this instead of rehabilitate this bridge. The historic bridges will be looked at again in 2020.

Commissioner Franke was asked by a citizen when the road stripping would begin. Engineer Hollander said the bids were sent out last year, but they only received one (1) response. Commissioner Franke asked if the stripping would be done in the spring or in the fall after the overlay has been completed. Engineer Hollander said the stripping should have been done first thing this year, but they will discuss advertising and bid deadlines at next week's Commissioners' meeting for road stripping.

Chairman Kleinhenz mentioned he has three (3) projects he would like Engineer Hollander to look into and consider: 1) Fixing the County portion of Carr Hill Road in conjunction with the City. The Commissioners will be meeting with City Engineer Dave Hayward soon, to discuss this joint project. 2) What would it cost the County to create a comprehensive plan for the north interchange at Exit 76: Taylorsville at Hartman Drive to improve this road? This might include securing some economic development money for the improvement. Commissioner Franke suggested talking with the property owner to reserve the right-of-way there. 3) Reconstructing Old Nashville Road/Baker Hollow Road.

Commissioner Franke said that after three (3) years there has been a stand still on the work at White Horse Road. Is this road going to be widened? Commissioner Franke said that this project continues to be pushed onto the back burner.

Next, Engineer Hollander presented the Commissioners with the Weekly Crew Report. Last week the Highway Crew mowed in Harrison, Rockcreek, and Sandcreek Townships, removed log jams from bridges on 1200 East North of 200 North and by 400 South, patched roads, ditched along 600 North and 650 West, replaced a pipe and field tile on 600 East south of 850 South, swept bridges, picked up trash, and put up signs.

Chairman Kleinhenz mentioned that the Commissioners will have to look for an alternative voting precinct because Harrison Volunteer Fire Department does not want anyone to vote there anymore. A member of the audience suggested Harrison Country Club. Likewise, Chairman Kleinhenz suggested Westside Community Church too. Chairman Kleinhenz said the Fire Department does not want voting to occur in the fall at the fire department.

Next, Commissioner Lienhoop presented an overview of the April 2012 Veteran's Monthly Report. In April, the Veteran's Office had 21 personal interviews (in office and in person), had 4 claims and applications filed (for veterans, spouses, widows, and children), received 8 questions and referrals for information and counseling services, traveled 1,260 miles, received 18 incoming telephone calls, and made 8 outgoing telephone calls, and made 14 trips to the VA Medical Center. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to accept the April 2012 Veteran's Monthly Report. Commissioner Franke seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Bartholomew County Tamerix Lake resident Bob Campbell came before the Commissioners to explain that on Saturday night there was a gun being shot off for an

hour. Mr. Campbell called the Sheriff. Mr. Campbell was shocked to know that there is no regulation on how often or when a gun is fired. Mr. Campbell asked if there should be a regulation on target practice and shooting firearms. Chairman Kleinhenz said that a noise ordinance is very difficult, and under the umbrella of the noise ordinance, you could lose privileges that you enjoy now. The Sheriff Deputy did go talk with the people shooting, so the correct procedures were followed. Chairman Kleinhenz said the noise ordinance has been an on-going discussion. Chairman Kleinhenz said he would ask the Sheriff what his take is on this topic. Mr. Campbell said he rented a house in Bartholomew County and was impressed by the drainage area that the County built. Mr. Campbell said it was done very well.

E911 Director Ed Reuter wanted to give an update on SEAL Ambulance and Columbus Regional Hospital (CRH) Ambulance Service. CRH is the primary ambulance, but SEAL Ambulance will provide back-up ambulance service. SEAL is located on Progress Drive in the Lowell Road area. Director Reuter said there will be a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in the near future between E911, CRH, and SEAL to explain the procedures in detail.

Chairman Kleinhenz mentioned that the CRH Hospital Board will present to the Commissioners a presentation at a Commissioners' Meeting after Memorial Day.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kleinhenz at 10:33 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

PAUL FRANKE, MEMBER

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:

BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR