

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
March 25, 2013

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on March 25, 2013 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Carl Lienhoop called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Larry Kleinhenz, Commissioner Rick Flohr, County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and Chief Deputy Auditor Sandy Beatty (sitting in for Auditor Barbara Hackman) were also in attendance. Chief Deputy Assessor Rita Carr gave the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the March 11 and March 21, 2013 minutes. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The Commissioners' Claims were presented for approval. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the Commissioners' Claims as presented. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report from 3/11/13 to 3/15/13. Twenty-five (25) permits had been issued with a fee amount of \$3,180 and a valuation amount of \$1,189,683.

Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report from 3/18/13 to 3/22/13. Thirty (30) permits had been issued with a fee amount of \$3,905 and a valuation amount of \$2,563,561.

County Highway Danny Hollander distributed the ***“Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets”***. This report includes a financial statement, operation receipts, equipment inventory, mileage, etc. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the ***“Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets”***. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander presented a Notice to Bidders for hot mix bituminous paving materials, cold mix bituminous paving and patching materials and liquid asphalt. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on April 15, 2013 in the Commissioners’ office. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve the Notice to Bidders for hot mix bituminous paving materials, cold mix bituminous paving and patching materials and liquid asphalt. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander gave the weekly crew report. They ditched in Wayne Township, patched roads, cut tree limbs on 25th Street, fixed school bus turnaround on 750 S., picked up trash, put up signs and worked on some cages for the Animal Control van.

Information Technology Director Jim Hartsook was present, in place of GIS Department Head Jeff Lucas, for the consideration of an ***Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Bartholomew County, Indiana, the City of Columbus and the Utilities Service Board of the City of Columbus, Indiana***. Mr. Hartsook explained that when they were going to purchase the additional license, they found an error on “Annex A”, so there is a corrected “Annex A”. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to approve

the corrected “Annex A” to the *Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Bartholomew County, Indiana, the City of Columbus and the Utilities Service Board of the City of Columbus, Indiana*. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Taxpayer Ron Robbins, representing Bartholomew County Conservation Council and the rural people of Bartholomew County, was present to request that the Commissioners allow ATV’s (all-terrain vehicles) on county roads. Mr. Robbins distributed a copy of a list of counties that do allow ATV’s on county roads (Decatur, Jackson and Jennings). Mr. Robbins explained that he is not talking about racing equipment, but working equipment for farmers and sportsmen. He said that he only wants them to be legal on county roads, not in the City.

County residents Rick Maley and Lisa Moore were present to support the ATV issue. Ms. Moore stated that her family would benefit from this since they are hunters and they have blades for their four wheelers.

Taxpayer Mike Lovelace asked about liability insurance on the ATV’s. Ms. Moore stated that she had liability insurance on her ATV’s.

Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that he felt it was not the farmers or the hunters, but the kids possibly riding the ATV’s and getting hurt. He also stated that most of the opposition comes from the Sheriff’s Department.

Commissioner Flohr stated, that under the right circumstances, he supports Mr. Robbins’ idea, but he was concerned with the safety factor.

Chairman Lienhoop told Mr. Robbins that the Commissioners would discuss this issue and would keep him informed.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of *An Ordinance the Bartholomew County Personnel Policy Pertaining to the Definition of Part-Time Employment*. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker explained that the change to the Personnel Policy is that they have increased the hours for the definition of a part-time employee from 25 to 28, but limiting part-time employees to no more than 28 hours per week. Chairman Lienhoop opened the Public Hearing. Taxpayer Mike Lovelace stated that he hopes there are some employees that would qualify for a full-time position, such as Mrs. Armstrong, an Extension Homemaker. Hearing no other comments, Chairman Lienhoop closed the Public Hearing. Attorney Tucker stated that the effective date would be on or after May 1, 2013. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve, on first reading, *An Ordinance the Bartholomew County Personnel Policy Pertaining to the Definition of Part-Time Employment*. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz presented the Animal Control Monthly Report for the month of February 2013. Fifty-nine animals were picked up, 8 violations, 5 fines, 1 bite case, 6 animals reclaimed and 3,791 miles logged. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the Animal Control Monthly Report for the month of February 2013. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop presented the Clerk's Monthly Report for the month of February 2013. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report for the month of February 2013. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz presented the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month of February 2013. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2013. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop announced that County offices will close at 12:00 Noon Friday, March 29, 2013 in observance of Good Friday.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:48 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR