

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**May 6, 2013**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on May 6, 2013 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Chairman Carl Lienhoop called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Larry Kleinhenz and Rick Flohr, County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also in attendance. Barbara Stamper, with the Auditor's office, gave the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the April 29, 2013 minutes. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report from 4/29/2013 to 5/3/2013. Twenty-four (24) permits had been issued with a fee amount of \$3,293.00 and a valuation amount of \$2,042,836. For the month of April, the total amount of fees collected was \$18,659.00.

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander presented the following quotes for repairs of Lowell Road Bridge:

<i>Milestone Contractors, LP</i>	<i>\$20,320.00</i>
<i>Force Construction Co.</i>	<i>\$38,543.68</i>

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the low quote from Milestone Contractors, LP in the amount of \$20,320.00 for the repairs of the Lowell Road Bridge. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander gave the weekly crew report. Last week, they ran ditcher in Hawcreek Township, cut trees on 325 W., Carr Hill Road and 130 W., ditched on 265 N. and on Base Road, replaced pipes on 250 W., picked up trash, grinded stumps on 600 E., patched roads, put up signs and replaced rumble strips on 450 N. and on 600 N.

Commissioner Flohr stated that back in February, a property owner told him about a ditch problem that was causing water to back up into one of his fields and Commissioner Flohr thanked Engineer Hollander for taking care of this problem.

Commissioner Kleinhenz mentioned to Engineer Hollander that Franklin Street was in bad shape due to cracking and suggested that Engineer Hollander think of a way to help the City by sealing some of the roads in the City.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of Amended and Restated Managed Pharmacy Benefit Services Agreement – Consumer Card Program. Carla Wolff, Assistant Director of Nursing said that NACO (National Association of Counties) and their program has an offer where residents of Bartholomew County can get pharmaceutical cards to use at the pharmacy when they fill prescriptions. One card is good for the entire family and you do not have to have insurance to receive one. If the card is less expensive, the pharmacy will use it so that you get the lowest amount for your prescription. Most of the pharmacies in Columbus are in the program. Auditor Hackman

added that the membership for each county is approximately \$1,500 for the year and they also provide additional benefits. Each time the card is used, Bartholomew County will receive one dollar. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker had some concerns with this. The first thing that he was concerned about is that each participant will be charged a transaction fee and that the agreement automatically renews. Also, there is a paragraph that talks about their preferred drug program. This will steer people to use their drugs and that would reflect that the county was behind this. He is also leery with the fact that the county gets a dollar for every time the card is used and that it sounds like a “kick back”. Attorney Tucker suggested not taking any action today so these concerns can be checked into. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to take this under advisement for approximately one to two weeks. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the consideration of the 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-Grant Agreement EDS # C44P-3-34B. Emergency Management Director Dennis Moats explained that this is the training and exercise grant for District 8, which is comprised of seven (7) counties. The amount of the sub-grant is for \$21,428.57 and is for training and exercising. For exercise, they have a partial full scale coming up at Muscatatuck for the participants. If those departments choose to, they can pay overtime to fire departments and police departments. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-Grant Agreement EDS # C44P-

3-34B in the amount of \$21,428.57. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Veterans Service Officer Tom Crawford was present to give the Veterans Monthly Report for April 2013. Mr. Crawford first introduced Brianna Cox, the part-time receptionist in his office whose husband served in the military and had an honorable discharge. Mr. Crawford reported that there were 92 interviews, 73 claims and applications files, 26 information and counseling services, 7 out of office interviews and 1,457.9 miles traveled. He stated that they also made 13 trips to the VA hospital in Indianapolis. Mr. Crawford stated that they have been working with Garland Brook Cemetery and Bethel Village Cemetery to get headstones for Veterans that have passed away. They are also working with Hospice of South Central. They are trying to get into the "We Honor Veterans" program. It is a four-tier and they are trying to be two-tier by the end of the year. Once they become a Preferred Hospice for the county and surrounding area, they are hoping that may bring in a Veterans Clinic to the area to honor Veterans Hospice. In the past month, Mr. Crawford spoke at five meetings about what Veterans have going on and their benefits. He spoke at Community Corrections, Just Friends, Mill Race Center to the Elderly, Bakaler and AmVets to let them know about Veterans benefits. He is also planning on doing a Veterans Memorial Day Service at the retirement homes and for widows of veterans. Mr. Crawford said that the Maintenance Department painted his office and lowered the brochures so that the elderly and wheelchair bound veterans can reach them. Auditor Hackman commented that Mr.

Crawford has been working with Larry Wheeler, who helps place flags on all of the veterans' graves. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to accept the Veterans Monthly Report for April 2013. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The last item on the agenda was the consideration to waive permit fees for the Columbus Housing Authority. They are estimating to rehabilitate 10 units in 2013. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to waive the permit fees (not inspections) for the Columbus Housing Authority of the City of Columbus. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:51 a.m. The next Commissioners' meeting will be on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

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RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN, AUDITOR