

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 10, 2014

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on March 10, 2014 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.

Commissioner Kleinhenz gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the March 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Flohr, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of claims. Chairman Lienhoop pointed out that there were many claims paid to individuals and Auditor Hackman clarified that those were tax refunds awarded through appeals. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Kleinhenz, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item was the weekly permit report. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permits Report dated 3/3/14 to 3/7/14. Eighteen (18) permits had been issued with a fee amount of \$2,635 and an estimated construction cost of \$1,437,615.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: put up signs, patched roads, picked up trash, plowed and cleaned up trucks.

Engineer Hollander submitted the Bartholomew County Highway Monthly Report for February, 2014 which included the Financial Report, Budget Status Report and Revenue Comparisons for the Highway Fund, Local Roads/Street Fund and the Cumulative Bridge Fund. He also submitted summaries of the February Crew Work, Projects Status, and upcoming March Crew Priorities.

Chairman Lienhoop read the MS4 Operator (Stormwater) Monthly Report for February, 2014. During the month of February, the Highway Department picked up trash and tires on 4 separate occasions. The trash (bags, mattresses, etc.) was taken and disposed of at the local landfill. The tires were taken to the Highway Department and are stored in a

shed until they can be taken to or picked up by CCE in New Albany, Indiana, for recycling. The Highway Department plowed and sanded roads 9 days in the month of February spreading 2,896 tons of sand/salt mix and 9 tons of salt. IDEM's report on the IDDE Audit is still pending. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the Stormwater Monthly Report for February, 2014. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

IT Director, Jim Hartsook, presented the following Data Board items for ratification:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Budget</u>
PVD/GUTS Software maint.	\$28,900	Auditor/Treas.	03-60
Printer replacement	\$1,713	EOC	04-43

Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to ratify the two Data Board items. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Hartsook went on to say that Jeff Lucas presented to the Data Board an update on eGIS community response and announced a public training session to be held at the Bartholomew County Library, Red Room, on March 31st at 6:30 p.m. Interested persons should register with the library.

Lastly, Mr. Hartsook asked for \$7,300 from the Perpetuation Fund for the purchase of a replacement scanner with a 3-year maintenance provision for the Recorder's Office. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the scanner purchase for the Recorder's Office. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was the consideration of an ordinance to establish the [Bartholomew County] Cell Tower Lease Fund. The non-reverting fund will be used to receipt rental payments for leased space on the E-911 Center Cell Tower. (*See attached*) Chairman Lienhoop opened the meeting for public hearing. John Dishinger, in the audience, asked why it needed to be a *non-reverting* fund. Commissioner Kleinhenz and Attorney Tucker explained that since the receipted rent payments are associated with a specific asset and will be used for the maintenance, repair and/or replacement of that asset, it was to be setup to not revert to the County General Fund at the end of each year. There being no other comments from the public Chairman Lienhoop closed the public hearing. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the ordinance to establish the Cell

Tower Lease Fund on first reading. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Second reading will be in two weeks.

Next, was consideration of a proposal from Gary McKinney, The Woodcarver, to handcarve a wooden replica of the Seal of the State of Indiana for the amount of \$1,255.75. Judge Jim Worton requested the artwork. It is to be displayed in Superior Court I in the same manner as in Superior Court II and Circuit Court. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to accept the proposal from The Woodcarver for \$1,255.75 for the Superior Court I artwork. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was the consideration of an agreement between Daniel F. Eggermann and the Bartholomew County Taxing Unit for consulting services. The 1-year contract runs from 2/15/14 through 2/15/15. The Schedule A, "Project" cost of services would be \$15,000 plus \$300 for travel expenses. The Project services include:

- 1) Serve in an advisory manner to the County Council, Commissioners and County Auditor on issues related to the fiscal condition of the county unit.
- 2) Provide consultation on budget decisions in conjunction with how funding or other policies may impact the county unit.
- 3) Assist with answering procedural questions related to the county unit's budget and funds reviewed by the Dept. of Local Government Finance.
- 4) Assist the county auditor's office in determining an assessed value estimate and estimating budgets, tax rates, and tax levies for 2014 for the county unit.
- 5) If requested, assist the county auditor or designee with procedural questions and decisions regarding the county economic development income tax fund.
- 6) Assist the county auditor with the county council non-binding and binding reviews and recommendations for civil taxing units under IC 6-1.1-17-3.5, as passed under HEA1001-2008. Should legislative changes occur, costs associated with the changes will be billed under "Schedule B: Fee Arrangement - Number 5, Additional work..."

Work outside the scope of the Project would be charged at the rate of \$150 per hour and \$75 travel rate plus mileage. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to enter into the agreement with Dan Eggermann for consulting services. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

For the next item of business, Emergency Management Director Dennis Moats presented a FEMA grant application for \$34,902.27 to reimburse 50% of 2013 salaries. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to sign the reimbursable grant application for 50% Emergency Management salaries FYE 12/31/13. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Flohr read the Veteran's Services Report for the month of February, 2014. The Veteran's Office conducted 124 scheduled/walk-in/outside interviews, filed 41 claims and applications and 4 tax abatement forms, filed 12 power-of-attorney documents and traveled 1,519 miles. Additional contacts totaled 283 by phone and 53 by mail. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to accept the Monthly Veteran's Report for February, 2014. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

A miscellaneous agenda item for the Sheriff's Department was the ratification of an expenditure for the purchase of an AED (defibrillator) for \$1,051 from Northern Kentucky Emergency Medical Service (NKEMS). Commissioner Flohr made a motion to ratify the expenditure for the AED purchase from NKEMS. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

John Dishinger, in the audience, asked if the Commissioners were comfortable with the County's credit card usage and assured of its proper usage. Auditor Hackman stated that each office has a preauthorized limit which is regularly and meticulously monitored as part of the accounts payable function.

Commissioners briefly discussed the status of the Crump building owned by the Columbus Capital Foundation. Chairman Lienhoop advised all to watch the newspaper for upcoming deliberations on the Crump property. Additionally, the Sears property vacancy will also be considered.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lienhoop at 10:40 a.m. The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, March 17, 2014 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

ORDINANCE NO. #2014-_____

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FUND TO BE KNOWN
AS THE CELL TOWER LEASE FUND**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County, Indiana ("Commissioners") did, in 2008, enter into a lease agreement with Southern Indiana RSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon") wherein Verizon would construct a tower on property owned by the County which did then, and does now, house the Bartholomew County Emergency Operations Center including the Bartholomew County E-911 Center; and

WHEREAS, Bartholomew County was to own the tower and rent space on the tower to Verizon and perhaps other compatible users; and

WHEREAS, to offset the cost of constructing the tower, Verizon was to be entitled to use the tower for a designated amount of time without paying the rental payments, but at the conclusion of the designated time period, rent payments were to be remitted to Bartholomew County; and

WHEREAS, the time has come for the aforementioned rental payments to be made; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create a fund into which the rental payments are to be deposited and held.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:**

Section I. Establishment of Bartholomew County Cell Tower Lease Fund.

The Bartholomew County Cell Tower Lease Fund is hereby established and authorized to receive deposits from the lease of space or facilities to telecommunications or other companies or businesses on the Bartholomew County E-911 Center Cell Tower.

Section II. Use of Funds.

Money in the Fund shall be used for the maintenance and repair of the cell tower and the building within which the E-911 Center is located at 131 South Cherry Street, Columbus, Indiana. Money from the fund shall be appropriated by the Bartholomew County Council for the purposes designated herein.

Section III. Non-Reverting Fund.

The Cell Tower Lease Fund shall be a non-reverting fund. Money in the fund shall be used for the purposes designated herein and shall not revert to the County General Fund at the end of each year.

Section IV. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS 10th DAY OF March, 2014.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA**

Carl H. Lienhoop
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Larry S. Kleinhenz
Larry S. Kleinhenz, Member

Richard A. Flohr
Richard A. Flohr, Member

ATTEST:

By: Barbara J. Hackman
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor of
Bartholomew County, Indiana

PASSED ON SECOND READING AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF
_____, 2014.

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