

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 12, 2015

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on October 12, 2015 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Larry Kleinhenz, Carl Lienhoop and Rick Flohr were present. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and Chief Deputy Auditor Sandra Beatty representing the Auditor's Office were also in attendance. County Auditor Barbara Hackman was absent due to illness.

Chairman Larry Kleinhenz called the meeting to order. E911 Director Ed Reuter gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the October 5, 2015 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the approval of payroll. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the payroll. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Kleinhenz read the New Permit Report dated 10/5/15 to 10/9/15. Thirty (30) permits had been issued with fees collected of \$2,668 and estimated construction costs of \$869,895. Permit fees collected for the month of September, 2015, totaled \$22,650.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the County Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: mowed in German and Columbus Townships; stoned along recently paved roads; wedged on 670E, 1150E, 1000E, 1200E, a bridge on 200S, Mulligan Lane and 525W; patched roads; and hauled dirt to the old landfill. He also submitted the Highway Monthly Crew Report for September, 2015.

Next, the county's bridge inspector, Strand & Associates' Eric Brunn reported on the **condition of Bridge No. 47** (Opossum Glory). The bridge was given a low rating, but the following repairs could bring the bridge up to a 20-ton rating:

- Replace crumbling posts on the north end, as well as the south end
- Repair members identified with 20%+ loss which are limiting overall load rating
- Replace incorrectly sized members for this structure
- Reconstruct deteriorating concrete bearing seats, the top of the abutment caps
- Paint the structure

The repairs should support the bridge for 20 plus years. Bridge No. 47 is a one-lane, 131-foot, truss-design bridge built in 1910. There is no federal funding available for this work. While truss bridge inspections are more frequent and costly than inspections for newer concrete designs, repair versus replacement would save the county over \$600,000. Most of the money will go to shoring it up and bracing. Fixing more members while it's torn up and taking it from 16-ton to a 20-ton rating would not increase costs significantly. Funding for the project would come from the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to have Strand proceed with preparations to bid the project. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Engineer Hollander started a discussion to request a preliminary investigation of putting in a **bridge on 675W** at the intersection with Baker Hollow Road in Harrison Township since the current drainage structure is frequently inadequate. The improvement would improve access to State Road 46. Action was tabled until next week.

Next was the **ratification of Data Board items** approved at the 10/12/15 Data Board Meeting. Ratification of items would be subject to County Council's approval of transferring \$24,840 from IT Funds at its October 13th meeting.

Department	Item(s) Purchased	Cost
IT	Staff Training (2)	\$ 6,600.00
IT	4 laptops & 4 docking stations	\$ 3,200.00
IT	SAN (storage array network)	\$ 2,500.00
IT	UPS Batteries from CDW	\$ 2,595.00
Courts	6 laptops & 12 docking stations	\$ 9,000.00
Courts	Seamless Docs	\$ 250.00
		<u>\$ 24,145.00</u>

Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to approve ratification of the expenditures approved by the Data Board. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was the notice of **Vote Center locations** for Election Day, November 3, 2015. Locations are the same as for the Municipal Elections held earlier this year in May, 2015.

Election Day Vote Center Locations and Hours:

November 3, 2015 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

St. John's Masonic Lodge, 4131 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus
Grace Lutheran Church, 3201 Central Ave., Columbus
Healing Waters Church, 2330 Midway, Columbus
Donner Center, 739 22nd St., Columbus
East Columbus United Methodist Church, 2439 Indiana Ave., Cols.
The Commons, 300 Washington St., Columbus
MainSource Bank, 2310 W. Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus
Terrace Lake Church, 4260 W 200 S, Columbus

Early Voting available at Satellite Locations:

Bartholomew County Voter Registration and Election Office
October 6th – November 2nd (until Noon) Mon – Fri 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
October 24th and October 31st Sat 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
October 31st Sat 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MainSource Bank (West)
October 31st Sat 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Donner Center
October 26th – October 30th Mon – Fri 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
October 31st Sat 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the Vote Center locations. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Pursuant to Indiana statute, IC 3-11-10-26 regarding absentee voting, County Clerk Jay Phelps made a written request for **extended courthouse hours** to accommodate absentee voting for the November 3, 2015 Election Day. The letter was addressed to the Commissioners and carbon-copied to the Maintenance and Sheriff's Departments. The Voter Registration Office will be open the two Saturdays prior to Election Day, October 24, 2015 and October 31, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for casting absentee ballots. On Election Day the courthouse will open at 5:00 a.m. and remain open until ballots are tabulated. Votes can be cast at the Voter Registration Office, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning October 6, 2015 through Noon on November 3rd. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to approve the extended courthouse hours for the November Election. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Additionally, **assistance on Election Day** from the Maintenance Department was requested in writing to put up parking barricades for the return of voting equipment to the courthouse and to stay until all vote centers have reported their tabulations and the voting machines returned and secured on the fourth floor.

Emergency Management Director Dennis Moats presented the next agenda item, the consideration of a joint funding agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey for **water resource investigations**, specifically, the operation and maintenance of the two Haw Creek stream-flow gauges which are part of the early flood warning system. The agreement runs from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. This is an annually recurring agreement in which the federal government will pay \$9,900 with the county to pay \$15,700. The County Council has allocated for this fee in next year's budget. In the past, the county has received additional funding from the Soil and Water Conservation to reduce its share by half, but the funding is not available this year. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to sign the joint funding agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey for the two (2) stream-flow gauges on Haw Creek. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Brenda Mijares of the Prosecutor's Office reported receiving additional funding from the Victims of Crime Act (**VOCA**) grant application filed in July of this year. The extra will fully fund the salaries of two full-time employees for the Victim Assistance Program. Hiring a second full-time position has been approved by the Personnel Committee and the County Council will be approached October 13th for their approval, as well. Ms. Mijares was requesting an appropriation number in the event that the Council approves the new position. Chairman Kleinhenz motioned to approve assigning an appropriation number from the Auditor's Office subject to County Council's approval. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Ms. Mijares also needed to submit a revised budget by October 15th for the VOCA grant and requested an estimated cost of insurance for the employees. An estimate would be provided to her later.

Under miscellaneous was the presentation of a letter requesting an **audit by Dunn & Associates** to verify that all participants of the County Benefit Trust Plan are eligible for benefits. Chairman Kleinhenz made a motion to sign the audit request to Dunn & Associates. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item was a letter from the Health Department requesting to purchase an **SUV for the Nursing Division** from the Indiana Local Health Trust Account Carryover Fund. Any future proceeds from the sale of the vehicle would be returned to the Trust Account. The county is responsible for insuring the vehicle. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to sign the letter approving the SUV purchase for the Nursing Division. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

BARBARA J. HACKMAN

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER