

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 5, 2016

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on July 5, 2016 in the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr, Larry Kleinhenz and Carl Lienhoop were present. County Attorney J. Grant Tucker and County Auditor Barbara Hackman were also in attendance.

Chairman Flohr called the meeting to order. Catherine Greenlee from the Auditor's Office gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the June 27, 2016 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

County Auditor Barbara Hackman said that her **Chief Deputy, Sandy Beatty**, had been handling payroll and employee benefits during the payroll administrator's medical leave which began mid-May. Ms. Beatty has been performing these additional duties while maintaining her own job responsibilities. Ms. Hackman and the Commissioners agreed that her dedication is to be commended and her efforts are greatly appreciated.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Flohr read the New Permit Report dated 6/27/16 to 7/1/16. Fifty-seven (57) permits were issued with fees collected of \$16,962.54 and estimated construction costs of \$11,863,477. Fees collected for the month of June, 2016, totaled \$30,303.54.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: patched roads; chip-and-sealed roads in Clifty and Hawcreek Townships; replaced culvert pipes on 575E; hauled compost to the old landfill; wedged on 950N, 625E and at Forest Lake; mowed in Wayne and German Townships; and saw a liquid road demonstration performed in Moss Farms Addition. The materials

cost of liquid road application is roughly twice that of chip-and-seal. The County could rent the truck and provide the labor.

Mr. Hollander also submitted the Highway Monthly Financial Report for June, 2016, which included the Financial Report, Budget Status Report and Revenue Comparisons for the Highway Fund, Local Roads/Street Fund and the Cumulative Bridge Fund.

For the next agenda item, Planning Department Director Jeff Bergman requested consideration of an **Ordinance for the Spray Road Rezoning: Case No. RZ-16-02**. Chairman Flohr recused himself from these proceedings as he owns property close to the subject area. The proposed ordinance was written to fix a zoning inconsistency occurring from the boundary line splintering off of Spray Road, thereby, leaving a quarter section line variance from Spray Road. This resulted in zoning inconsistencies for some of the properties south of Spray Road. Mr. Bergman's rezoning request, unanimously approved by the Plan Commission and unopposed by neighbors, would rezone that strip of land south of Spray Road from Agriculture Preferred to Agriculture General and essentially move the boundary line north to Spray Road. Commissioner Kleinhenz opened the meeting for public comment. There being no comments, he then closed the meeting. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the rezoning ordinance on first reading. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The second reading will be during next week's meeting on July 11th.

Next, the Director of Emergency Management Shannan Hinton presented a letter of consent authorizing Indiana Department of **Homeland Security to retain EDS# C44P-6-088B Grant funds** and spend \$107,147.28 on behalf of Bartholomew County. The funds are to be used to support the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center located in Indianapolis. The IIFC provides information and intelligence sharing among local, state, and federal law enforcement and responders. Chairman Flohr made a motion to sign Homeland Security's Letter of Consent. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Ms. Hinton also presented two Homeland Security grant request applications for unused, returned funds from the previous year. The first application was for **\$10,000. Emergency Management** would buy 102 Preparedness Kits for Kids to be handed out at the county fair. The remainder would be used to purchase a RAD-57 oximeter and a cyanokit for the Columbus Fire Department. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to sign the grant application for unused Homeland Security grant funds. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The second grant application for the returned funds was for **\$136,125.05. Emergency Management plans to fund multiple projects** for EMA, the Sheriff's Department, all Fire Departments and Columbus Police Department.

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Item Purchased</u>                    |
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| EMA               | computers and new vehicle                |
| Sheriff's Dept.   | equipment for SWAT and Water Rescue Team |
| Fire Depts.       | cooling/misting fans                     |
| CPD               | SWAT communication devices               |

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the application for grant money. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Brad Barnes, Director of Court Services, presented a grant application on behalf of Judge James Worton seeking **\$7,500 from Indiana Judicial Center for Veterans Court** programs. Funds would be used to support the services of the County's Veterans Court managed by Bartholomew Superior Court 1. Those services include: research, incentives, chemical testing, transportation, and management information services. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to sign the grant application for the Veterans Court funding. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Barnes announced that the Veterans Court will be in session the first and third Thursdays of this month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Bartholomew Superior Court 1 and will be open to the public. The court has been receiving favorable comments from the participants and mentors. He also mentioned there is a continuing need for veteran mentors.

The next agenda item was the **ratification** of an expenditure for E911. The contract price of \$6,312.55 for **Sound Communications, Inc.**, approved in the June 27, 2016, meeting was misquoted. The yearly rate for the maintenance and support (Premier Plan option) of the digital audiolog system is \$7,307.56. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to ratify the contract amount. Chairman Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz acknowledged the receipt of the **Clerk's Monthly Report** for the month of March, 2016. He motioned to accept the report, as submitted by Jay Phelps. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The last item of business was the **ratification of a purchase offer for commercial property**. The subject property located at 785 S. Marr (owned by Premier Ag) includes two turnkey buildings for a combined total of roughly 8,500 sq. ft. on 1.72 acres. The County intends to relocate the County Extension Office currently leasing space at 965 Repp Drive plus another office which leases. The Extension Office lease runs out in 6 months, but the County will negotiate its extension for another year. Premier Ag has merged with Jackson-Jennings Co-Op and will move its operations after the construction of a new facility in Seymour making possession estimated for July, 2017. To move forward with an offer to purchase, the state requires: the County Council to pass a resolution for intent to purchase; completion of two independent appraisals; and the sales price cannot exceed the average of the two appraisals. The cash purchase price of \$700,000 (subject to appraisal value) will be funded through the Telecommunications Fund. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to ratify the purchase offer of \$700,000 for Premier Ag property located at 785 S. Marr Road subject to satisfaction of state requirements for governmental real estate purchases and County Council appropriation of the Telecommunications Fund. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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RICHARD A. FLOHR, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER