

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 22, 2016

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on August 22, 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 and County Assessor Lew Wilson gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of the August 15, 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 claims. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the claims. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Flohr read the New Permit Report dated 8/15/16 to 8/19/16. Thirty (30) permits were issued with fees collected of \$1,427 and estimated construction costs of \$454,135.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: patched roads; chip-sealed in Columbus and Clifty Townships which concluded that work for the year; mowed in Ohio, Clay and Wayne Townships; and cut trees from storms and removed log jams from culvert pipes.

Consideration of an LPA Project Contract with INDOT was not ready for presentation.

Commissioners brought up a few areas needing attention. (1) In Rockcreek Township on Legal Tender Road east of the golf course road there are areas where rock has been washed away from the road. (2) Restitution workers recently cleared and cleaned up St. John's Lutheran Cemetery on CR 450N resulting in a 15'x60' brush pile that needs to be chipped and/or removed. (3) Camp Atterbury activities, exacerbated by

a wet season, have resulted in road shoulder damage on Georgetown and Ohio Ridge Roads.

Next, was a letter from Randy Sims as President of the Festival and Bandstand Division of **Heritage of Hope, requesting the temporary closure** of CR 700N/West Jackson for the 49th Annual Heritage Days Festival. He asked for signs and barricades to close the stretch of road from the bridge over Little Haw Creek to CR 670E on September 24th from 3:00p.m. to 12a.m. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the road closure. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was the consideration of a **Memorandum of Understanding** between the County's Emergency Operations Center and the Town of **Hope Police Department** along with a **SunGard Public Sector's Agreement to Grant Permission to Allow Access to Software** for the Hope Police Department. Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Major Chris Lane and Hope Town Manager J.T. Doane presented the request. Current users of the public safety software include the Emergency Operations Center, Columbus Police Department, Sheriff's Department, Columbus Regional Hospital, and the City of Columbus Fire Department. The OSSI computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system monitors response data, such as, response time, vehicle/equipment locations, and communications; and provides information regarding the incident site, such as, history of calls, building layout, premises notations including drug activity, weapons or domestic situations, etc. Using OSSI reduces radio traffic, provides strategic information for and about responders, thereby increasing operational efficiency and safety. Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding and access agreement to extend OSSI connectivity to the HPD. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

For the next item, Chairman Flohr presented two (2) corrected **Resolutions Assigning a Tax Sale Certificate to the City** of Columbus for the properties at **1510 Pearl Street** and **834 Werner Street**. (*See attached*) The resolutions passed at last week's meeting contained incorrect sale prices. All but 10% of taxes, penalties and assessments against the property were waived. For 1510 Pearl Street the sale price of the

tax sale lien was changed from \$795.38 to \$520.72. For 834 Werner Street that figure was changed from \$1,435.65 to \$633.51. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the corrected Resolution Nos. 2016-06 and 2016-07. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the consideration of an additional licensing agreement with **SunGard Public Sector** for Emergency Management Director Shannan Hinton. The add-on quote was \$1,500 for licensing and \$240 for maintenance to be paid from grant money. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the expense for additional licensure. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Flohr then presented a **letter to the County Surveyor**, E.R. Gray, requesting the preparation of construction plans for the removal of trees on Haw Creek from the East Fork White River to State Street. The surveyor's work should be looked upon as the county's contribution toward this joint cleanup project with the City. Chairman Flohr motioned to sign the request. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Veterans Thom Jester and Marion Saylor expressed discontent with the County for not providing enough **transportation for veterans**. Mr. Jester was annoyed that the DAV van, which he funded through community donations, was sent back to the state. As Veterans Services Officer back then he had 8 to 10 drivers he could call upon. Drivers used to receive \$5 from the County and \$10 from the state per trip before the state stopped paying. Mr. Jester suggested that the County could surely spend \$1,500/yr. to compensate drivers.

Mr. Jester also asked that the County put up a **flag at the Veterans Memorial** to help identify it. He would like a 30' flag installation to the side of the memorial, subject to committee approval.

Mr. Jester also endorses **body cameras** for local law enforcement.

Mr. Saylor spoke of his experience with **not being able to get a ride to the VA** for a procedure after which he would not be able to drive himself. He was forced to pay

\$100 for a taxicab. He feels that having a County van available for veterans is a necessity.

Chairman Flohr responded that the County *does* have a van *and* has volunteers, but the problem lies in getting drivers that meet the criteria. “If it was as simple as coming up with \$1,500, we’d do that”, stated Commissioner Flohr. The Commissioners are aware and have discussed other solutions. The process to get drivers approved by the DAV, who controls the van, is difficult. Inserted here is an excerpt from the Commissioners Meeting Minutes of 10/26/15 where VSO Tom Crawford explains some of the difficulties in qualifying drivers:

. . . The qualification process for drivers is stringent and takes a significant amount of time to complete. It includes passing hearing and eye tests, a health screening, passing yearly TB tests, FBI check, driving violations check, having a valid driver’s license and insurance, and orientation at the VA.

Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that while trips to the VA are less than before, the County still makes 15-18 trips a month. Commissioners are considering other options, including buying their own van.

Next, county resident Arnold Krause, 501 S 525 W, Columbus, brought to the Board his complaints regarding **speeding violations on 525W** between Woodland Creek and the backstop of the new golf driving range. He estimates speeds of 55 mph or more versus the posted 45 mph limit. He has made complaints to the Sheriff’s Department beginning in 2015. At that time, the Sheriff’s Department located the speed monitoring trailer there for two weeks, but some drivers tried to see how fast they could set the reading. Data retrieval software failed and no data was obtained from that period of time. A couple months later the trailer returned, but no other action was taken. He called the road commander’s office several times, but no radar units were ever seen in the area. In 2016, he called the road commander again asking for radar units and was told that with only four road patrols he could not position two units (one on radar, one to pick up) at the location.

Mr. Krause said residents are wary of mowing their property's frontage for fear of being hit. In 2015, a vehicle ran off the road, crossed the community driveway, and ran into a tree. And now, the new backstop of the golf course has been causing the recent heavy rains to pool at the bottom where it drains off, increasing the risk of a hydroplaning accident. He also noted other areas he has witnessed excessive speeds: SR 46/Jonathan Moore Pike and I65.

Sheriff Matt Myers was in attendance and said that reckless driving and speeding is an area he hears a lot of complaints, but unfortunately there is not enough manpower for the kind of traffic enforcement he would like to see. He said he would put something out there.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, August 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

RICHARD A. FLOHR, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

BARBARA J. HACKMAN

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 06

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING TAX SALE CERTIFICATE TO
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

WHEREAS, Bartholomew County, Indiana, by and through its Board of Commissioners, is the holder of tax sale certificate on the property described in Exhibit A attached hereto;

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-24-6.7(a), the Bartholomew County Board of Commissioners may assign tax sale certificates held in the name of the county executive to any nonprofit organization or government entity;

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has expressed a desire to obtain tax sale certificate on the property described in Exhibit A and has filed with the Bartholomew County Board of Commissioners an Application for Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate; and

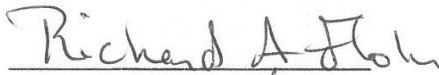
WHEREAS, it is a benefit to both Bartholomew County and the City of Columbus that the tax sale certificate for the property described in Exhibit A now be assigned to the City of Columbus.

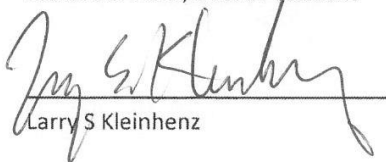
NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

1. That Bartholomew County, Indiana by and through its Board of Commissioners hereby approves the assignment of the tax sale certificate held by the county to the City of Columbus for the property described in Exhibit A attached hereto.
2. That all but 10% of taxes, penalties and assessments against the property described herein shall be waived for the tax year 2014 payable 2015 and prior, with all tax assessments waived for the tax year 2015 payable 2016 and thereafter, as to the City of Columbus with total amount, inclusive of taxes and penalties, equal to \$520.72.
3. That the period of redemption of the property described herein shall be for one hundred twenty (120) days from the date the certificate is assigned pursuant to Indiana Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Bartholomew County Board of Commissioners, this 22nd day of August, 2016.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Richard A Flohr, Board President


Larry S Kleinhenz


Carl H Lienhoop

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - D6

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Exhibit A

Address	Parcel No.	Legal Description
1510 Pearl Street	03-95-24-120-005.000-005	The S 40' of Lot 7 - A. H. Graham & Mary A Tompkin's Addition (B/82)

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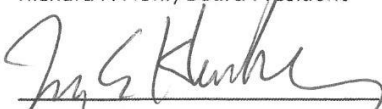
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3. That the period of redemption of the property described herein shall be for one hundred twenty (120) days from the date the certificate is assigned pursuant to Indiana Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Bartholomew County Board of Commissioners, this 22nd day of August, 2016.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Richard A Flohr, Board President


Larry S Kleinhenz


Carl H Lienhoop

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 07

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Exhibit A

Address	Parcel No.	Legal Description
834 Werner Street	03-96-19-320-002.800-005	WERNER ADD LOT 6; N 11' LOT 5