

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 23, 2017

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on January 23, 2017, 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 Lienhoop called the meeting to order and County Assessor Lew Wilson gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The January 17, 2017, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes were not ready for presentation.

Next was the approval of claims. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the claims. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously. As we have gone into a new year, it was confirmed that funds for the outstanding payment to Demolition Excavating have been encumbered.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permit Report dated 1/16/17 to 1/20/17. Eighteen (18) permits were issued with fees collected of \$3,060 and estimated construction costs of \$1,857,800.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: patched roads, put up signs, mowed in Flatrock, Hawcreek, Rockcreek and Wayne Townships; picked up trash, and; washed beams of bridges located on 300N, 410N, 400N and 900N to facilitate upcoming inspections.

Hollander also submitted the County Highway **Monthly Financial Reports** for December, 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.

Next was the consideration of an amendment to the equipment **rental agreement with Windstream** Communications to add three (3) phones to the lease. The additional phones were for the new Coroner's Office, the Superior Court I, and a spare for repairs

and temporary use. The fee is \$7.89 per phone, increasing the bill by \$23.67 per month. Commissioner Kleinhenz moved to approve the rental agreement amendment. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

For the next item, Emergency Management Director Shannan Hinton made a recommendation on the bids received last week for the purchase of a **2017 Crew Cab Truck**.

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>MSRP</i>	<i>Discount to County</i>	<i>Trade In</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bob Poynter Chrysler Dodge Jeep				
Ram 1500	\$ 42,030	\$ 14,545	\$ 1,000	\$ 26,485
Country Chevrolet Pontiac Buick				
Chev Silverado	\$ 42,445	\$ 9,500	\$ 5,346	\$ 27,599
Bob Poynter Ford				
Ford F150	\$ 42,130	\$ 10,516	\$ 1,000	\$ 30,614
Bob Poynter Chevrolet				
Chev Silverado	\$ 45,405	\$ 7,421	\$ 1,000	\$ 36,984

The lowest bid from Bob Poynter CDJR was for a vehicle not meeting interior and engine size specifications. Therefore, she recommended accepting the second lowest bid submitted by Country Chevrolet for a 2017 Silverado totaling \$27,599. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the bid from Country Chevrolet. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Hinton then presented the 2016 Grant Program Written Consent of the Commissioners authorizing the Indiana Department of **Homeland Security to retain EDS# C44P-7-509 Grant funds** and spend \$70,762.48 on behalf of the County, thereby, bypassing the County's ledger. The funds will be used for (1) the purchase of first responder backpacks for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); (2) statewide CERT training programs, and; (3) sustainment of the statewide public message systems readiness bank of pre-scripted press releases, social media, and the like. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to sign Homeland Security's Letter of Consent for

the disbursement of EDS# C44P-7-509 Grant funds. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

County Auditor Barbara Hackman said the County taxing units have received their 1782 notices for a 10-day review before receiving budget orders for the 16/17 tax year.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, January 30, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

BARBARA J. HACKMAN

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER