

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 20, 2017

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on March 20, 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 Commissioner Kleinhenz gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of the Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for March 6 and March 9, 2017. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to approve the two sets of minutes. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permit Report dated 3/6/17 to 3/10/17. Twenty-four (24) permits were issued with fees collected of \$3,284 and estimated construction costs of \$1,786,678. He also read the New Permit Report dated 3/13/17 to 3/17/17. Thirty-three (33) permits were issued with fees collected of \$9,490 and estimated construction costs of \$4,870,989.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report for last week which included the following work: ran the ditcher in Wayne and Rockcreek Townships; put up signs; patched roads; dug out stumps on 250W; crack-sealed at Harrison Lake; sanded roads; and ditched in spots along Youthcamp Road, 525W and Deaver Road.

The Commissioners brought up two issues on which they have been receiving complaints. The **Sloan Branch** community would like to have the bridge there on Talley Road (Bridge #103) cleaned out underneath to reduce drainage backup. Given the area's sandy terrain Chairman Lienhoop suggested securing the county's small excavator with a

retrieval cable before lowering it into position, as a precaution. The county Surveyor's Office should be consulted, as well. Secondly, residents in **Clifford** continue to be stricken with drainage problems. Hollander said he had spoken with the Surveyor's Office to do some elevation survey work to identify problematic areas.

Next, Planning Department Director Jeff Bergman presented **an ordinance amending the Columbus and Bartholomew County zoning ordinance for the jurisdiction of Bartholomew County** for its second reading. The first reading was on 1/17/17.

Bergman said this is largely the City's issue and merely a housekeeping issue for the County because of the shared ordinance. In addition to removing inconsistencies within the farm-related animal regulations, two other areas of the ordinance were to be clarified by: (1) including *wells*, associated with the farm dwelling, in the calculation of CFO setbacks, and (2) adding references to a *Hearing Officer* on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Both clarifications to the ordinance do not represent any substantive changes, but better reflect the current actual meanings and processes. With that, Chairman Lienhoop opened the meeting for public comment. Commissioners answered one question regarding the 2-mile jurisdiction and Chairman Lienhoop then closed the meeting. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to pass the amending ordinance on second reading. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

For the next item, Major Chris Lane presented three quotes for the purchase of **one (1) used vehicle** for the **Sheriff's Department** investigative purposes. The department's trade-in was a 2005 Dodge Durango with 150,000 miles.

<u><i>Bidder</i></u>	<u><i>Trade In</i></u>	<u><i>Total</i></u>
<i>Renner Honda</i>		
2015 Honda Accord	\$ 3,700	\$ 14,475
<i>Acra Automotive</i>		
2013 Nissan Maxima	\$ 3,500	\$ 15,455
<i>Chevrolet of Columbus</i>		
2015 Ford Fusion	\$ 3,000	\$ 16,107

Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to accept the low bid from Renner Honda for the 2015 Honda Accord which also had the lowest mileage of all (28,000 miles). Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

BARBARA J. HACKMAN

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER