

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

May 1, 2017

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on May 1, 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 Catherine Greenlee of the Auditor gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of the Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for April 24, 2017. Commissioner Flohr 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 Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permit Report dated 4/24/17 to 4/28/17. Thirty-five (35) permits were issued with fees collected of \$4,695 and estimated construction costs of \$2,556,150. Fees collected for the month of April totaled \$18,430.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report for last week which included the following work: patched roads; put up signs; hauled dirt to Lowell Road; hauled mulch to Youth Camp; ditched and put in driveway pipes on 50S, 650S and in Tempest Addition; and cleaned up trees from the Friday and Saturday storms.

Hollander then requested the release of driveway bond 14B-08 for Lot #51A in Hickory Hills Subdivision in Harrison Township. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to release the bond. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Also, the south approaching road took a beating during the construction of Bridge #58. Hollander had Milestone repave 1020E down to 800N for a fee of \$22,454.75. The

county saved about \$35 per ton in asphalt by not including it in the bridge contract. Funding for Bridge #58 and its approaches have come from grant money. Hollander asked for ratification of Milestone's invoice for that work. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to ratify the expense. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Hollander asked for permission to bid out work for Bridge #39 on 300N that has been closed for over a year. The original plan was to use county crews. However, county manpower will not be available after all. He wants to proceed with hiring an engineering firm to begin the bidding process. Chairman Lienhoop motioned to permit soliciting engineering firm(s) for the Bridge #39 project. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Hollander also presented a Letter of Understanding from INDOT for the Official Detour and Unofficial Detour of the closure of SR 58 for bridge replacement in Jackson Township. The Unofficial Detour onto county roads from SR 58 will be CR 725W and Mt. Healthy Road. The detour will be in effect from April through October, 2017. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to sign off on the unofficial detour. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration of **Data Board ratification items** that came out of its meeting that morning. IT Director Scott Mayes was tending to pressing county issues, so Chairman Lienhoop presented the two items for consideration:

<u><i>Department</i></u>	<u><i>Vendor/Description of Software</i></u>	<u><i>Cost</i></u>
<i>Surveyor's Office</i>	<i>Esri / ArcGIS Desktop Software maint.</i>	\$ 400.00
<i>County Highway</i>	<i>NAPA / vehicle tracking software</i>	\$ 3,716.00

Chairman Lienhoop motioned to approve ratifying the two Data Board items. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

County Attorney Grant Tucker spoke on the next agenda item – Bartholomew County Title VI Implementation Plan ("Plan"). The mandated Plan includes a policy statement, standard operating procedures and complaint procedures. The Plan sets

protocol to provide assurances against discrimination or the exclusion of individuals from its municipal facilities, programs, activities and services based on the person's race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, low income status, sexual orientation or limited English proficiency. The Plan precepts are derived from non-discriminatory laws including: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended. The Plan must be posted to the county website. Violations of the Plan could result in loss of highway funding. Inquiries and complaints should be directed to the Bartholomew County Auditor in his/her capacity as the Title VI Coordinator. Commissioner Flohr moved to adopt the Bartholomew County Title VI Implementation Plan and make it available on the county website. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

E911 Operations Director Ed Reuter submitted his letter of resignation for his position with the county to be effective May 12, 2017. He has accepted the position as Executive Director of the Statewide 911 Board. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept Reuter's letter of resignation. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chief Deputy Julie Pierce will be acting E911 Director for the interim. The position will be opened to in-house employees for 5 days according to the County Personnel Policy. The position will then be publicly advertised and applications taken at the Commissioners' Office for three weeks. The Bartholomew County E911 Board will review and make recommendation for the hiring. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to begin the process to fill the position of E911 Operations Director. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Audience member Mike Lovelace commented that he regularly drives from Columbus to Batesville and experiences a cell reception dead zone in the Hartsville curves area. He asked that any discussion about erecting additional cell towers include this area.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 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