

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

May 8, 2017

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on May 8, 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 first order of business was the approval of the May 1, 2017, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Flohr 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 Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permit Report dated 5/1/17 to 5/5/17. Thirty-two (32) permits were issued with fees collected of \$4,063 and estimated construction costs of \$1,831,719.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: cleaned up trees from storm; closed roads and installed and removed high water signs; removed a log jam at the bridge on Gladstone; cleaned out pipes; patched roads; and swept bridges.

Hollander submitted the County **Highway Monthly Financial Report** for April, 2017, which included the Financial Report, Budget Status Report and Revenue Comparisons for the Highway Fund, Local Roads/Street Fund and the Cumulative Bridge Fund.

Hollander then requested permission to give **Notice to Bidders** for the **2017 Road Overlay Program**. The public notice will be advertised in the May 11th and May 18th issues of The Republic Newspaper. Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, and will be opened during the Commissioners' Meeting that

morning. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve notice to bidders for the annual overlay program. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Planning Department Senior Planner Melissa Begley presented a **Dedication of Right-of-Way (“ROW”) for the Caudill’s Minor Subdivision (MI/P-17-02)**, totaling approximately 0.19 acres. The subject property is located at 5312 Quan Wae Drive in German Township. Jean Caudill has requested to create Lots 2 and 3 on Quan Wae Drive. The proposed subdivision has been reviewed and approved by the Plan Commission’s Plat Committee. The County’s Subdivision Control Ordinance requires the dedication of ROW along frontages of newly created lots. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the dedication of ROW on behalf of the public. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next item was the consideration of the **First Amendment (Renewal) to the Child Welfare Services Provider Professional Services Contract (EDS#A93-6-16-CB-P0-3061)**. Director of Youth Services Center Anita Biehle presented the amendment which renews the funding contract with Indiana Department of Child Services for another two years ending 6/30/19. The funding rate of the Youth Center’s Day Treatment Program remains unchanged at \$102.06 per day per youth. Commissioner Flohr motioned to sign the renewal of the Child Welfare Services Provider Professional Services Contract. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Director of Court Services Brad Barnes appeared on behalf of Judge Jim Worton to present a **grant application to the Indiana Office of Court Services** for the Commissioners’ consideration. Counties with certified problem-solving courts, like Judge Worton’s Veterans Court of Superior Court 1, are eligible to apply. The \$10,000 request would fund operational expenses related to research services, participant incentives, drug-screening tests, mileage reimbursement, and information services. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to approve the grant application. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was the consideration of an **agreement with Simplifile, LLC, for e-filing capabilities** with the Recorder's Office. County Recorder Anita Hole was accompanied by Michelle Willsey, State Director for Simplifile for Indiana. E-recording provides another mode of delivery of real estate records to the county for processing and recording in addition to the traditional methods of courier and mail delivery of paper documents. It offers a streamlined, secure channel directly into the land records system and the audit trail is much tighter, because the financial transaction is electronic. E-recording Phase I implementation includes identification and setting up accounts for customers, e.g., banks, title companies, developers and attorneys. Phase I processes non-transferrable documents only, such as, mortgages, releases, assignments, etc. Phase II will incorporate e-transferring mechanisms with the auditor and assessor offices, which will allow them to receive the electronically processed, stamped, documents and fees collection to move it through the county paperlessly and efficiently. End-users pay for fees so there is no cost to the county. Chairman Lienhoop motioned to enter into the agreement with Simplifile. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, E911 Director Ed Reuter, E911 Chief Deputy Julie Pierce and Director of Emergency Management Shannan Hinton were there to present the **After Action Review of the Severe Weather Response** – Delayed Siren Activation of April 28, 2017. Copies of the study can be obtained at the Emergency Operations Center or the County Commissioners' Office.

Commissioner Kleinhenz acknowledged receipt of the March, 2017, **Clerk's Monthly Report** signed by County Clerk Jay Phelps. He moved to accept the report for submission to the SBOA. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Flohr acknowledged the receipt of the April, 2017, **Treasurer's Monthly Report** signed by County Treasurer Pia O'Connor. He moved to accept the report for submission to the SBOA. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

BARBARA J. HACKMAN

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER