

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 28, 2017

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on August 28, 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 Rita Carr from the Assessor's Office gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of the August 21, 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.

Next was the approval of the monthly claims for August. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve monthly claims. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Weekly reports was the next agenda item. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permit Report dated 8/21/17 to 8/25/17. Seventeen (17) permits were issued with fees collected of \$1,222 and estimated construction costs of \$807,874.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: replaced pipes on Carr Hill Road, 410N, 300N, and on 1100E; wedged in Hawcreek, Rockcreek, and Sandcreek Townships; mowed in Harrison Township; picked up trash; and worked on signs. Additionally, he reported that Milestone paved 825W, 170S, Woodland Creek Drive, 300S, 425N, 1200E, and 300N. O'Mara completed their overlay jobs with the paving of Hickory Hills Court, Monroe Court, and Shir Rob Court.

Emergency Management Director Shannan Hinton presented a grant application request for 2016 de-obligated **Emergency Management Performance Grant money**

that has been unspent and returned to the state. The application was in the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of new laptop computers for EMA, weather radios, preparedness kits, and NIMS Incident Command Field Guides. Chairman Lienhoop moved to approve the grant application. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Assistant Veteran Services Officer Larry Garrity presented the **Monthly Veterans Services Report** for July, 2017. The Veterans Office conducted 88 scheduled/walk-in/outside interviews; made 246 contacts by phone/mail; traveled 731 miles; made 7 trips to the VA Hospital; and processed 15 new applicants. VSO Garrity forewarned that 7 trips to the VA and traveling 731 miles are below the guidelines for retaining the state-owned vehicle. The problem continues to be a lack of state-approved drivers: the office has only two regular drivers. Recently, a trip to the VA had to be cancelled due to illness of one of the drivers and those veterans' appointments had to be rescheduled. Veterans are allowed three missed/cancelled appointments before losing their patient status at the clinic.

County Auditor Barbara Hackman said that during the recent budget hearings the county council approved the budgeting request for a service vehicle in the Veterans Office's Budget for 2018. However, Commissioners felt the county may have to act before 2018 and will schedule an appointment to discuss it with VSO Tom Crawford. Commissioner Flohr motioned to accept the Monthly Veterans Report for July, 2017. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next was the Monthly **Animal Control Report** for July, 2017. Commissioner Kleinhenz read the report as follows: there were 137 cases, 51 animals were picked up, 82 audits, 2 violations, 1 fine, 0 bite cases, 5 door hangers placed, 5 reclaimed animals, and 6 traps loaned to the public. The two vans traveled a total of 2,609 miles. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the Monthly Animal Control Report for July, 2017. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item for consideration was the **appointment to the Columbus Regional Hospital Board**. A premature vacancy was created by Marsh Hunt's resignation earlier

this summer. The commissioners considered their list of candidates. Commissioner Flohr motioned to appoint Donald Trapp to finish the 4-year term of Marsha Hunt which expires 12/31/18. Trapp was previously employed with Cummins, is a 30+ year resident, and made his career in finance. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was consideration of quotes for improvements at 785 S. Marr Road (the former Premier Ag building). The Maintenance Department solicited proposals for the purchase of a **HVAC system** for the newly constructed conference room. Only one quote was received: South Central Company, Inc. (Columbus) quoted \$7,367.02 for a Mitsubishi system. The county has had good experience with this system and is familiar with its installation, plus it is particularly quiet. Chairman Lienhoop moved to accept the proposal from South Central. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Also, **drywall quotes** were sought to hang and finish drywall in the conference room. Dwain Botts (Edinburgh) quoted \$3,900 and Randal Hupp Drywall (Nashville) quoted \$7,200. With Maintenance Department Supervisor Rick Trimpe's recommendation, Commissioner Flohr made a motion to accept the low quote from Dwain Botts. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Responding to audience member Mike Lovelace's question about soliciting local contractors, County Administrator Tina Jeffries said that Trimpe had asked for a quote from a Columbus contractor who declined because of his backlog of jobs.

Under Miscellaneous items, Chairman Lienhoop announced that the county offices would be closed on **Monday, September 4th**, in observance of Labor Day. Consequently, the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 5th**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

Next was renewing a **Memorandum of Understanding** between the County Health Department and the County Sheriff's Department. In it, the Sheriff's Department agrees to provide generator-powered refrigerator and freezer space to the Health Department (e.g., for vaccine storage) in the event of a power failure. Chairman

Lienhoop made a motion to sign the provisional memorandum. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The last item of business was an addendum to the service agreement with **Best Way**, the county's vendor for trash pickup, to place a dumpster at the 785 S. Marr Road property. Ultimately, the dumpster at Repp Drive will be removed from the service contract, but for now, the additional dumpster will increase the bill by \$45 per month, plus an extra pickup charge of \$8. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the addendum. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 5, 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:

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

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BARBARA J. HACKMAN

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RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER