

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 23, 2017

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on October 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 present.

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 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2017. 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 10/16/17 to 10/20/17. Thirty-two (32) permits were issued with fees collected of \$3,507 and estimated construction costs of \$1,783,928.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: side-winded stone along 300S, Bonnell Road, and 750N; installed a cement storm sewer box on Mirror Road at Harrison Lake; ditched and put in driveway pipes on Sprague Road and 300W and ditched along 700S; mowed in Ohio, Wayne, and Clay Townships, and; equipped another truck with salt brine tanks.

On the subject of side-winding stone to create a road shoulder, Commissioner Kleinhenz **mentioned that 325W**, just north of the new part, is narrow and has a 4-inch drop-off in spots. He asked for side-winding it when possible.

The next item was the consideration of a contract between with **GnA Assessment Professionals, LLC** and the County Assessor. The four-year, state-mandated contract for appraisal services related to appeals, the 2018-2022 Cyclical Reassessment, and the 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 annual adjustments (trending) of all real property in the county was awarded to GnA Assessment Professionals, LLC, at last week's meeting.

GnA (Greensburg) \$107,375/year totaling \$429,500 for 4 years

The contract has been reviewed by County Attorney Grant Tucker. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to sign the state-mandated contract with GnA. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was a request from the **Park Board to ratify an expenditure** for work performed at the Dunn Stadium restrooms. Matlock Plumbing, Inc. installed a lift station and added a curb stop on the water supply to the restrooms for \$19,973.75. The City of Columbus required this work be done, but it was not included in the original contract approved by the Park Board. While the Visitors Center paid \$150,000 for the restroom upgrade with grant funding obtained from County Convention, Recreation and Promotion Commission, the Park Board will pay for this additional work. Chairman Lienhoop motioned to ratify the expense for the Park Board. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

There was also a request from the **Maintenance Department to ratify** an expense for concrete repairs and coating at the new County Extension Building on Marr Road. Several quotes had been solicited and reviewed by the commissioners, but due to the impending relocation of the Extension Office into the new facility, a prior approval from a regular session meeting of the Board of Commissioners was inadvertently bypassed. RLC Concrete Coatings was able to accommodate the scheduled relocation and the invoice totaling \$8,410 was reasonable. Commissioner Flohr moved to ratify the expense. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mark Webber, a reporter for The Republic, asked for opinions which began a discussion regarding the **opioid crisis** which would be discussed in an upcoming forum put on by the Alliance for Substance Abuse Progress in Bartholomew County (ASAP) at 6:30 p.m. on 10/24/17 at The Commons.

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

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
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CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

BARBARA J. HACKMAN

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER