

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

November 13, 2017

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on November 13, 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 gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of the Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for November 6, 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 11/6/17 to 11/10/17. Twenty-four (24) permits were issued with fees collected of \$2,695 and estimated construction costs of \$3,740,100.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: side-winded stone along overlaid roads; plowed corn stalks off roads resulting from flood waters; put up signs; patched holes; and mowed in Hawcreek and Flatrock Townships.

Hollander also presented an agreement with **Strand Associates, Inc.** to provide engineering services for the **Bridge #170-Lowell Road Bridge Project**. The scope of services listed in the agreement includes the following.

1. Provide an alternative analysis for either rehabilitating the bridge or replacing the bridge. The analysis will include rehabilitation and replacement alternatives and preparing opinions of probable construction costs for each alternative. Two site visits are included in this scope.

2. Prepare a hydraulic analysis of the existing site conditions and up to three different scenarios of proposed conditions with adjustment to road raising and overflow structures. These scenarios will be modeled for vehicular passage during the 10-, 25-, and 50-year storm events in accordance with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources permitting. The overbank profile for Lowell Road will be taken from the Bartholomew County Geographical Information System data unless a site-specific topographic survey has been provided by others. A report will be compiled with the findings of the modeling.

The cost for the scope of services will be a lump sum payment of \$16,000. If existing data is inadequate to complete the work described under the agreement's scope of services, a topographical survey supporting the hydraulic analysis would be performed, after obtaining county approval, for an additional cost of \$2,000. Services are scheduled for completion by March 30, 2018. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to enter into the Strand agreement. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Chairmen Flohr and Kleinhenz read the **Notice to Bidders** for **Year-End Bids** on materials and equipment. Commissioners will receive bids in their office until 10:00 a.m. on December 4, 2017. The following items are to be bid.

1. Crushed Stone, as per specifications.
2. Sand and Gravel, as per specifications.
3. Corrugated aluminum or galvanized steel aluminized, or polymer coated steel culvert pipe in round or arch shall conform to AASHTO-M-196 and current Indiana Department of Transportation specifications.
4. One (1) 2017 or 2018 New 5500 Regular Cab White Dump Truck with Trade-in, as per specifications. (Highway Dept.)
5. Two (2) 2017 or 2018 New Compact Crossover SUV's with Two (2) Trade-in, as per specifications. (Highway Dept.)
6. One (1) 2017 or 2018 New 5500 White Sign Truck with Trade-in, as per specifications. (Highway Dept.)
7. One (1) 2017 or 2018 $\frac{3}{4}$ Ton Extended Cab, 4-Wheel Drive, V8 Truck with Trade-in, as per specifications. (Surveyor's Office)
8. One (1) 2017 or 2018 White Extended Passenger Wagon Van, as per specifications. (Veteran's Office)

9. One (1) 2014 – 2017 New 5500 4-Wheel Drive White Dump Truck, as per specifications. (Maintenance Dept.)

Bids should be submitted on forms prescribed by the Bartholomew County Commissioners which are available in the Commissioners' Office. Each bid item shall be marked to correspond with the legal notice and shall be submitted separately. Each bid shall be accompanied by a surety bond or certified check in a sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid; and non-collusion specifications, which are now on file in the Commissioners' Office and are made a part thereof, by reference thereto. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or any part of said bid. The Notice to Bidders will run in the November 17th and 24th editions of The Republic. Chairman Lienhoop made the motion to approve the Notice to Bidders for year-end items. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next was the consideration of **Amendment #3 to the Employee Benefit Trust Plan**. Beginning 2018, the coinsurance percentage throughout the county employee medical benefits plan for in-network claims will change from 70/30 back to 80/20 (unless otherwise stated in the Schedule of Benefits), as it was up until two years ago. The employer/employee split for out-of-network providers remains at 50/50. Audience member Mike Lovelace pointed out the coincidence of increased benefits with the recent enactment of a new county tax. However, Commissioner Kleinhenz explained that that the boon is coming from reserves resulting from employees using SwiftMD online services, lower number/amount of claims, an upcoming change of drug vendor, and raising health consciousness and preempting potential health problems by utilizing employee health self-assessments. Rather than hold onto reserves, the commissioners want to pass along the savings to employees for next year, at least. Commissioner Flohr moved to approve the amendment. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item of business was consideration of the **Commissioners' 2018 Meeting Schedule** (*See attached*). Meetings will be held each Monday at 10:00 a.m., unless bumped to another day due to a holiday. Tuesday meetings in 2018 are scheduled for: January 2nd, January 16th, May 29th, September 4th, November 13th, and a Wednesday meeting on

December 26th. Chairman Lienhoop motioned to approve the Commissioners' 2018 Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

The next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, November 20, 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

SCHEDULE OF COMMISSIONER'S MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR 2018

(All meetings will be held on Monday, unless otherwise indicated)

JANUARY MEETINGS

2 10:00 A.M. TUESDAY
8 10:00 A.M.
16 10:00 A.M. TUESDAY
22 10:00 A.M.
29 10:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

5 10:00 A.M.
12 10:00 A.M.
19 10:00 A.M.
26 10:00 A.M.

MARCH MEETINGS

5 10:00 A.M.
12 10:00 A.M.
19 10:00 A.M.
26 10:00 A.M.

APRIL MEETINGS

2 10:00 A.M.
9 10:00 A.M.
16 10:00 A.M.
23 10:00 A.M.
30 10:00 A.M.

MAY MEETINGS

7 10:00 A.M.
14 10:00 A.M.
21 10:00 A.M.
29 10:00 A.M. TUESDAY

JUNE MEETINGS

4 10:00 A.M.
11 10:00 A.M.
18 10:00 A.M.
25 10:00 A.M.

JULY MEETINGS

2 10:00 A.M.
9 10:00 A.M.
16 10:00 A.M.
23 10:00 A.M.
30 10:00 A.M.

AUGUST MEETINGS

6 10:00 A.M.
13 10:00 A.M.
20 10:00 A.M.
27 10:00 A.M.

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

4 10:00 A.M. TUESDAY
10 10:00 A.M.
17 10:00 A.M.
24 10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER MEETINGS

1 10:00 A.M.
8 10:00 A.M.
15 10:00 A.M.
22 10:00 A.M.
29 10:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

5 10:00 A.M.
13 10:00 A.M. TUESDAY
19 10:00 A.M.
26 10:00 A.M.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

3 10:00 A.M.
10 10:00 A.M.
17 10:00 A.M.
26 10:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY