

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 27, 2020

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met in regular session on January 27, 2020, in the Commissioners' Chambers of 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 Pia O'Connor were also present.

Chairman Lienhoop called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes from last week's January 16, 2020, Special Session Meeting, and the January 13, 2020, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes from the previous week. 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 that passed unanimously.

Next was the **ratification of an IT Department** expenditure for the annual renewal of Palo Alto firewall subscriptions with SHI totaling \$4,581.12. IT Director Scott Mayes stated that only one quote was considered since SHI possesses a reseller's registered deal for the specialized software and, therefore, is always granted lower pricing for the product. Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to ratify the expenditure for firewall protection. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next item was the **Monthly Animal Control Report** for December, 2019, and the **Annual Animal Control Report** for 2019. Animal Control Officer Mark Case read the activity totals for the month and year as follows: there was a total of 60 cases (1,008/yr.); 19 animals were picked up (324/yr.); 94 audits (1,400/yr.); 0 violations (17/yr.); 0 fines (8/yr.); 2 bite cases (11/yr.); 3 door hangers placed (43/yr.); 2 reclaimed animals (41/yr.); and 4 traps loaned to the public (48/yr.). The two vans traveled a total of 2,384 miles in December (37,121 miles for the year). Commissioner Flohr moved to accept the monthly and annual reports for the period ending 12/31/19. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Veterans Services Officer Larry Garrity read the **Veterans Services Report** for December, 2019, and the **Annual Veterans Services Report** for 2019. The Veterans Office processed 20 new applicants (181/yr.); conducted 101 scheduled walk-in, and/or outside interviews (1,371/yr.); made 277 contacts by phone/mail (3,204/yr.); traveled 1,485 miles (18,436/yr.); and made 15 trips to the VA Hospital (209/yr.). Garrity stated he also hired a new part-time assistant, Barton “Scott” Land. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to accept the monthly and annual reports for the period ending 12/31/19. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was weekly reports. Chairman Lienhoop read the New Permit Report dated 1/13/20 to 1/17/20. Twenty (20) permits were issued with fees collected of \$938 and estimated construction costs of \$303,079. The New Permit Report dated 1/20/20 to 1/24/20 reported twenty-three (23) permits were issued with fees collected of \$3,182 and estimated construction costs of \$1,447,124.

County Engineer Danny Hollander gave the Highway Weekly Crew Report which included the following work: worked on signs; patched roads; and ran the ditcher in Clay and Clifty Townships; cleaned out pipe and ditched on 100W, Whitehorse Road, and Branton Road; also cleaned pipe for the city and ditched on Carr Hill Road; and worked on brine equipment.

Hollander then presented **Supplemental Agreement No. 1** to the original agreement with **United Consulting**, dated 8/6/18, for the replacement of Bridge #44 on 425N over Duck Creek. The supplement amends Appendices “A”, “B” and “D” to include right-of-way engineering services, additional fees of \$6,000 for those services, and changing the not-to-exceed total from \$97,900 to \$103,900. Originally, the County’s Surveyor Office was to perform the right-of-way legal work, but due to staffing shortages, will now be handed over to United Consulting. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to sign Supplemental No. 1 with United. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Hollander also requested the **ratification of two expenditures** for the Highway Department. Both were to Reading Equipment & Distribution, LLC. The first was for six snow plow control valve, hose, and fittings packages totaling \$20,503.98. The second invoice totaled \$1,200 for a main pintle chain that drives the sandbox. Commissioner Flohr

moved to ratify the expenditures. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, County Attorney Grant Tucker opened and read the only bid submitted for **2020 Sand and Gravel** for the County Highway. This was a re-bid process since the only bid previously received was rejected for not having submitted a bid bond. Irving Materials, Inc. (Columbus) bid the following prices per ton: #8 Gravel - \$10.60; Pea Gravel - \$8.30; Pit Run - \$6.00; Fill Sand - \$6.20; Coarse Sand - \$6.20; De-Icing Sand - \$6.20; and 5-L Gravel - \$13.50. Chairman Lienhoop made a motion to award the bids for the county's sand and gravel to Irving Materials. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Tucker then opened and read the bids for the **2020 Community Crossings Matching Grant Overlay** Program consisting of the ten (10) road segments listed below. To avoid dealing with multiple contracts, CCMG now requires the entire road program to *not* be split among bidders, but instead be awarded to only one contractor.

- CR 930 South (SR 58 & 500 W)
- CR 250 West (100 N & Lowell Rd)
- CR 400 South (SR 7 & 750 E)
- CR 100 West (650 S & 800 S)
- CR 60 East (950 S & 1100 S)
- CR 800 West (Becks Grove Rd & 700 S)
- CR 525 South (Becks Grove Rd & 875 W)
- CR 550 North (475 E & 600 E)
- CR 150 West (to I-65 Overpass)
- CR 525 East (100 S & SR 46)

Dave O'Mara (North Vernon) submitted the low bid of \$1,181,994.80. Milestone Contractors, LP (Columbus) bid \$1,294,934.21. All Star Paving (Seymour) bid \$1,495,912.26. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to take the bids under advisement. Chairman Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Planning Department Senior Planner Ashley Beckhort presented a **dedication of right-of-way ("ROW") for the Napier Minor Subdivision (MI/P-19-18)**, totaling 0.16

acres along 650S. The subject property is located at 10120 W 650S, in Ohio Township. Owners Buel and Treva Napier have requested to create one new lot for a total of one lot and a parent tract remainder totaling 19+/- acres. The County's Subdivision Control Ordinance requires dedication of ROW along frontages of newly created lots. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the dedication of ROW. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Pink Willow Estates Major Subdivision (MAS-19-02) improvement agreement was approved in the 9/3/19 Commissioners' Meeting allowing construction of public improvements; in this case, a new public street named Pink Willow Court supporting eleven (11) new lots. Tim [Medaris] & Daughters Property Management, LLC, has completed the improvements and seeks to have Pink Willow Court accepted by the county, along with 2.7936 acres of right-of-way, and the plat signed for recordation to begin selling lots. The subdivision is located along 400W north of 450N, in German Township. Commissioner Flohr made a motion to accept the new subdivision, road, and right-of way. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item listed on the agenda, consideration of an agreement with **AT&T for E911**, was postponed until the next meeting.

SWMD Education Coordinator Jessica Norcross gave an update on **SWMD activities and recycling volumes** for 4th Quarter. In-classroom programs, landfill tours, recycling tours, presentation, and info booths reached 982 youth and 1,744 adults. Sixty people participated on seven different teams and completed seven Adopt-A-Road clean up events, resulting in the collection of 116 bags of trash. Events scheduled in November were Déjà vu Art Show, Amnesty Day, and America Recycles Day.

Norcross also reported on the volumes of key recycling items. Scrap metal averaged 41,820 lbs./month for the quarter; landfill cardboard averaged 17,125 lbs.; commercial cardboard averaged 315,975 lbs.; and yard waste averaged 2,111,575 lbs.

Next was consideration of **Amendment #8** to the **Employee Benefit Trust Plan to add Long Term Disability Benefits** to the Schedule of Benefits, pages 10-13 of the Summary Plan Description Booklet. Terms of the additional benefit are as follows.

LONG TERM DISABILITY BENEFIT (Employees Only/ Non-Contributory)
BENEFIT DESCRIPTION

Monthly Benefit	60% of basic monthly earnings not to exceed a maximum monthly benefit of \$7,500 less Other Income benefits.
Minimum Monthly Benefit	Greater of 10% of the gross monthly benefit or \$100
Elimination Period *	90 days

*Benefits are not payable for the elimination period for Long Term Disability. Benefits are administered by OneAmerica. Please refer to the policy for additional information. If there are any discrepancies between this section and the carrier's Certificate of Coverage booklet, the carrier's booklet governs.

Commissioner Flohr moved to accept the addition of long term disability benefits via Amendment #8 to the Employee Benefit Trust Plan. Chairman Lienhoop seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the confirmation of appointments for certain vacated seats.

Bartholomew County Public Library Board:

Four (4) year reappointment of Werner W. Jorck. Term ends 4/18/24.

County Plan Commission:

Appointment of Arnold Haskell to complete Dennis White's unexpired term, ending 12/31/20. White resigned was due to relocation outside of the county.

County Board of Zoning Appeals:

Four (4) year reappointment of Jason Newton. Term ends 12/31/23.

Commissioner Flohr motioned to reappoint Werner Jorck to the Library Board. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to appoint Arnold Haskell to the Plan Commission. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Lienhoop motioned to

reappoint Jason Newton to the Zoning Appeals Board. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Lienhoop acknowledged the receipt of the December, 2019, **Clerk's Monthly Report** signed by County Clerk Jay Phelps. He moved to accept the report. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next regular session of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in the GOB Commissioners' Chambers. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned. Audio paused.

NOTE: After a brief intermission, the Board of Finance Meeting convened and the proceedings were recorded at the end of this commissioners' meeting audio.

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RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR