

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

February 6, 2023

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on February 6, 2023, in the Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Tony London, Larry S. Kleinhenz and Carl H. Lienhoop, Attorney Grant Tucker, County Auditor Pia O'Connor, County Administrator Tina Douglas and County Administrative Assistant Brooke Bowers were in attendance.

Commissioner Tony London opened the meeting, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the Approval of Minutes of January 30, 2023. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Minutes of January 30, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Approval of Payroll. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve Payroll as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the weekly permits report as read by Commissioner London:

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New Permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
<i>01/30/23 to 2/3/23</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>\$ 4,616.00</i>	<i>\$ 1,883,470.00</i>

It was noted that one of these permits was for a Commercial Remodel at Target, valued at \$953,428.00.

The next item was the Highway Crew Report as presented by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander as follows: Plowed and salted roads, patched holes, cut trees under bridges in the city, picked up brush and worked on signs.

The next item was the Highway Department Monthly Financial Report as presented by Engineer Hollander: *December 2022*. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Highway Monthly Financial Report as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Proposals for County-wide mowing contracts, presented by Engineer Danny Hollander as follows:

- *Hawkins Lawn Care & Landscaping (Columbus, IN)*
 - *Five (5) year only price* \$ 1,031,968.00 *total*
(Annual price with (2) mows per year) \$ 206,393.60
- *Right of Way Turf & Ornamental, Inc. (P.O. Box 1816, Columbus, IN)*
 - *Five (5) year price @ \$85/mile* \$ 1,031,968.00 *total*
(Annual price with (2) mows per year) \$ 206,393.60
 - *Three (3) year price @ \$87/mile* \$ 633,749.76 *total*
(Annual price with (2) mows per year) \$ 211,249.92
 - *One (1) year price @ \$90/mile* \$ 218,534.40 *total*

Commissioner London asked Commissioner Lienhoop to address why we are hiring it out instead of doing it ourselves. He stated that it is harder than ever to get this kind of part-time/seasonal laborers. We have asked the County Council for more full-time workers at the Highway and have not been granted any additional help. Yet the Commissioners feel that mowing is an important part of taking care of the County right-of-ways and safety. It has been difficult for the Highway Department to get it done with their part-time help. Commissioner Kleinhenz said he has received more complaints regarding mowing than anything, including snow removal over the past years. Commissioner Lienhoop added that the State of Indiana is not mowing like they used to. Commissioner Kleinhenz mentioned the primary differences between the two contracts was equipment and fuel surcharges, leaning toward Right of Way Turf & Ornamental, which had no fuel surcharge. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the (3) Three Year Bid under Right of Way Turf and Ornamental for \$87.00/mile with no fuel surcharge, for \$211,249.92 per year, totaling \$633,749.76. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Mark Webber from the Republic asked via Zoom, what the difference is between what will be mowed under this contract versus what the county already mows with the Jail Workcrew. Engineer Hollander replied that the Jail Workcrew mows county properties, Courthouse, etc. but not roadways. The Highway employees mow the roadways. Commissioner Kleinhenz thanked both bidding companies, as well as all the farmers who mow their own right of ways several times a year.

The next item for consideration was the Planning Department’s Right Of Way Dedication of MI/P-2022-017: Crussel Farm Minor Subdivision – presented by Ashely Beckort as follows:

- ***MIP-2022-017: Crussel Farm Minor Subdivision***
 - *A request by Robert and Pamela Crussel to create 1 new lot for a total of 1 lot, an administrative lot, and an agriculture remainder totaling +/- 75 acres.*
 - *The property is located on the north side of Base Road approximately at 2,660 feet east of 1100 East, in Clifty Township.*
 - *Base Road is classified as a local road requiring 25 feet of right-of-way dedication. The applicant is dedicating the required amount of right-of-way, being 0.13 acres along Base Road.*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the Crussel Farm Minor Subdivision as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of a Service Provider Agreement with Cloudgavel for Electronic Software Signature Service presented by Information Technology Director Scott Mayes, with support from Prosecutor Lindsey Holden-Kay.

- *Current contract with provider, SeamlessDocs, has expired.*
- *SeamlessDocs is no longer meeting the required needs.*
- *Cloudgavel will provide Internet Based, Unlimited License Use for the Law Enforcement Departments Courts and Prosecutor’s Office for Electronic Warrants Solution*
- *In addition to Search Warrants, Officers would be able to submit signed Probable Cause Affidavits, request for 72 Hour Holds and Documentation for Red Flag Firearm Seizures from their issued computers.*
- *Cloudgavel is a more secure program, as it is Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Compliant.*
- *One-year term, with annual renewal*
 - *Fee includes all user training and 24/7 support* \$ 5,000.00

- *Requests for:*
 - *One (1) 2022 or 2023 Midsize SUV Compact or Midsize, White, Automatic, for use by the office administrators when going out to investigate*
 - *One (1) New 2022 or 2023 Midsize Truck for use by an inspector to replace the 2011 Ford Ranger, White, Extended Cab, Automatic, Air Conditioning*
- *Proposals Requested sent to Ford of Columbus, Chevrolet of Columbus and Country Chevrolet Buick (North Vernon)*
- *Quotes for Truck Received:*
 - *Country Chevrolet Buick (North Vernon)*
 - *One (1) 2022 Chevrolet Colorado 2X4 Extended Cab, Automatic, Air Conditioning In stock, same purchased in 2022* \$ 24,835.00
 - *Chevrolet of Columbus (Columbus, IN)*
 - *One (1) 2022 Chevrolet Colorado 2X4 Extended Cab* \$ 27,730.25

Commissioner London motioned to Approve Purchase of Chevrolet Colorado from Country Chevrolet of North Vernon for \$24,835.00 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- *Quotes for SUV Received:*
 - *Country Chevrolet Buick (North Vernon)*
 - *One (1) 2022 Chevrolet Trax LT, AWD* \$ 23,400.00
 - *Chevrolet of Columbus (Columbus, IN)*
 - *One (1) 2022 Chevrolet Equinox Sport Utility* \$ 28,230.25

Commissioner London motioned to Approve Purchase of Chevrolet Trax from Country Chevrolet of North for \$23,400.00 as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Purchase of 20 Tasers from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Bartholomew County Jail for \$52,104.00 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion. Tom Heller asked what the source of commissary funds is. Commissioners London and Kleinhenz explained that the commissary funds come from snacks purchased, phone fees and electronic fees from inmates. **The vote resumed, passing unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of a Renewal Agreement with Advanced Correctional Healthcare for the Provision of Healthcare to Incarcerated Patients at the Bartholomew County Jail, as presented by Chief Deputy John Martoccia as follows:

- *Agreement Renewal Effective February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024*
- *Jail pays:*
 - *2022 Annual Price* \$ 404,742.95
 - *New Annual Price* \$ 426,599.00
- *Amendment increasing Mental Health Hours Provided from (8) hours to (40) hours signed on April 11, 2022*
- *Originally signed 12/16/2013 by County and Feb 2014 by Advanced for*
- *the provision of Healthcare to Incarcerated Patients at the Bartholomew County Jail*

Chief Deputy Martoccia stated that the price increase is due to increasing cost of medication, mental healthcare and increasing needs. This will be covered by the current budget.

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Renewal Agreement for Advanced Correctional Healthcare for Inmates at the Bartholomew County Jail as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of an Appointment of Christopher West as the 2023 Director of Weights and Measures. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Appointment as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** County Council President Morales thanked Chris West for his service through the Auditor's Office Commissioner London led Chris West in the Oath of Office.

The next item was the Clerk's Monthly Report for the month of December 2022, submitted By Clerk Shari Lentz, read by Commissioner Lienhoop. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept**

the Clerk's Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next Commissioner's Meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2023.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

TONY LONDON, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR