

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

February 13, 2023

“Scouts in Government Day”

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on February 13, 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 Administrator Tina Douglas and County Administrative Assistant Brooke Bowers were in attendance. County Auditor Pia O’Connor was in attendance via Zoom.

Commissioner London opened the meeting and Commissioner Kleinhenz gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner London announced that in honor of *Scouts in Government Day*, he had sworn the following Girl Scouts into office, hosted by the below departments:

<i>Angelica Armstrong</i>	<i>Superior Court I</i>
<i>Lily Basham</i>	<i>Voter Registration</i>
<i>Kylie Brinksneader</i>	<i>Road Supervisor Sheriff</i>
<i>Lydia Cook</i>	<i>Jail Supervisor Sheriff</i>
<i>Bethany Lewis</i>	<i>Sheriff Department</i>
<i>Layne Henderson</i>	<i>Sheriff Department</i>
<i>Layla Cook</i>	<i>Sheriff Department</i>

The first item was the Approval of Minutes of February 6, 2023. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Minutes of February 6, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Approval of Claims. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve Claims 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>2/6/23 to 2/10/23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>\$ 16,864.00</i>	<i>\$ 13,152,697.00</i>

The next item was the Highway Crew Report as presented by Assistant Superintendent Tracy Curry as follows: crack seal on 700 N, 800 E and 500 N; patched Hot Box and Dura Patch, cut trees at Cherry Hill, 250 W and 650 N, cut trees at bridges on 7th street, 930 S, Spray Road, picked up trees along Becks Grove and Baker Hollow Roads, put up signs and sent eight (8) people to Gas Line Training.

The next item for consideration was the Ratification of Expenditure for Highway Department for work done on April 22 and April 26, 2022 by LL Brown out of Scottsburg, IN, as presented by Assistant Superintendent Curry. No other quotes were requested at that time. Invoices sent on January 13, 2023 as follows:

- *LL Brown (Scottsburg, IN)* \$ 15,910.00 total
 - *4/122/22 Lowell Road Bridge, Removed Log Jam under bridge on driftwood river using crane* \$ 7,960.00
 - *4/26/22 Installation of concrete bridge boxes installed on 800 N Stafford Road* \$ 7,950.00

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Ratify two expenditures for LL Brown out of Scottsburg, IN totaling \$15,910.00. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of a Contract with Right of Way Turf Ornamental, Inc. for 2023-2025 Roadside Mowing Program, presented by Assistant Superintendent Curry as follows:

- *Three (3) year agreement* \$ 633,749.76 total
 - *Fuel surcharge removed*
 - *Annual Payments Amount* \$ 211,159.92
 - (Payment made following each of 2 mows per year)* \$ 105,579.96 X 2

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Three (3) Year Contract with Right of Way Turf and Ornamental for \$633,749.76. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioner Kleinhenz requested that Superintendent Dwight Smith take a closer look at erosion and sink hole developing in the area of 500 W and 46W. Vicki Stover from the audience spoke also, stating that the erosion is getting worse.

The next item was the Ratification of Expenditure for Sheriff’s Department for equipment for seven (7) 2023 Ram 1500 SSV Trucks, presented by Captain Brandon Slate.

- *Signature Public Safety (Columbus, IN)* \$ 78,329.81 *total*
 - *Three (3) 2023 Ram 1500 SSV Admin* \$ 29,066.49
 - *Four (4) 2023 Ram 1500 SSV Patrol with Bumper Push* \$ 49,263.32

Received two other quotes from Dana Safety Equipment and Sirennet; both came in higher.

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Ratify the Expenditure for the Sheriff’s Department equipment, totaling \$78,329.81 as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was an update on the County FSSA Opioid Settlement Matching Funds Grant Application and requested Approval to Commit Unrestricted and Restricted funds previously received from the Opioid Settlement to the Match Pool Funds Grant, presented by ASAP Executive Director, Sherri Jewett. The chances are very good that they will provide the match up to \$750,000 or more. The plan is to focus on recovery residences, with minimal to significant support, one such place being Bridge to Dove, looking to bring in a Level 4 Recovery for Women into the community. There are currently treatment options for men and are looking to add options for women. The State has prevention dollars that will be made soon but the focus on this first round is jail treatment programs, recovery residences and harm reduction. This is the first of at least six (6) settlements; the other five (5) are under negotiation with the other companies that will be paying settlement dollars. The County’s share of the match will come from the Opioid Settlement funds already received, both restricted and unrestricted, not to be paid until the money is expended. Organizations that are asking for a large portion will be asked to contribute, as well. County Council President Jorge Morales highlighted that we ought to look at developing prevention programs for the youth in the community. Director Jewett introduced Rachael Flohr David from Foundation for Youth, who is helping on the grant, gathering information on prevention concerns coming from the community. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the request to Commit Opioid Funds to the Matching Grant at the requested future time. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Statement of Benefits submitted by SV Columbus, LLC and Sentry Biopharma Services Inc. for property in a previously designated

allocation area and economic revitalization area, presented by Jason Hester, President of the Columbus Economic Development Board, as follows:

Resolution allowing for an abatement of property taxes attributable to the redevelopment and/or rehabilitation of real property and the installation of new personal property in an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA).

- *SV Columbus LLC, the new owner of the 50,000 square foot building located at 13025 N. Executive Drive, Edinburgh, IN 46124, and its sister company Sentry Biopharma Services, Inc., are considering a significant investment in Bartholomew County. Sentry Biopharma is a provider of cold chain storage, labeling/kitting/packaging services, and International and Domestic distribution of pharmaceutical materials.*

- *SV Columbus has spent \$5.25 Million to purchase the shell building*
- *The proposed project calls for building out/interior finishing of approximately 30,000 square feet of the building, requiring an additional real property investment by SV Columbus of \$9,842,242.00. Sentry Biopharma will then install new logistics, laboratory, research and development and I.T. Equipment, requiring investment of up to \$1.1 Million, for a total investment by the two companies of \$16.2 Million.*

- *Ten (10) high paying jobs will be added by December 31, 2024*
Expected average wage of \$32.80 per hour

SV Columbus, LLC and Sentry Biopharma Services Inc. filed an application and a Statement of Benefits form dated February 1, 2023, requesting the approval of a personal property tax deduction pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1 ET. Seq., for installation of new manufacturing, research and development, logistical distribution equipment and/or Information Technology equipment within an established era located at 13025 N. Executive Drive., Edinburgh, IN.

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Statement of Benefits Resolution. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was Consideration of a Resolution, Approving a Statement of Benefits submitted by Georg Utz, Inc. for property in a previously designated allocation area and economic revitalization area, presented by President Hester, as follows:

Resolution allowing for an abatement of property taxes attributable to the redevelopment and/or rehabilitation of real property and the installation of new personal property in an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA)

- *Georg Utz, Inc. Manufacturer of Plastic Products, Inc. reports they have exceeded their hiring goals as forecasted with their May 2021 expansion. At the time, they employed 108 positions with plans to add (46) jobs for a total of (154) permanent positions. Today they now employ (181) positions and are planning the next expansion of their operations located at 14000 N. 250 W., Edinburgh, IN.*
 - *New proposed project calls for the installation of \$22.3 Million of manufacturing, logistics and I.T. Equipment, plus \$950,000.00 in real property improvements to finish out 2nd floor office space, for a total investment of \$23,250,000.00.*
 - *182 jobs retained*
 - *34 New jobs added by December 31,1 2024*
 - *Requesting County Council to approve a ten (10) year tax abatement (phase-in) on the next taxes associated with the installation of all new qualifying equipment*
 - *Requesting County Commissioners to pass this content resolution in advance of the Council's consideration.*

Georg Utz, Inc. filed an application and a Statement of Benefits Form dated February 1, 2023, requesting the approval of a personal property tax deduction pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1 ET. Seq., for installation of new manufacturing, research and development, logistical distribution equipment and/or Information Technology equipment within an established era located at 14000 N. 240 W., Edinburgh, IN.

Georg Utz, Inc. also filed an application and a Statement of Benefits Real Property Form dated February 1, 2023, requesting the approval of a real property tax deduction pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.112.1 ET. Seq., for the purpose of building construction of a new and/or expanded facility within an established era located at 14000 N. 240 W., Edinburgh, IN.

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Statement of Benefits Resolution. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was an Amended Purchase Agreement for Code Enforcement for Midsize SUV, as presented by Director Michelle Cox. Country Chevrolet Buick was awarded the original proposal on February 6, 2023 for a 2022 Chevrolet Trax in the amount of \$23,400.00. This vehicle was accidentally sold prior to being award. Revised quotes as follows:

- Country Chevrolet Buick (North Vernon, IN) \$ 25,400.00
 - 2022 Encore Preferred AWD
(More safety features, nicer interior than Chevy Trax)
- Chevrolet of Columbus (Columbus, IN) \$ 28,230.00
 - 2022 Chevrolet Equinox

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve amended Purchase Agreement for a Buick Encore from Country Chevrolet of North Vernon for \$25,400.00 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item under Miscellaneous business was the Consideration of Grant Application for Superior Court I, presented by Director of Community Corrections, Brad Barnes.

Opportunity to apply for a Grant through the Indiana Office of Court Services for a Problem Solving Courts for those in need of mental health services.

- *Judge James Worton has submitted a letter of Intent to the State of Indiana to start another Problem Solving Court within Superior Court I.*
- *Specifically for those in our Criminal Justice System needing services around mental health and behavioral health services.*
- *The grant will run from April 1 through Dec. 31, 2023*
- *\$10,000 is the maximum you can ask for; no match required.*
- *The full \$10,000.00 requested to be used to pay for a court public defender, some training for some core team members and to pay for some incentives for participants.*

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Sign the Grant Application for the Problem Solving Grant as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner London stated that County Offices will be closed next Monday, January 20, 2023 for Presidents' Day. **The next Commissioner's Meeting will be Monday, February 27, 2023.**

Sandra Bush, in the audience, presented a packet for the Commissioners in reference to information she gathered from Nichol Birdwell Goodin, General Manager of Columbus Animal Care Services. Included was a comparison of results from the implementation of a revised 2019 City

Ordinance, resulting in improved effectiveness and reduced calls, fines and, theoretically, benefit to better care for animals. It was also mentioned that before amending the updated ordinance, the Animal Care Services visited some Indianapolis facilities and learned that Indianapolis has been identified as a city with a “Model Animal Code,” using best practices regarding animal control.

The next item was an update from Jason Eckert, Town Manager of Hope, Indiana, along with Town Council President Ohmer Miller. They are working with an engineering firm on a plan to install sidewalks to create a Safe Route to School for the Hauser students and is currently working on estimates and may need some assistance from Bartholomew County to make this happen. He also requested that the Opioid Prevention and Education considerations include the Flatrock-Hawcreek School Corporation, also operating in Bartholomew County. Rachael Flohr David, Director of Prevention Initiatives at Foundation for Youth, confirmed that they do and will continue to service all Flatrock-Hawcreek Schools.

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