

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 27, 2023

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on March 27, 2023, in the Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Larry S. Kleinhenz, Carl H. Lienhoop and Tony London, Attorney Grant Tucker and County Administrator Tina Douglas were in attendance. County Auditor Pia O'Connor was unable to attend.

Commissioner London opened the meeting.

Commissioner Lienhoop gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2023. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve Minutes from March 20, 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>
3/20/23 to 3/24/23	34	\$7,180.00	\$2,485,122.00

(CRH Therapy Pool & Spa \$511,000.00 & Several Arbor Homes)

The next item was a Proposal for Camera Equipment for the Sheriff's Department presented by Captain Chris Roberts.

- *LENS (Saint Joseph, MI)* *\$3,928.00 total*
 - *Camera with Accompanying Equipment*
- *Paid for by Sheriff's Department – Drug Forfeit Account*

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Purchase for Camera Equipment for the Sheriff's Department from *LENS* totaling \$3,928.00. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Proposal for the Purchase of Dispatch Chairs for the Emergency Operations Center presented by Assistant Director Julie Pierce.

- *Eight (8) 24/7 Heavy Duty Chairs, Life Expectancy 3-5 years*
Current chairs were purchased in 2015
Paid for out of Cell Tower Account
 - **Husky Office Efurniture Max (Indianapolis, IN)** **\$ 14,996.00** **Total**
 - *Five (5) Concept Seating Model 3150HR @ \$1,630/ea* 8,150.00
 - *Three (3) Concept Seating Model 3152HR @\$1,850/ea* 5,550.00
 - *Material and Swing Arms* 1,296.00
 - *ERS Wireless (Columbus, IN)* **\$ 15,645.00** **Total**
 - *Five (5) Concept Seating Model 3150HR @ \$1,750/ea* 8,750.00
 - *Three (3) Concept Seating Model 3152HR @\$1,945/ea* 5,835.00
 - *ERS Services (Onsite Setup & Shipping)* 1,060.00
 - *Frey Gaede (Cincinnati, OH)* **\$ 16,789.45** **Total**
 - *Five (5) Concept Seating Model 3150HR @ \$1,949/ea* 9,745.00
 - *Three (3) Concept Seating Model 3152HR @\$2,188/ea* 6,564.00
 - *Shipping* 480.45

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Purchase of Heavy Duty Chairs for the Emergency Operations Center from Husky Office in Indianapolis for \$14,996.00. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Ratification of Expenditure for Emergency Management, presented by Director Shannan Cooke.

- **Municipal Emergency Services (Minneapolis, MN)** **\$4,266.91** **total**
 - *Kappler – Four (4) Zytron 500 Vapor Total Encapsulating Hazmat Suits for Columbus Fire for Response*
- *Paid for by LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) funds*
Received from the State, determined by # of reporting facilities
within county through Tier II reporting

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Ratify the Expenditure for Hazmat Suits totaling \$4,266.91. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Animal Control February 2023 Monthly Report prepared by Director Mark Case, presented by Commissioner Kleinhenz as follows:

February 2023 Monthly Report

<i>Action</i>	<i>Dogs</i>	<i>Cats</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Picked Up</i>	9	4		13
<i>Audits</i>				
<i>Violations</i>				
<i>Fines</i>				1
<i>Bite Cases</i>				1
<i>Door Hangers</i>				
<i>Animals Reclaimed</i>				4
<i>Traps Loaned</i>				
<i>Total Cases</i>				
<i>Total Cases</i>				
<i>Mileage for the Month</i>				4,400

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Animal Control Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Veterans February 2023 Monthly Report, prepared by VSO Larry Garrity and presented by Commissioner Lienhoop, as follows:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>YTD</i>
<i>In Office Interviews</i>	49	98
<i>Out of Office Interviews</i>	0	0
<i>Walk-ins</i>	67	149
<i>Incoming Phone Calls</i>	228	431
<i>Outgoing Phone Calls</i>	59	118
<i>Incoming Fax</i>	0	1
<i>Outgoing Fax</i>	7	12
<i>Trips to VA Hospital</i>	13	29

<i>Mileage on Van</i>	<i>913</i>	<i>2159</i>
<i>New Claims Filed</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>39</i>
<i>Veteran Disability Compensation Claims Filed</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>42</i>
<i>Veteran/Surviving Spouse Pension Claims</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Burial Appropriations</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>All Forms Filled Out for Veterans</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>255</i>
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Veterans Report as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Highway Crew Report as presented by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander, as follows.

The crew crack sealed on 150 W, 300 S, cut trees along 1200 E, 200 N and 200 S, used ditcher along 525 S, Becksgrove Road, 875 W, Sawmill, 850 W, 400 S and Bellsville Road. They also patched roads throughout the county with both HotBox and DuraPatcher, put up signs, and moved High Water signs.

The next items were the Highway Department’s Monthly Financial and Budget Status Reports and Revenue Comparisons, presented by Engineer Hollander. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Highway Department Monthly Reports as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Letter to the County Surveyor Requesting Assistance for the Highway Department, presented by Engineer Hollander.

- *Assistance is requested in platting and marking a new right-of-way for Bridge No.44 on CR 425 N.*
- *Legal descriptions have been prepared by United Consulting.*
- *The Highway has already acquired the right-of-way.*
- *Highway will provide the AutoCAD filers necessary for plat preparation.*
- *No exact time constraint for this project has been established.*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve Signing the Letter to the Surveyor, as presented.

Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Proposal for the 2023 Guardrail, Weed & Johnson Grass Treatment Applications for the Highway Department, presented by Engineer Hollander.

- *The Daltons, Inc. – Chemical Vegetation Control (North Webster, IN)*
 - *Guardrail Treatment* \$ 5,238.60
Est Qty Lft 87,310 @ .06
 - *Rip Rap Spraying* \$ 3,870.00
Est Qty Sys 26,800 @ .144
 - Total for both* \$ **9,108.60**
 - *Roadside Weed Treatment*
Est. Mileage 400 Center Line Miles
Proposed Gallon Mile 50 @ \$1.10 \$ **33,000.00**
 - **Total Award to The Daltons, Inc** \$ **42,108.60**

*(Requests also sent to Right-of-Way Management, K&H Spray Services,
& Right-of-Way Turf & Ornamental)*

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Contract for Guardrail and Weed Treatment to the Daltons, Inc. of North Webster, IN for \$42,108.60, as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item for consideration was an Appointment of Dawn Doup-Pandit (Columbus, IN) to the Bartholomew County Library Board, presented by Commissioner London. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Appointment as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was Miscellaneous. Mark Webber, from the audience, inquired about the elevator at the Bartholomew County Library. The Commissioners stated that this is not under the jurisdiction of the County Commissioners, but that he could contact Library Director Jason Hatton for more information.

The next item, under Miscellaneous, was an exchange of comments from Nancy Ray, Sandra Bush and Ellen Macy, from the audience, regarding animal concerns.

The next Commissioner’s Meeting will be Monday, April 3, 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