

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

April 10, 2023

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on April 10, 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, County Auditor Pia O'Connor, Attorney Grant Tucker and County Administrator Tina Douglas were in attendance.

Commissioner London opened the meeting.

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

The first item was the Approval of Minutes from April 3, 2023 as presented. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve Minutes from April 3, 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>
4/3/2023 – 4/7/2023	22	\$3,977	\$1,730,502

The next item was a Request to Extend Open Hours at the Courthouse and Governmental Office Building for Absentee Voting and Election Day, presented by County Clerk Shari Lentz.

Election law requires Clerk's office to be open for Absentee Voting (City Election)

Courthouse (Nexus Park serving as the Office of the Clerk) and the Governmental Office

Building serving as the Satellite Vote Center location for the dates listed below:

- *Saturday, April 22nd – 8 am to 3 pm*
- *Saturday, April 29th – 8 am to 3 pm*

Election Day – Vote Center Locations:

- *Tuesday, May 2nd – Election Day – 5 am until all votes are counted*
- *Courthouse (Nexus Park) plus Clerk Office open in the Courthouse (Requesting Courthouse Security for this day only)*
- *Governmental Office Building – 5 am until approximately 6:30 pm*

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

The next item was a Proposal for Chemical Turf Treatment for the Courthouse and Extension Office, presented by Rick Trimpe, Maintenance Supervisor.

<i>The Yard Barbours, Inc.</i>	\$	2,532.00
• <i>Courthouse</i>	\$	792.00
• <i>Extension Office</i>	\$	1,740.00
<i>TruGreen Commercial</i>	\$	2,616.64
• <i>Courthouse</i>	\$	1,408.96
• <i>Extension Office</i>	\$	1,207.68
<i>Engledow Group</i>	\$	3,465.00
• <i>Courthouse</i>	\$	1,915.00
• <i>Extension Office</i>	\$	1,550.00

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Agreement with The Yard Barbours, Inc. for Turf Treatment for \$2,532.00 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Proposal for Modernization of the Elevator Systems at the Governmental Office Building and the Bartholomew County Jail, presented by Rick Trimpe, Maintenance Supervisor.

Modernization proposal with TK Elevator Corporation for the GOB & Jail Modernization packages for the Elevator System including Elevator Mechanical and Electrical Components being Replaced, Refurbished or Retained.

Modernization work at the EOC approved on January 30, 2023 for \$86,549.16. Benefits include increased durability & reliability, improved fire & life safety features, decreased waiting times, reduced energy consumption, reduced operational cost, and reduced troubleshooting time. One (1) Year Warranty. Paid out of American Rescue Plan.

• GOB (2) Elevators	\$	202,483.17
○ <i>Two (2) Units</i>		
○ <i>Initial Progress Payment 50%</i>	\$	101,241.59
○ <i>Total of Remaining Progress 50%</i>	\$	101,241.59

- **Bartholomew County Jail (2) Elevators** \$ 257,879.72
 - *Two (2) Units*
 - *Initial Progress Payment 50%* \$ 128,939.86
 - *Total of Remaining Progress 50%* \$ 128,939.86

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Proposal from TK Elevator for \$202,483.17 for the GOB Elevators, as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. This will be paid for out of the American Rescue Plan.

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the Proposal from TK Elevator for \$257,879.72 for the Jail Elevators, as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. This will be paid for out of the American Rescue Plan, as well.

The next item was the Ratification of Expenditure for Emergency Management, presented by Director Shannan Cooke. (Ratification for Four (4) Level A suits was approved on March 27, 2023.)

Four (4) LEVEL B suits. The difference is the level of protection the suits provide the firefighters during a hazmat response.

- **Municipal Emergency Services (Minneapolis, MN)** \$ 2,237.16
 - *Kappler – Four (4) Level B Hazmat Suits*
 - *Zytron 500 Coverall w/attached accessories*
 - *or Columbus Fire for Response*
- *Paid for by LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) funds received from the State, determined by number of reporting facilities within county through Tier II reporting*

Commissioner London motioned to Ratify the Expenditure for Hazmat Suits totaling \$2,237.16, as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. This will be paid for by the LEPC Funds.

The next item was the Consideration of an Appointment to the Computer and Data Board, presented by Scott Mayes, Director of Information Technology.

- *Joe Meek to fill Larry Hilkene’s vacated term, expiring December 31, 2023*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Appointment of Joe Meek to the Computer and Data Board. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

The crew ran the ditcher in Jackson and Wayne Townships, dura patched at Grandview, cut trees under bridges, picked up brush in Flatrock, Hawcreek and German Townships, picked up trash and put up signs.

The next item was the Ratification of Expenditures for the Highway Department presented by Engineer Hollander.

- *Overhead Door (Columbus, IN)* \$ 3,385.00
- *Wash Bay Door Hit / Repair*

- *Overhead Door (Columbus, IN)* \$ 3,250.00
- *West Side Door By 25th Street / Repair*

- *Truck Service, Inc. (Edinburgh, IN)* \$ 4,057.91
- *Replace Fuel Filter, Engineer / Electronic / Repair*
- *2014 Peterbilt Dump Truck*

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Ratify the two Expenditures with Overhead Door as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Ratify the Expenditures with Truck Service, Inc. as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Proposal of Hot Mix, Cold Mix and Liquid Asphalt, presented by County Attorney Grant Tucker.

- *Hot Mix*
 - *Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. (North Vernon, IN)*
 - *Milestone Contractors (Columbus, IN)*
- *Cold Mix (no bids received)*
- *Liquid Asphalt*

- *Asphalt Materials, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN)*
- *Marathon Petroleum, Co. (Indianapolis, IN)*
- *Terry Asphalt Materials, Inc. (Hamilton, OH)*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Take Bids Under Advisement, as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Treasurer's Monthly Report for February, prepared by County Treasurer Barb Hackman and presented by Commissioner Lienhoop. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Treasurer's Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** County Council President Jorge Morales requested a copy. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked Commissioner London if he would like to give an update about the County Broadband Project. Commissioner London stated that there is a lot going on with the project and they will give a public update in their April 17, 2023 meeting.

The next item, under Miscellaneous, was a statement from Commissioner London, asserting that the Commissioners unequivocally agree that it is inappropriate to leave deceased animals on the side of the road and they are working to develop a policy on handling deceased animals in the future. At this time, Commissioner London opened the meeting to the public, limiting responses to 3 minute comments only.

Fourteen members of an Animal Rights organization were present. First to speak was Beth Woods, stating that she found it difficult to hear and asked if there was assistance for hearing impaired people. Commissioner London stated that hearing equipment has been ordered for this purpose, as well as sound-blocking curtains and other potential aids.

Next, another member of the group, Nancy Ray, asked if there is anything in the contract with the Humane Society stating that the Animal Control Officer has to transport a deceased animal to the Humane Society for proper disposal. Commissioner London indicated that this is not in the contract but that they are looking into the process and making a plan to assure that no animal remains will be left behind in the future.

The next member to speak was Bobbie Garcia, who asked if there is something that can be done in the location of 450 E, as she has witnessed at least two occurrences of animals being dumped there. She stated that she called Animal Control to report incidents both this past weekend and two weeks earlier, being told both times that he could not come right away.

The next Commissioner's Meeting will be Monday, April 17, 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