

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 24, 2023

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on July 24, 2023 in the Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Larry S. Kleinhenz and Carl H. Lienhoop, County Auditor Pia O'Connor, Attorney Grant Tucker and Brooke Bowers, Assistant County Administrator, were in attendance. Commissioner London was unable to attend.

Commissioner Kleinhenz called the meeting to order.

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

The first item was the Approval of Minutes from July 17, 2023. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve Minutes from July 17, 2023, as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Approval of Payroll. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve Payroll as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz 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>
7/17/23 – 2/21/2023	27	\$5,081	\$2,126,706

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

The crew picked up brush from the storms, chip sealed on 350 N, 400 N, 200 N, 900 E, 1000 E, 850 N., cut trees growing over the bridge on 775 E, fixed a washout on 500 W, put up signs, dura patched pot holes, and mowed in Wayne Township. Milestone continued working on 25th Street. Contract mowers completed the first full round of services.

The next item was the Consideration of an Agreement with Force Construction for Thin Deck Overlay of Bartholomew County Bridge No. 317 over Clifty Creek, presented by Engineer Hollander, as follows:

- *Bid Awarded: June 26, 2023 to Force Construction Company, Inc. of Columbus, IN*
- ***Bid Amount*** **\$ 266,725.50**
- *Start Date: July 10, 2023*
Completion Date: September 7, 2023

Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to Approve the contract with Force Construction for \$266,725.50. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of an Appointment and Employment Contract for Bartholomew County Deputy Coroner for the Calendar Year 2023, presented by County Coroner Clayton Nolting.

- *Appointment and employment contract with Skyler Hollin for Bartholomew County Deputy Coroner for the Calendar year 2023.*
- *Deputy Coroner will be paid (two hundred fifty dollars) \$250 per six months for a total yearly contract amount of five hundred dollars (\$500), plus two hundred dollars (\$200) per case that the deputy coroner works.*
- *County shall provide transportation for the Deputy Coroner while performing his duties or reimbursement for mileage, based upon approved mileage rate as well as travel expenses (meals, lodging, parking fees, etc.) while traveling outside the county on county business.*
- *Term of Contract is July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023*

Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to Approve the Employment Contract with Skyler Hollin. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Ratification of an Expenditure for the Coroner's Office, presented by Coroner Nolting as follows:

- **2023 Ram Promaster Cargo Van** **\$ 53,000.00**

(Columbus Auto Group)

This purchase was appropriated by County Council in June 2023 in order to purchase without delay when desired vehicle was found.

- *Paid out of Coroner's budget*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Ratify the Expenditure for the Purchase of a vehicle for the Coroner from Columbus Auto Group for \$53,000.00. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of Harrison Lake Town Meeting and Harrison Lake Country Club requesting permission to close Country Club Road on Friday, September 1, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

- *Originally scheduled for Saturday July 1, 2023; postponed due to storms*
- *Suzanne Shaw (Community Relations) submits this request to close Country Club Road from the South Entrance of Harrison Lake Country Club to the intersection of Country Club Road and Raintree Drive South from 7pm – 11pm on Friday, Sept. 11, 2023.*
- *Requests barricades be set out by Highway Department by August 31 and picked up on Sept. 2 or 3, 2023*

Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to Approve the Country Club Road Closure on Friday, September 1, 2023. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Proposal for TIF Neutralization Assistance presented by Auditor Pia O'Connor, as follows:

- *Contract with SEH of Indiana requested annually*
- *TIF Neutralization Assistance (not to exceed) \$6000*
- *Required by the State of Indiana*
- *Work to be completed on or prior to July 31, 2023*

- *For submission of TIF Neutralization worksheets to DLGF before August 1, 2023*
- *Pay 2024 Auditor's Certificate of Adjustment to the Base-Assessed Valuations of TIF Districts within Bartholomew County*
- *This is for every TIF within Bartholomew County, including City of Columbus, County and Edinburgh TIFs*

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to Approve the Agreement with SEH of Indiana for an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Clerk's Monthly Report for June 2023, prepared by County Clerk Shari Lentz and presented by Commissioner Kleinhenz. **Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to Approve the Clerk's monthly report for June, 2023. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the monthly Treasurer's Report for June 2023, prepared by County Treasurer Barb Hackman and presented by Commissioner Kleinhenz. **Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2023 as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item, under miscellaneous, was a question from a member of the audience. Ellen Macy asked if there was any news to share regarding the position in the Animal Control Office. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that they would wait until next week when Commissioner London could be with them to make the formal announcement, but that they had selected the new Animal Control Officer and still anticipate a start date of July 31, 2023.

The next Commissioner's Meeting will be Monday, July 31, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TONY LONDON, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR