

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 31, 2023

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on July 31, 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 County Administrator Tina Douglas were in attendance. Commissioner London was unable to attend.

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

Commissioner Lienhoop offered condolences on behalf of the county for the sudden loss of Director Mark Case, who had recently retired from the Animal Control Office. Officially, the new Director of Animal Control, Dean Satterfield, will begin today, July 31, 2023. In light of these circumstances, the Commissioners have decided to postpone an official introduction at this time.

The first item was the Approval of Minutes from July 24, 2023. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve Minutes from July 24, 2023, as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop 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 Lienhoop:

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New Permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
7/24/23 - 7/28/2023	24	\$6,747	\$3,436,038

*( Of note, \$1M remodel Walmart on Merchants Mile; \$1.5M new commercial bldg on Creekview Drive )*

The next item was the Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding between Columbus Regional Hospital Foundation, Inc., Columbus Regional Hospital Healthy Communities Department and the Bartholomew County Public Health Department, presented by Director of Nursing Amanda Organist, as follows:

- MOU is between the three (3) organizations listed above.

- MOU for five (5) Public Health Employees to be trained and certified to assist with Medicaid Enrollment process.
- Public Health will pay the application and background check fees then submit to CRH for reimbursement.

**Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to Enter into this Agreement as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Presentation of Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Comprehensive Community Plan, presented by Prevention Initiatives Director for Youth Services Center, Rachel Flohr-David, as follows:

- *The Substance Abuse Council recommendations were approved by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for allocation from the Bartholomew County Local Drug Fee Communities Fund.*
- *The counter-measure fees related to alcohol and drug offenses collected totaled \$33,092.88*
- *The Council’s proposal for disbursement is as follows:*
- *Prevention/Education Total \$ 12,409.83*
- *Treatment/Intervention Total \$ 12,409.83*
- *Criminal Justice Services Total \$ 8,273.22*
- *Administrative Fees \$ 0.00*
- ***Grand Total of Allocations \$ 33, 092.88***

Commissioner Kleinhenz asked Director Flohr-David for her confirmation that the substantial decrease from the previous years’ allocations was with her clear understanding and approval. She affirmed so, stating that this was primarily caused by the State of Indiana changing the dates of their Fiscal Year. **Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to Approve the Comprehensive Community Plan as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Animal Control June 2023 Monthly Report submitted by Animal Control Director Mark Case, presented Commissioner Lienhoop, as follows:

**June 2023 Monthly Report**

<i>Action</i>	<i>Dog</i>	<i>Cat</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Picked Up</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>30</i>		<i>40</i>
<i>Audits</i>				<i>152</i>
<i>Violations</i>				<i>0</i>
<i>Fines</i>				<i>0</i>
<i>Bite Cases</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>1</i>
<i>Door Hangers</i>				<i>5</i>
<i>Animals Reclaimed</i>	<i>2</i>			<i>2</i>
<i>Traps Loaned Out</i>		<i>2</i>		<i>2</i>
<b><i>Total Cases</i></b>	<b><i>61</i></b>	<b><i>26</i></b>	<b><i>16</i></b>	<b><i>103</i></b>
<i>Mileage for the month</i>	<i>Van #1 1,298</i>		<i>Van #2 1,372</i>	

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

The next item was the Veteran’s Monthly Report for June 2023 prepared by VSO Larry Garrity and presented by Commissioner Kleinhenz as follows:

**JUNE 2023**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
<i>In Office Interviews</i>	28	267
<i>Out of Office Interviews</i>	5	9
<i>Walk-ins</i>	33	317
<i>Incoming Phone Calls</i>	278	1148
<i>Outgoing Phone Calls</i>	55	275
<i>Outgoing Mail</i>	3	10
<i>Incoming Fax</i>	1	4
<i>Outgoing Fax</i>	7	40
<i>Trips to VA Hospital</i>	12	255
<i>Mileage on Van</i>	1129	7049
<i>New Claims Filed</i>	20	117
<i>Veteran Disability Compensation Claims</i>	11	117
<i>Veteran/Surviving Spouse Pension Claims</i>	5	22

<i>Burial Appropriations</i>	7	49
<i>All Forms Filled Out for Veterans</i>	135	803
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	2	8

<i>6/1 Annual CVSO Conference in Indianapolis</i>
<i>6/23 – 6/30 Booth at Bartholomew County 4-H Fair</i>

**Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the Veteran’s Monthly Report for June 2023 as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously**

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

*The crew replaced culverts on 900 E, 850 W, replaced signs, patched potholes, removed brush, mowed in Harrison Township around Grandview and removed brush. Milestone finished striping on 25<sup>th</sup> Street and paved 800 S last week.*

The next item was a Proposal for the 2023 Road Overlay Program Phase II, presented by Engineer Hollander as listed below:

- *This will be paid from the County Cedit Fund*
- *Lists of roads to be included in Phase II were drawn up and bids requested.\*
- *Bids received as follows (all do not include all roads listed):*
  - *Milestone* \$ 1,390,165.21
  - *Dave O’Mara* \$ 1,303,233.62
  - *Howard Companies* \$ 1,360,727.90
  - *All Star Paving (not all roads bid on)* \$ 487,463.60
- *Some roads may be assigned to different companies.*

**At the recommendation of Engineer Hollander, Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to take these bids under advisement at this time. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Proposal by the Highway Department for the purchase of one (1) Salt Box Dual Auger Spreader with Stand, presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

- *Reading Truck Equipment (Indianapolis, IN)*      \$      27,850.00
- *Replacement Commercial Parts Warehouse.com*      \$      32,560.01
- *Southern Indiana Parts, Inc-NAPA (Columbus, IN)*      \$      40,360.38

**Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to Award the Bid for one (1) Salt Box Dual Auger Spreader with Stand to Reading Truck Equipment for \$27,850. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the American Rescue Plan Second Quarter Report presented by Auditor Pia O’Connor as follows:

*This Report is required by the Department of Treasury by the end of July.*

<i>Description</i>	<i>3/31/23 Balance</i>	<i>Q2 2023 Project Expense</i>	<i>6/30/2023 Balance</i>	<i>Remaining Approved</i>
<i>Co-wide Broadband</i>	<i>4,000,000</i>		<i>4,000,000</i>	<i>4,000,000</i>
<i>Sewer Fairgrounds</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>NFP Rev Replacement</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Jail HVAC</i>	<i>90,351</i>	<i>90,351</i>	<i>(0)</i>	<i>90,351</i>
<i>Co Go Revenue Losses</i>	<i>6,086,813</i>	<i>864,968</i>	<i>5,221,845</i>	<i>4,021,134</i>
<b><i>Cumulative Total</i></b>	<b><i>10,177,164</i></b>	<b><i>955,319</i></b>	<b><i>9,221,845</i></b>	<b><i>8,111,485</i></b>

Auditor O’Connor stated that the quarter ending June 30, 2023 contained ongoing expenses for the Sewer Project at the Fair Grounds as well as the Jail HVAC project, which was nearing completion. She also looked ahead at upcoming projects including Broadband and Parks Improvement projects, Courthouse HVAC and other ongoing projects. **Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to Accept the American Rescue Report as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**The next Commissioner's Meeting will be Monday, August 7, 2023.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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TONY LONDON, CHAIRMAN

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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PIA O'CONNOR