

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

August 14, 2023

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on Monday, August 14, 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 Lienhoop gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the Approval of the Minutes from the meeting on Monday, August 7, 2023 **Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to Approve the Minutes from Monday, August 7, 2023 Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Approval of Claims. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve Claims. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Introduction of our new Animal Control Officer, Dean Satterfield. Dean has many years of experience working, managing and interacting with a variety of large groups of people. He has worked with animals all his life, raising, training and competing in the United Kennel Club (UKC) with Registered American Coonhounds and American Kennel Club (AKC) with German Shepherds.

The next item was the Recognition of Veteran's Service Officer, Larry Garrity, who has been selected by Honor Flight Northeast Indiana to participate in an Honor Flight on September 23, 2023. He and an escort will be flown to see the Veterans Memorials in Washington D.C., followed by a Welcome Home Ceremony at the airport that night.

- *Every spring and fall, the volunteers of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana plan, prepare and execute at least two (2) flights, planned for approximately 85 veterans and their guardians to travel to Washington D.C. for a tour of the memorials built to honor their valiant service to our country.*

- *The flights are always on Wednesdays, minimizing congestion and maximizing our ability to enjoy the memorials.*
- *Veterans arrive at the 122nd Air National Guard base in Fort Wayne before the roosters start crowing and then board an American Airlines Airbus A321 for a (1) hour flight into Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA).*
- *4 motor coaches are waiting for them upon arrival to whisk them away into Washington.*
- *They visit the WWII Memorial, Korean, Vietnam, and Lincoln Memorials with lunch at the FDR Memorial.*
- *They continue with a driving tour of Washington D.C. including Navy and Iwo Jima Memorials and possibly the new WWI Memorial recently opened.*
- *They stop at the Women's Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and the Air Force Memorial.*
- *Return to Ronald Reagan National for our (1) hour flight home.*

The Commissioners were pleased to add their own gratitude and appreciation to the recognition of our County Veteran’s Officer, Larry Garrity, expressing congratulations for this well-earned honor.

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>
8/7/23–8/11/23	30	\$5,920	\$2,878,401

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

The Highway Crew replaced pipes on Base Road, replaced stone and durapatched roads and put up signs. They mowed in Harrison Township, cut grass and trees on 25th Street and Rogers Street and chip and sealed 800 N.

The next item for consideration was Ratification of Expenditure for Equipment Repair for the Highway Department presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

- *Southeastern Equipment, Inc. (Cambridge, OH)*
 - *Invoice S14483* \$ 44,364.46
Repair of oil distributor equipment broken since June 2022
 - *Credit S14483* \$ 21,283.64
 - *Invoice S27677* \$ 4,919.18
 - Adjusted Total Due* **\$ 28,000.00****

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Ratify the Expenditure for Southeastern Equipment, Inc. totaling \$28,000.00. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of a Driveway Bond Release presented by Engineer Hollander, as follows:

- *Driveway bond release 21-003 – Rolling Acres Minor Subdivision – CR 950*
South intersecting 60 E in Wayne Township, Lot 1A
- *Date Issued: 4/9/2021*
- *Bond Release \$300.00*
- *Owner: Jesse Fosbrink*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Release of Bond No. 21-003, as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of a Contract with Milestone for 2023 Road Overlay Program Phase II as presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

- ***Milestone Contractors (Columbus, IN)* **\$ 1,039,165.21****
- *Fifteen (15) Roads to be overlaid in the 2023 Road Overlay Program*
Phase II

- *Paid out of the CEDIT Fund*

Route Name	From	To	Miles	Width
<i>Rd 1. CR 250 S/350 E.</i>	<i>CR 300 E.</i>	<i>State St. (SR 46)</i>	<i>0.76</i>	<i>13'</i>
<i>Rd 1. CR 300 E.</i>	<i>CR 275 S.</i>	<i>State St.</i>	<i>0.94</i>	<i>16'</i>
<i>Rd 2. E CR 300 .N</i>	<i>CR 1200 E.</i>	<i>CR 1125 E.</i>	<i>0.78</i>	<i>16'</i>
<i>Rd 3. N. CR. 425 E.</i>	<i>CR 250 N.</i>	<i>CR 350 N.</i>	<i>1.01</i>	<i>17'</i>
<i>Rd 4. W. CR 1050 S.</i>	<i>CR 200 W.</i>	<i>CR 150 W.</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>16'</i>
<i>Rd 5. N. CR 1075 E.</i>	<i>CR 800 N.</i>	<i>CR 950 N.</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>16'</i>
<i>Rd 6. W CR 700 S.</i>	<i>CR 100 W.</i>	<i>W. Terminus</i>	<i>0.64</i>	<i>16'</i>
<i>Rd 7. S CR 400 W.</i>	<i>CR 700 S.</i>	<i>State Rd. 58</i>	<i>2.15</i>	<i>18'</i>
<i>Rd 8. Old Nashville Rd</i>	<i>State Rd. 46</i>	<i>To County Line</i>	<i>0.26</i>	<i>16'</i>
<i>Rd 9. Willoughby Dr.</i>	<i>Helfin Park Road</i>	<i>W. Terminus</i>	<i>0.14</i>	<i>22'</i>
<i>Rd 10. N CR 700 W.</i>	<i>Georgetown Road</i>	<i>Baker Hollow Rd.</i>	<i>0.75</i>	<i>14'</i>
<i>Rd 11. Mulligan Lane</i>	<i>CR 525 W.</i>	<i>W. Terminus</i>	<i>0.23</i>	<i>24'</i>
<i>Rd 12. Nasby Trail</i>	<i>CR 550 W.</i>	<i>Deaver Road</i>	<i>0.36</i>	<i>19'</i>
<i>Rd. 13. Artesian Court</i>	<i>CR 250 E.</i>	<i>W. Terminus</i>	<i>0.03</i>	<i>20'</i>
<i>Rd. 14. Executive Dr.</i>	<i>CR 800 N.</i>	<i>Presidential Way</i>	<i>.019</i>	<i>24'</i>
<i>Rd. 15. Grandview Lake</i>	<i>Internal Streets</i> <i>Maple Drive</i> <i>Beech Drive</i> <i>Summit Lane</i>		<i>0.3</i> <i>0.07</i> <i>0.14</i>	<i>16'</i> <i>14'</i> <i>20'</i>

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Contract with Milestone for \$1,039,165.21 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion. Republic Reporter, Mark Webber, asked if this project will be completed this year. Engineer Hollander affirmed that the goal is to complete Phase II of the Overlay Program before the end of the year. With no further discussion, **the vote passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of an Agreement with the National Institute for Jail Operations for the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department, presented by Captain Justin Arnholt, Jail Division Commander, as follows:

- *Agreement with National Institute for Jail Operations (NIJO) for the Sheriff's Department for training on legal-based jail guidelines. Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office would begin the accreditation process by enrolling in NIJO's LBJG system, which provides the following:*
 - *Unlimited users*
 - *Flexibility to centrally manage all audits and inspections in one system*
 - *Easy updates on standards and guidelines*
 - *Dashboards, reports and charts to allow administrators to see real-time results*
 - *Auto-export information to PDF or Excel*
 - *Corrective action to assign tasks to individuals and due dates*
 - *Message boards*
 - *Links to email for easy communication*
 - *Date-stamp feature, which provides timestamp on all documentation for use in court*
 - *Three (3) year agreement, beginning Aug. 1, 2023*
 - *One Time Implementation Fee* \$ *3,750.00*
 - *Monthly Fee* \$ *325.00*
 - *Paid out of Commissary Fund*

Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to Approve the Agreement with National Institute for Jail Operations as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next items for consideration were the Contractor Agreements for Appraisal Services to defend our values when someone appeals the evaluations by the Bartholomew County Assessor's Office, presented by County Assessor Ginny Whipple, as follows:

Don R. Scheidt & Co. \$ 700.00
(1) in 2022 & (1) in 2023 @ \$350 ea

- *Appraisal Services with Don R. Scheidt & Co.*
- *Property Address: 316 Flatrock Dr., Columbus, IN 47201*
- *Fee amount includes all expenses such as travel, phone calls, mail, etc.*
Fee amount does not include additional time for conference calls, follow up meetings, hearings, court testimony or any modifications to the report due to any changes in property after the report has been completed. If any additional time is requested, the current hourly rate is \$200/hr

Don R. Scheidt & Co. \$ 350.00

- *(1) in 2023 @ \$350 ea*
- *Appraisal Services with Don R. Scheidt & Co.*
- *Property Address: 10651 W Grandview Dr., Columbus, IN 47201*
- *Fee amount includes all expenses such as travel, phone calls, mail, etc.*
Fee amount does not include additional time for conference calls, follow up meetings, hearings, court testimony or any modifications to the report due to any changes in property after the report has been completed. If any additional time is requested, the current hourly rate is \$200/hr.

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Agreements with Don R. Scheidt & Company, Inc. for \$700 and \$350 respectively, as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Consideration of a Third Addendum to the Contract with the Nexus Group for property tax services, presented by Assessor Whipple as follows:

- *Nexus Group, Inc. (Nashville, TN) changes the authorized representative for Nexus group, Inc. officers, in connection with appeals from Indiana property taxes, including valuation and exemption appeals*
 - *The Signatory from Nexus Group, Inc. is amended from “Frank Kelly, President” to “Lana Boswell, CEO”*
 - *1st addendum was executed February 1, 2014 increasing hourly fees from \$125 to \$150*
 - *2nd addendum was executed December 21, 2020 increasing hourly fees from \$150 to \$175*

Commissioner London made a motion to Amend the Contract with the Nexus Group, Inc. as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of Change Order No. 1 to Bartholomew County Fairgrounds Sewer and Water Improvements, presented by Strand Engineer Bryce Froderman via Zoom as follows:

• <i>Base Bid</i>	\$ 447,350.00
• <i>Alternate Bid</i>	\$ 181,830.00
• <i>Total Amount Awarded May 23, 2022</i>	\$ 629,180.00
• <i>CHANGE ORDER No. 1 (Deduct)</i>	\$ 10,571.55
<i>New Grand Total</i>	\$ 618,608.45
<i>Current Final Contract Completion Date</i>	<i>June 20, 2023</i>
<i>Including Change Order</i>	

Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to Approve Change Order No. 1 with Strand Associates, Inc. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of Covered Bridge Certification required by the State of Indiana, presented by Auditor Pia O'Connor as follows:

- *Annual Certification required per Indiana Code 8-14-1-10 for calendar year 2023*
- *Bartholomew County has one (1) covered bridge located at Mill Race Park, making county eligible to receive state funding of \$1,850 for maintenance of said bridge*

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to Sign the Bridge Certification as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner London shared that he had been invited to be Master of Ceremonies at Hospice Concert at Mill Race Park on Saturday, September 2, 2023.

The next Commissioners' meeting will be Monday, August 21, 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