

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

September 11, 2023

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on Monday, September 11, 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, 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 28, 2023 and Thursday, September 7, 2023. **Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to Approve the Minutes from Monday, August 28, 2023 and Thursday, September 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 Weekly Permits Report as read by Commissioner London.

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New Permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
8/28/23–9/1/23	22	\$3,106	\$649,666

9/4/23–9/7/23

19

\$8,015

\$4,109,240

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

The Highway Crew replaced culvert pipe on 500 S, 300 N, 425 E, and 400 S. They worked on Ditches on 400 W, cut trees down at Harrison Lake, and put up signs. They sent eight (8) guys to LTAP SnowOlympics at Purdue.

The next item was a Proposal for the 2023 Road Striping Program by the Highway Department presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

The County will have all Roads marked with white painted tick marks at actual starts, stops and all changes. Quotes requested for 490,009 linear feet (394,116 linear Feet of Yellow, 4" center-line striping and 95,893 linear feet of White, 4" edge-line striping) listed below:

Roadsafe Traffic Systems, Inc. (Lafayette, IN)

- *Paint, yellow, center-line striping 4" @ .18 unit price* \$ 70,940.88
- *Paint, white, edge-line striping 4" @ .18 unit price* \$ 17,260.74
- *Total Quote* \$ **88,201.62**

Indiana Sign & Barricade, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN)

- *Paint, yellow, center-line striping 4" @ .27 unit price* \$ 106,411.32
- *Paint, white, edge-line striping 4" @ .15 unit price* \$ 14,383.95
- *Total Quote* \$ 120,795.27

Gridlock Traffic Systems, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN)

- *Paint, yellow, center-line striping 4" @ .50 unit price* \$ 197,058.00
- *Paint, white, edge-line striping 4" @ .50 unit price* \$ 47,946.50
- *Total Quote* \$ 245,004.50

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Agreement with Roadsafe Traffic Systems, Inc. for \$88,201.62. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Proposal for the Emergency Operations Center Security Systems presented by Director Todd Noblitt as follows:

- *Proposal/agreement for training for the Emergency Operations Center from the CAD provider (CentralSquare).*
- *Three (3) day Virtual Training is for the high-level "back end" CAD Admin user training.*
 - *refresher for one user who knows how to do the back end*
 - *new training for two (2) to three (3) additional supervisors.*
- *Paid out of EOC budget*
- *CentralSquare* \$ 6,669.00

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Agreement with CentralSquare for \$6,669.00. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of the Annual Software Maintenance Renewal for Information Technology Department presented by IT Director, Scott Mayes as follows:

- *Annual Maintenance Renewal with **Identity Automation** for Multi-Factor Authentication currently mandated by the state for public safety system users.*
- ***Identity Automation Annual Amount** \$ **6,825.00***

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Annual Renewal Agreement with Identity Automation for \$6,825.00. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Proposal to install permanent fencing at Dunn Stadium, presented by Park Board Member, Dave Apple and Rich Day, Director of Parks Department, as follows:

- *Outfield Fences for fields #3 and #4*
- *Galvanized, six (6) foot tall*
- *Installed two hundred twenty-five feet from home plate.*
 - ***Lucas Fencing (Elizabethtown, IN)** \$ **17,598.00***
 - *Fence Boss, LLC (Edinburgh, IN) \$ 18,048.15*
 - *Made Rite Fence (Columbus, IN) \$ 22,115.00*

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Agreement with Lucas Fencing for \$17,598.00 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Apple also invited the Commissioners and all members of the public to attend the official Lighting Ceremony at Dunn Stadium on September 20, 2023 at 8:15 p.m.

The next item was the Consideration of Lighting Service Agreements with Duke Energy for the Park Board, presented by Park Board Member Dave Apple.

- *Consideration of lighting service agreements with duke energy for the park board. The agreements are for upgrading of security lighting at Dunn Stadium and Heflen Park to LED lighting.*
- *The Increase of twenty dollars (\$20) per month. Park Board has approved and included this increase in its budget.*
 - *Est. base monthly fees for Heflen Park* \$ 83.85/mo
 - *Est. base monthly fees for Dunn Stadium* \$ 68.20/mo
- *Ten (10) Year Agreement – August 25, 2023 to August 25, 2033*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Agreement for upgrading security lighting with Duke Energy as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Statement of Benefits submitted by R&T Woodside, LLC for Property in a Previously Designated

Allocation Area and Economic Revitalization Area, presented by Jason Hester, President of the Greater Columbus Economic Development Committee.

- *Resolution that allows for an abatement of property taxes attributable to the redevelopment and/or the rehabilitation of real property and the installation of new personal property in an economic revitalization area (ERA)*

R&T WOODSIDE, LLC. (King's Hawaiian)

Manufacturer of food & beverage products

is considering a significant investment in Bartholomew County.

R&T Woodside, LLC plan to construct a new facility located on the southeast corner of I-65 Exit 76, near Taylorsville.

The new facility will be the first in the US Midwest and the third production site in the United States.

The proposed state-of-the-art facility will be

approximately 368,000 to 400,000 SF,

calling for a Real Property investment of \$80.0 to \$90.0

million.

The project also calls for the installation of approximately \$90.0 million in new manufacturing and other equipment,

for a total estimated initial capital investment of

\$170 to \$180+ million.

Once the new facility is operational, they expect to employ up to 147 new hires with an expected average wage of \$29.94/hour, plus an excellent benefits package.

- *R&T Woodside, LLC filed an application and a statement of benefits form dated July 31, 2023, requesting the approval of a real property tax deduction pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1 et. Seq., for installation of new manufacturing, research and development, logistical distribution equipment, and/or information technology equipment within an established era located in German Township, Bartholomew County, with a current address of 11900 N 200 W, Edinburgh, IN.*
- *They are requesting the County Council approve a standard ten-year personal property tax abatement as well as additional TIF or other support, considering the significant investment the company will make and off-site infrastructure upgrades to be required.*

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Statement of Benefits for R&T Woodside, LLC as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Tom Dell, a City Council Representative from the audience, voiced applause for the people in the county who have a part of working toward this decision and the great

benefits it will bring to the community. Commissioner Lienhoop said it has been a long process. The company initially met with the mayor two years ago and people from both sides have been stoking this fire ever since that time. Commissioner London shared he will be there to add his enthusiastic voice of support tomorrow night to the Council Meeting to see the process move forward to the next step.

The next item was the Consideration of a Grant Application for the Sheriff's Department presented by Matron Bobbie Shake via Zoom as follows:

- *Advance Grant Application for the Sheriff's Department through "Opportunity Grant from Heritage Fund" to be used to prioritize the mental health and wellness of Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office deputies and corrections staff*
- *Breathe Halotherapy, a local business that provides a variety of health, wellness and relaxation therapies, has agreed to provide the Sheriff's office with 450 sessions*
- *Grant Period: Requests are accepted year-round*
- *Grant Amount Requested* *\$ 2,500.00*

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Opportunity Grant Application from the Heritage Fund for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

The next item, under miscellaneous business, was a Ratification of Expenditure for the Commissioners' Office presented by Commissioner London as follows:

- *Taylor Bros.* \$ 6,003.80

Cast Bronze Plaque for Court Services Center

Commissioner Kleinhenz made a motion to Approve the Ratification of Expenditure for \$6,003.80 to Taylor Bros. as requested. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Presentation of the Form 144s by Auditor Pia O'Connor. These are the 2024 Salary Requests for All Departments. The County General budget request for 2024 is \$35,821,994 and the total budget is \$68,849,421. The Council will present the First Reading of the 2024 Budget tomorrow evening, September 12, 2023. **Commissioner Lienhoop made a motion to Accept the Form 144s as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item, Commissioner London announced that this Friday, September 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. the annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony will be held on the Courthouse lawn. All are encouraged to attend.

The next item, under miscellaneous business, was Nancy Ray, speaking from the audience. She asked what training Animal Control Director, Dean Satterfield was getting in September and October. Commissioner London shared about an online NACA certification and a training the Sheriff's Department is putting on in October. She asked if this was training private citizens could take as well and was directed to call the Humane Society. She asked how Director Satterfield has been directed to handle weekend and night calls. Commissioner London stated he has been instructed to receive calls and if there is an emergency to attend to it, which has already resulted in him being bitten. Ms. Ray asked if the Animal Control Officers carry any form of animal spray. Administrator Tina Douglas stated that they carry a foam pepper cloud spray.

Next, Jana Wiersema of the Republic asked (via Zoom) what road was being considered for improvement and if any EDIT Funds were going to be used as part of the King Hawaiian Abatement. Commissioner London stated that it would be CR 700 but they were still in talks concerning this. Once it is built, it will lead to the new property in Edinburgh.

The next Commissioners' meeting will be Monday, September 18, 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