

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

September 25, 2023

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on September 25, 2023, in the Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Larry S. Kleinhenz, Carl H. Lienhoop, Tony London, County Administrator Tina Douglas, Assistant County Administrator Brooke Bowers, Auditor Pia O'Connor, and Attorney Grant Tucker were in attendance.

Commissioner London opened the meeting.

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

The first item was the Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2023.

**Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Minutes of September 18, 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>
<i>09/18/23 to 09/22/23</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>\$7,801</i>	<i>\$6,378,867</i>

- *New commercial building 3920 W 700 N, \$1,050,000*
- *Commercial Addition Remodel MCAA, Inc. \$2,300,000*
- *Commercial Remodel Georg Utz, Inc. \$783,962*
- *Several Arbor Homes*

The next item was the LTAP Recognition Awards of Snow Plow Olympics as presented by LTAP Senior Training Specialist Meredith Camp. LTAP or Local Technical Assistance Program, provides educational conferences and safety training to benefit highway departments throughout the state. Two Bartholomew County Highway Drivers won first place at the 2023 Snolympics held during the LTAP Highway Conference on September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Justin Sprague and Cory Handt were a two-man team with the competition open to all municipalities in Indiana that participated in an obstacle speed course in a single axle plow truck. Sprague and Handt scored 675 points in 19 minutes 14 seconds, against the average of the other 19 teams being 502 points. Highway Engineer Danny Hollander along with LTAP Training Specialist Meredith Camp presented the trophy to both drivers.

The next item was the Highway Crew Report as presented by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander as follows: replaced culvert pipe on Nasby Trail; put in field entrance pipes on 550 W, 400 W, and 25<sup>th</sup> Street; completed sidwinding along 100 S, 525 E, 850 S, and 1050 S; spread stone on 1000 S and 200 E; ground down stumps on 400 S and 850 W; dura-patched; dug out banks and laid pipes on Whitehorse; put up signs; mowed in Ohio Township; Milestone paved 500 S, 425 E, and 300 N.

The next item was the Proposal Agreement with SHI for Fortinet County Wide Network Equipment as presented by IT Director Scott Mayes with attendees representing Fortinet as Christi Jacob and Robb Vosefski. The change is intended to improve cybersecurity protection, replace expired or unsupported HP and Palo Alto network equipment, resolve compliance issues with current and upcoming state requirements, and solve network performance problems. The IT Department has collaborated for the last two and a half years with cybersecurity and networking field experts, industry peers, data board, the commissioners, the county council, participated in training sessions, and Indiana state technology resources. Alternatives considered were Cisco Systems and HPE/ARUBA. However, Cisco Systems was deemed less capable and would cost \$1.14 million. HPE/ARUBA has vendor stability concerns and no cybersecurity capabilities. The current network and equipment were installed 13 years ago at \$900,000 with an average operating expectancy of 8-10 years. The proposed financial plan for the project is outlined as follows; the project is included in the 10-year plan for equipment upkeep, budgeted within the IT budget, supplemented by the commissioners and the Telecommunication Fund. Purchasing through the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA). NCPA is a national governmental purchasing cooperative able to leverage one of the largest pools of purchasing potential. The organization competitively bids and awards contracts to national vendors following purchasing procedures mandated by state procurement laws and regulations. The new Fortinet system would eliminate certain outside subscriptions due to the contract's broad scope. The Equipment maintenance and cybersecurity product subscriptions ongoing cost is estimated at \$180,000 annually and this is accounted for within the IT budget. SHI (Somerset, NJ) is a reseller of Fortinet with the following costs listed below:

<b>Cost Breakdown</b>	
Core & Site Equipment	\$732,810.07
Edge Firewalls	\$32,890.40
Support Resource Services	\$27,227.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$792,928.09</b>

<b>Funding Sources</b>	
IT Budget	\$515,538.03
Telecommunications	\$277,390.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$792,928.09</b>

Audience member, Sandra Bush questioned the longevity of the Fortinet setup and if it would need to be replaced again in another 10 years. Robb Vosefski with Fortinet responded that they prepared for standard hardware updates but have also set up the network to adapt to technological advances. Robb Vosefski noted that the county can use 100 GB instead of the standard 25 GB should network advancements require it. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the SHI for Fortinet County Wide Network Equipment agreement as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of the Franklin Snyder Rezoning Ordinance as presented by Jeff Bergman Director of the Planning Department as follows:

1. *RZ-2023-001: Franklin Snyder Rezoning*
  - a. *Franklin (“Rick”) Snyder*
  - b. *48 acres / 2 parcels*
  - c. *Taylorsville – east of the intersection of Bear Lane and Hubler Drive*
  - d. *German Township*

Franklin (“Rick”) Snyder proposes to rezone his 48-acre Taylorsville-area property from RM (Residential: Multi-Family) to I1c (Industrial: Light with commitments). Mr. Snyder has indicated that the proposed rezoning is for future light industrial development and that there is an interested buyer for a portion of the property. The property has been the subject of a series of rezoning and other applications in recent years. Those previous requests have identified needed infrastructure improvements in the area (such as the extension of 700 North) buffering for adjacent Taylorsville homes, and protections for the area’s drinking water wellfield. The plan commission’s favorable recommendation incorporates commitments from prior rezoning that address these needs as part of any future development of the property which are listed as follows:

- *The construction of 700 North across the entire frontage of the subject property.*
- *The construction of an asphalt pedestrian path, with a minimum width of 8 feet, within the Mill Street right-of-way from the current western terminus of Mill Street to the intersection of Bear Lane and Hubler Drive. If Bear Lane is extended east from the intersection with Hubler Drive, the pedestrian path may be a concrete sidewalk on the north side of that portion of Bear Lane extended.*

- *Any development on any lot(s) included within the subject property that have frontage on Hubler Drive must have a concrete sidewalk, a minimum of 5 feet in width, along that lot's Hubler Drive frontage.*
- *Any development on any lot(s) included within the subject property that is adjacent to residentially zoned properties, including those residentially zoned properties on the south side of the Mill Street right-of-way, shall include a Type A Buffer, as defined by the current Bartholomew County Zoning Ordinance.*
- *The stormwater management for the property shall be consistent and comply with the documented Bartholomew County MS4 requirements, as well as regulations and best practices as issued by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for wellhead protection.*
- *All polluted waters generated on the property will be directed to the sanitary sewer system. The property owner(s) and/or operator(s), as appropriate, will maintain an inventory and spill prevention plan for their facility(ies) for all cleaning/disinfecting agents, hazardous waste materials, and sewage.*
- *The development of the property shall include groundwater quality monitoring wells and associated access easements subject to the review and approval of Eastern Bartholomew Water Corporation before the issuance of any zoning compliance certificate or building permit for the property.*
- *No vehicle access from the subject property shall be permitted to Mill, 1st, or 3rd Streets, with all vehicle access to be from Bear Lane, Hubler Drive, and/or 700 North.*

Bartholomew County Plan Commission held a public hearing on September 13, 2023, and has certified a favorable recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. Two Taylorsville homeowners spoke at the hearing. They expressed concern about vehicle connections to the nearby Mill, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> streets. They also expressed mixed opinions on a pedestrian connection between Taylorsville through the development of the commercial businesses along US Highway 31, with one couple opposed to a connection and the other in support of it. Commissioner Kleinhenz expressed the importance of determining whether the pedestrian path is necessary depending on how the property is eventually developed. Commissioner London opened it up for the 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing. Questions regarding the pedestrian path and any additional access planned for 700 North came from German Township Trustee Chris West along with similar questions from the public. Commissioner London closed the public hearing after no other questions. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the Rezoning Ordinance of the Franklin Snyder Rezoning as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Animal Control August Monthly Report as prepared by Director Dean Satterfield and presented by Commissioner Lienhoop as follows:

**August Monthly Report**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Picked Up</i>	16	21	0	37
<i>Audits</i>	167	0	0	167
<i>Violations</i>	3	0	0	3
<i>Fines</i>	3	0	0	3
<i>Bite Cases</i>	2	0	0	2
<i>Door Hangers</i>	4	0	1	5
<i>Animals Reclaimed</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Traps Loaned</i>	1	3	0	4
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>140</b>
<i>Mileage for the month</i>	Van 1 =	1491	Van 2 =	4069

**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 August Monthly Report as prepared by Veteran’s Service Officer Larry Garrity and presented by Commissioner Kleinhenz as follows:

**August Monthly Report**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<i>In Office Interviews</i>	68	383
<i>Out-of-Office Interviews</i>	4	17
<i>Walk-ins</i>	34	383
<i>Incoming Phone Calls</i>	272	1694
<i>Outgoing Phone Calls</i>	42	137
<i>Outgoing Mail</i>	10	23
<i>Incoming Fax</i>	0	6
<i>Outgoing Fax</i>	4	49
<i>Trips to VA Hospital</i>	11	282
<i>Mileage on Van (Odometer 50,443)</i>	906	9224
<i>New Claims Filed</i>	43	176
<i>Veteran Disability Compensation Claims Filed</i>	28	175
<i>Veteran/Surviving Spouse Pension Claims</i>	6	32
<i>Burial Appropriations</i>	13	70

<i>All Forms Filled Out for Veterans</i>	<i>318</i>	<i>1262</i>
<i>Miscellaneous (see below)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>

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

Under Miscellaneous, audience member, Nancy Ray questioned if Animal Control officers check stray animals brought in for microchips before taking them to the Humane Society. Commissioner London responded, stating that they do not check the microchips during the transit of the animals and they are checked upon their stay at the Humane Society. Commissioner London stated that Director Dean Satterfield of Animal Control and his officers return animals they are familiar with to their owners without taking them to the Humane Society.

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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