

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 30, 2023

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on October 30, 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 October 23, 2023.

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the October 23rd Minutes, as presented.

Commissioner Lienhoop 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>
<i>10/23/23 to 10/27/23</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>\$3,580</i>	<i>\$979,960</i>

The next item was the Highway Crew Report as presented by Highway Superintendent Dwight Smith as follows: replaced culvert pipe on 675 W off Baker Hollow Road; mowed in German, Clay, and Clifty Townships; dura-patched over pipes; sidewinding along 800 S, 700 S, 600 S, 400 S, and 850 W.

The next item was the consideration of Amendment No. 2 to the local public agency consulting contract with Strand Associates, Inc. presented by Highway Superintendent Dwight Smith. The contract is for roadway improvements along Lowell Road from County Road 325 W to County Road 200 W. The original contract ran through the May 30, 2018 commissioners meeting - "LPA consulting contract with **Strand Associates**, Inc. for roadway improvements along **Lowell Road** from 325W to the city limits bounded by 200W. The maximum amount payable under the contract shall not exceed \$448,992. MPO (Metropolitan Planning Org.) funding will reimburse 80%, leaving the county's 20% portion at \$89,800" – Amendment No. 1 was completed on January 31, 2022, increasing the \$448,992 to \$485,189. Amendment No. 2 is due to the environmental consultant doing the environmental impact

study. Due to a change in the alignment, additional areas had to be studied, as well as additional requirements by the permitting agencies. The changes are shown below.

- Under Section IV (Compensation) Change: \$485,189 to \$495,589
 - New amount MPO is still paying 80% at \$396,471.20 in reimbursement & County 20% at \$99,117.80.
- In Appendix “D” (Compensation) A. Amount of payment – Item No. 2. e, CHANGE \$33,167 to \$43,567

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the amendment as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a proposal from Animal Control for portable radios prepared by Director Dean Satterfield. The request is for two (2) portable radios with 700/800 MHZ that will be programmed to the Carr-Hill Site and will be paid out of the Telecommunications Fund. The preferred quote is from Electronic Communication Systems, Inc. as shown below along with the other quote.

- **Electronic Communication Systems Inc. (Bloomington, IN)**
 - Two (2) Portable Radios (Kenwood Viking) at \$1,649.60 each **Total = \$3,299.20**
 - Two (2) Kenwood Battery Upgrade at \$44.00 each **Total = \$88.00**
 - Two (2) Kenwood Rapid Rate Single Until Charger at \$77.84 each **Total = \$155.68**
 - Two (2) Speaker Microphones at \$126.64 each **Total = \$253.28**

Grand Total = \$3,796.16
- **ERS Wireless – OCI – Motorola Solutions**
 - Two (2) Portable (Motorola) R7 Radios at \$1,225.00 each **Total = \$2,450.00**
 - Two (2) Stubby Antenna (included with above amount)
 - Two (2) XPR5580 Configured for Carr Hill Radio System at \$1,100.00 each **Total = \$2,200.00**
 - Two (2) Heavy Duty Palm Mics at \$40.00 each **Total = \$80.00**
 - Two (2) Antenna Kit for Carr Hill low profile at \$60.00 each **Total = \$120.00**
 - Four (4) Programming at \$40.00 each **Total = \$160.00**
 - Two (2) Installation at 220.00 each **Total = \$440.00**
 - Shipping & Handling **Total = \$97.00**

Grand Total = \$5,547.00

Commissioner London motioned to approve the proposal as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a proposal from Animal Control for a cargo van prepared by Director Dean Satterfield. The request is for one (1) 2024 Cargo Van to be paid out of the CEDIT (Machinery & Equipment). The preferred quote is from Country Chevrolet, Buick, Inc. for \$43,690 shown below along with the other quotes.

- **COUNTRY CHEVROLET, BUICK, INC. (NORTH VERNON) = \$43,690**

- One (1) 2024 Chevrolet Express 2500 Van - Availability May 2024
Cloth seats – normally do leather but that could be (2) years out

- **CHEVROLET OF COLUMBUS (COLUMBUS, IN) = \$56,630**

- One (1) 2023 Nissan – lead time is (20) months out

- **UEBELHOR & SONS CHEVROLET (JASPER, IN)**

- Nothing New Available currently – lead time is (20) months out
- Have a Huge Selection of used (prior leased fleet)

- **POYNTER CHEVROLET, SEYMOUR, IN**

- Nothing New Available currently – lead time is (20) months out

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the proposal as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of grant applications for the Clerk’s Office presented by County Clerk, Shari Lentz. The first request was the consideration of the grant application to acquire funds through the 2023 HAVA Election Security Local Grant to purchase fourteen (14) Cradelpoint 200 Hotspots that will work with the Electronic Poll Pads. The County Council has already approved the purchase of new Electronic Poll Books for the 2024 election cycle. However, many of the current Verizon hotspots are not functioning properly. The proposed grant would enable the purchase of new hotspots to work seamlessly with the new polls, ensuring secure and efficient transfer of data. The grant period runs from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, with the requested amount being \$9,100.00. The second grant application request is for the 2023 HAVA Election Security Local Grant for funds to hire twenty-eight (28) high school seniors along with other interested persons, to be greeters at each vote center location in 2024. The Clerk’s Office is seeking to partner with government teachers from local county high schools to identify high school seniors who will serve as greeters at each vote center location. These selected seniors will be responsible for notifying voters of their need for proper photo

identification, answering any questions, and providing assistance as needed during their six-hour shifts. The part-time rate in Bartholomew County will be \$16.64 per hour in 2024. The grant period for this program will run from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, with the requested amount being \$5,591.04. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve both grant applications as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of Right-of-Way Dedication as presented by Ashley Beckort, Senior Planner of the Planning Department. BAD-2023-016: Zurbrugg Minor Subdivision Replat is requested by David and Pamela Zurbrugg to create four unbuildable agriculture tracts and shift an existing property line to make an existing lot larger. The property is located at 6545 E State Street, in Columbus Township. The applicant is also choosing to dedicate 1.04 acres of right-of-way along State Street. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked why the change was being made and Ashley Beckort responded that the owners are estate planning and the property will be going in their child's name for them to decide whether they want to build on it in the future. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the Right-of-Way Dedication for the Zurbrugg Minor Subdivision Replat as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the consideration of a Business Associate Agreement between TrueRX and Bartholomew County presented by the commissioners. Due to HIPAA regulations and the HITECH Act, Bartholomew County (covered entity) and TrueRX (business associate) must agree in writing to comply with certain mandatory provisions regarding the use and disclosure of protected health information (PHI). The term of this agreement shall become effective on the effective date and shall have a term that shall run concurrently with that of the services agreement. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the agreement as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-06, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2013-05 Adopting a Personnel Policy for Bartholomew County, Indiana, as shown below. These changes aim to streamline the integration of the new timekeeping system and improve employee retention and recruitment.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-05 ADOPTING A PERSONNEL POLICY FOR BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County, Indiana by means of Ordinance No. 2013-05 passed on October 28, 2013, (Commissioners) did adopt a Personnel Policy for Bartholomew County employees; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County believes that it is necessary and appropriate to update and amend certain sections of Ordinance No. 2013-05; and

WHEREAS, This Ordinance will include updates to the Bartholomew County Personnel Policy Handbook for all employees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

1. To remove the presently existing pages 27, 28, 29, and 30 from the Bartholomew County Personnel Policy Handbook which became effective on November 1, 2013, and replace them with newly updated and amended pages 27, 28, 29, and 30 through this amended Ordinance, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

Chapter 4 – Employee Benefits

SECTION 4.1 VACATION - Personnel Policy Handbook pages 27/28 FTPR & FTA
Employees

- A. **Section 4.1.1** Terms and Conditions of Vacation Leave – A new full-time employee can earn and accrue vacation days starting the first completed month of employment. The employee cannot take vacation accrued leave days until completion of three (3) months of continuous employment. If separation of employment occurs before the employee’s three (3) month completion, no pay or accrued days will be issued in lieu of vacation.
- C. It should be emphasized that a new County employee can begin accrual of vacation days after the 1st completed month of employment but cannot take leave before the employee’s first three (3) month completion date with the County.
- D. Vacation time shall be paid at the base rate at the time of which it is used. Vacation time shall be taken in minimum increments of fifteen (15) minutes, except intermittent FMLA which is one (1) hour increments.

SECTION 4.2 PERSONAL LEAVE – Personnel Policy Handbook pages 28/29

Personal days are payable at the employee’s regular rate of pay at the time of leave and must be taken in minimum increments of fifteen (15) minutes, except intermittent FMLA which is one (1) hour increments.

SECTION 4.4 SICK LEAVE – Personnel Policy Handbook page 30

Full-Time Public Retirement (FTPR) and Full-Time Affordable Care Act (FTA) employees shall earn and accrue a one-half (1/2) sick day (four (4) hours) for each period of one (1) complete calendar month of employment with the County.

1. Sick days are payable at the employee's regular rate of pay at the time of leave and must be taken in minimum increments of fifteen (15) minutes, except intermittent FMLA which is one (1) hour increments.
2. The Effective date of this Ordinance once passed shall be retroactive to January 1, 2023.
3. All other portions of the Bartholomew County Personnel Policy adopted through Ordinance No. 2013-05 shall remain unchanged.

At the first public reading, comments were received from James Smith, Trustee for the Bartholomew County Employee Benefit Trust Plan, stating he favored the ordinance. Mr. Smith believed these changes would allow more newly hired employees to stay home when sick and retain more employees as well. Commissioner London opened the second public hearing. No comments were made and Commissioner London closed the public hearing. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Passed on the Second Reading this 30th Day of October 2023.**

The next item was the consideration of a Resolution supporting "Operation Green Light for Veterans" 2nd Year. The resolution would continue recognizing all veterans by declaring the week of November 6th to November 10th "Operation Green Light for Veterans". This week highlights a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our service members in uniform transitioning from active service. The county courthouse will be lit up "green" and all citizens are encouraged to recognize the importance of honoring all those who have made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence. The city plans to light the Stewart Bridge once again.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

WHEREAS, the residents of Bartholomew County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our county and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Bartholomew County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, and civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Services Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability, and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during the transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes, and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Bartholomew County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; and

WHEREAS, Bartholomew County hereby declares the week of November 6th through November 10th, 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Bartholomew County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Commissioner London motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of the 2024 County Holiday Schedule as shown below.

2024 COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE		
JANUARY 1, 2024	MONDAY	NEW YEAR'S DAY
JANUARY 15, 2024	MONDAY	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
FEBRUARY 19, 2024	MONDAY	PRESIDENT'S DAY
MARCH 29, 2024	FRIDAY	GOOD FRIDAY
MAY 7, 2024	TUESDAY	PRIMARY ELECTION
MAY 27, 2024	MONDAY	MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE 19, 2024	WEDNESDAY	JUNETEENTH DAY
JULY 4, 2024	THURSDAY	INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 5, 2024	FRIDAY	INDEPENDENCE DAY
SEPTEMBER 2, 2024	MONDAY	LABOR DAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2024	TUESDAY	GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 11, 2024	MONDAY	VETERAN'S DAY
NOVEMBER 28, 2024	THURSDAY	THANKSGIVING DAY
NOVEMBER 29, 2024	FRIDAY	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER 24, 2024	TUESDAY	CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 25, 2024	WEDNESDAY	CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 31, 2024	TUESDAY	NEW YEAR'S EVE
JANUARY 1, 2025	WEDNESDAY	NEW YEAR'S DAY

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the 2024 County Holiday Schedule as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of the Commissioners' 2024 Monthly Meetings Schedule as shown below. All meetings will be held on a Monday unless otherwise indicated.

<p><u>JANUARY MEETINGS</u> 1st No Meeting (New Year's Day Holiday) 8th 10:00 A.M. 15th No Meeting (Martin Luther King Day) 22nd 10:00 A.M. 29th 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p><u>JULY MEETINGS</u> 1st 10:00 A.M. 8th 10:00 A.M. 15th 10:00 A.M. 22nd 10:00 A.M. 29th 10:00 A.M.</p>
<p><u>FEBRUARY MEETINGS</u> 5th 10:00 A.M. 12th 10:00 A.M. 19th No Meeting (President's Day) 26th 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p><u>AUGUST MEETINGS</u> 5th 10:00 A.M. 12th 10:00 A.M. 19th 10:00 A.M. 26th 10:00 A.M.</p>
<p><u>MARCH MEETINGS</u> 4th 10:00 A.M. 11th No Meeting (Spring Break) 18th 10:00 A.M. 25th 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p><u>SEPTEMBER MEETINGS</u> 2nd No Meeting (Labor Day) 9th 10:00 A.M. 16th 10:00 A.M. 23rd 10:00 A.M. 30th 10:00 A.M.</p>
<p><u>APRIL MEETINGS</u> 1st 10:00 A.M. 8th 10:00 A.M. 15th 10:00 A.M. 22nd 10:00 A.M. 29th 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER MEETINGS</u> 7th No Meeting (Fall Break) 14th 10:00 A.M. 21st 10:00 A.M. 28th 10:00 A.M.</p>
<p><u>MAY MEETINGS</u> 6th 10:00 A.M. 13th 10:00 A.M. 20th 10:00 A.M. 27th No Meeting (Memorial Day)</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER MEETINGS</u> 4th 10:00 A.M. 11th No Meeting (Veteran's Day) 18th 10:00 A.M. 25th 10:00 A.M.</p>
<p><u>JUNE MEETINGS</u> 3rd 10:00 A.M. 10th 10:00 A.M. 17th 10:00 A.M. 24th 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p><u>DECEMBER MEETINGS</u> 2nd 10:00 A.M. 9th 10:00 A.M. 16th 10:00 A.M. 23rd 10:00 A.M. 30th 10:00 A.M.</p>

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the 2024 Commissioners’ Monthly Meeting Schedule as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of the 2024 Voucher Schedule as shown below.

DUE IN AUDITOR'S OFFICE	COMMISSIONERS APPROVE
12/27/2023	1/8/2024
1/10/2024	1/29/2024
1/24/2024	2/12/2024
2/7/2024	2/26/2024
2/21/2024	3/7/2024 (Thursday)
3/6/2024	3/25/2024
3/20/2024	4/8/2024
4/3/2024	4/22/2024
4/17/2024	5/6/2024
5/1/2024	5/20/2024
5/15/2024	6/3/2024
5/29/2024	6/17/2024
6/12/2024	7/1/2024
6/26/2024	7/15/2024
7/10/2024	7/29/2024
7/24/2024	8/12/2024
8/7/2024	8/26/2024
8/21/2024	9/9/2024
9/4/2024	9/23/2024
9/18/2024	10/3/2024 (Thursday)
10/2/2024	10/21/2024
10/16/2024	11/4/2024
10/30/2024	11/18/2024
11/13/2024	12/2/2024
11/27/2024	12/16/2024
12/11/2024	12/30/2024

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the 2024 Voucher Schedule as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of the 2024 Payroll Schedule as shown below.

DUE IN AUDITOR'S OFFICE	COMMISSIONERS APPROVE	PAY-DATE
1/2/2024 (Tuesday)	1/8/2024	1/12/2024
1/16/2024 (Tuesday)	1/22/2024	1/26/2024
1/29/2024	2/5/2024	2/9/2024

2/12/2024	2/22/24 (Thursday)	2/23/2024
2/26/2024	3/4/2024	3/8/2024
3/11/2024	3/18/2024	3/22/2024
3/25/2024	4/1/2024	4/5/2024
4/8/2024	4/15/2024	4/19/2024
4/22/2024	4/29/2024	5/3/2024
5/6/2024	5/13/2024	5/17/2024
5/20/2024	5/30/2024(Thursday)	5/31/2024
6/3/2024	6/10/2024	6/14/2024
6/17/2024	6/24/2024	6/28/2024
7/1/2024	7/8/2024	7/12/2024
7/15/2024	7/22/2024	7/26/2024
7/29/2024	8/5/2024	8/9/2024
8/12/2024	8/19/2024	8/23/2024
8/26/2024	9/5/24 (Thur)	9/6/2024
9/9/2024	9/16/2024	9/20/2024
9/23/2024	9/30/2024	10/4/2024
10/7/2024	10/14/2024	10/18/2024
10/21/2024	10/28/2024	11/1/2024
11/4/2024	11/14/24 (Thursday)	11/15/2024
11/18/2024	11/25/2024	11/27/2024(Wednesday)
12/2/2024	12/9/2024	12/13/2024
12/16/2024	12/23/2024	12/27/2024

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the 2024 Payroll Schedule as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Animal Control September Monthly Report as prepared by Director Dean Satterfield as shown below:

September Monthly Report

<i>Action</i>	<i>Dogs</i>	<i>Cats</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Picked Up</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>35</i>
<i>Audits</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>131</i>
<i>Violations</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Fines</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Bite Cases</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Door Hangers</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Animals Reclaimed</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Traps Loaned</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Total Cases</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>128</i>
<i>Mileage for the month</i>	<i>Van 1 =</i>	<i>1181</i>	<i>Van 2 =</i>	<i>2124</i>

A member of the public commended Director Satterfield on his great work so far in his new position and has noticed his dedication. **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 Treasurer’s September Monthly Report as prepared by Barb Hackman, Treasurer. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Veteran’s September Monthly Report as prepared by Veteran’s Service Officer, Larry Garrity and presented by Commissioner London as follows:

September Monthly Report

<i>Item</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>YTD</i>
<i>In Office Interviews</i>	39	422
<i>Out-of-Office Interviews</i>	4	21
<i>Walk-ins</i>	33	416
<i>Incoming Phone Calls</i>	211	1905
<i>Outgoing Phone Calls</i>	35	172
<i>Outgoing Mail</i>	11	34
<i>Incoming Fax</i>	5	11
<i>Outgoing Fax</i>	0	49
<i>Trips to VA Hospital</i>	14	296
<i>Mileage on Van (Odometer 50,443)</i>	1181	10405
<i>New Claims Filed</i>	8	184
<i>Veteran Disability Compensation Claims Filed</i>	16	191
<i>Veteran/Surviving Spouse Pension Claims</i>	4	36
<i>Burial Appropriations</i>	11	81
<i>All Forms Filled Out for Veterans</i>	122	1384
<i>Miscellaneous* (see below)</i>	1	9
<i>* 9/1/23 SE District CVSO training / Meeting in Charlestown, IN</i>		

Commissioner London motioned to accept the Veteran’s Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the ratification of an expenditure for the Sheriff’s Department presented by Commissioner London. The Bartholomew County Sheriff’s Office was granted permission to apply for the Duke Energy Emergency Preparedness Grant. The grant request was specifically for water rescue, and the BCSO was awarded a \$5,000 grant which was used to purchase a new inflatable water rescue boat. The current inflatable boat is over 10 years old, has holes, quickly deflates, and is deemed unsafe

for its intended use. The Sheriff's Office was able to supplement the grant from their budget with \$2,830.95 and obtained quotes to purchase the new inflatable boat. They believed that only quotes were required to facilitate the purchase as the remaining amount was needed after utilizing the grant funds. However, while processing the invoice, the Auditor's Office informed them that the Commissioners would need to approve the purchase since the entire amount was \$7,830.95. Due to the impending change in weather, the rescue equipment has to meet certain requirements and accommodate existing items from the old boat, making the purchase time-sensitive. The chosen quote was INMAR Marine Group (San Diego, CA) for \$7,830.95 shown below along with the other quotes shown below:

- **INMAR MARINE GROUP (SAN DIEGO, CA):** **\$7,830.95**

One (1) 12.5 FT Rapid Deploy / 15' Shaft / Rescue/Red Inflatable boat

- **BOAT SPECIALISTS.COM:** **\$7,895.00 *Plus shipping**

One (1) 12.5 FT Rapid Deploy / 15' Shaft / Rescue/Red Inflatable boat

- **ZODIAC MILPRO (STEVENSVILLE, MD):** **\$12,060.41 *Plus shipping**

One (1) 12.5 FT Rapid Deploy / 15' Shaft / Rescue/Red Inflatable boat

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to ratify the expenditure as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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