

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

November 6, 2023

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on November 6, 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 London gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the Approval of Minutes of October 30, 2023. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the October 30th Minutes, 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>10/30/23 to 11/3/23</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>\$4,945</i>	<i>\$1,803,537</i>

The next item was the Highway Crew Report as presented by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander as follows: sidewinding along 850 W and 450 S; picked up trees in German, Columbus, Wayne, Jackson, Sandcreek, Flatrock, and Clay Townships; patched with the Hotbox; replaced culvert pipe on 350 E; put up signs; mowed in Clay Township; Milestone milled Base Road, 400 S, 650 N, 300 E, and 400 W. Commissioner London informed Engineer Hollander that a resident reported a clogged culvert on Spray Road, east of State Road 58.

The next item was the Release of Driveway Bond 23B-004 in the name of Nathan Crussel as presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

- *Driveway Bond Release*
- *Bond 23B-004*
- *Nathan Crussel*
- *Clifty Township*
- *Base Road intersecting 1100 East*
- *Lot #1 in Crussel Farm Minor*
- *Bond amount of \$300*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the release of the Driveway Bond 23B-004 in the name of Nathan Crussel as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the ratification of an expenditure for the Highway Department presented by Engineer Hollander. The ratification is for the repair of a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado truck with 39,659 miles on it. The check engine light was on, so the vehicle was taken to the Bob Poynter dealership in Seymour, IN. The following items were replaced: the camshaft and all valve lifters, spark plug wires, and the surge tank and cap. The coolant surge tank cap was seized to the tank, and the tank was damaged while trying to remove the cap.

- *Labor Amount: \$3,360.00*

- *Parts Amount: \$1,974.67*

TOTAL: \$5,349.67

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the ratification of the expenditure as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz 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 (via Zoom). BMP-2023-010: Prohaska-Wolfcreek Road Minor Subdivision was requested by John Prohaska to create one (1) new lot consisting of 5.001 acres and for one (1) lot and a parent tract remainder totaling +/- 78.88 acres. The property will be located at 740 South Wolfcreek Road in Harrison Township. Wolfcreek Road is classified as a collector road along the subject property, requiring 35 feet of right-of-way to be dedicated along the new lot. The applicant is dedicating the required amount of right-of-way, 0.320 acres along Wolfcreek Road.

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the Right-of-Way Dedication for the Prohaska-Wolfcreek Road Minor Subdivision as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item is the consideration of a new Interlocal Cooperation Agreement presented by Director Todd Noblitt. The agreement is between the City of Columbus, Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation, Columbus Regional Hospital, and Bartholomew County regarding funding for a county-wide radio communication system. The term of the agreement will be for five (5) years from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2028, and will replace the current six (6) year agreement that was signed in November of 2021 and will expire December 31, 2023. This is a budgeted item and further details about the agreement are outlined below:

On-going Inter-Local Cooperation Agreement with ERS Wireless (Ligonier, IN)

- *Originally signed November 2, 2015*
- *For ongoing maintenance and upgrades to Radio Tower Equipment at Carr Hill Road * the new Rate will also apply to ADDITIONAL Equipment added*
- *Performed by ERS Wireless (Emergency Radio Services – merged with Owens Communications)*
- *Corresponding communication system for each participant*
- *ERS will directly bill the City of Columbus Annually \$60,684.88*
- *City of Columbus will make direct payments to ERS*
- *City of Columbus will bill the \$15,171.22 annual amount to remaining participants in January of each year (An increase of \$5,847.22 annually per participant ea. year)*
- ***Total Investment paid annually in advance \$303,424.41***

Commissioner Kleinhenz asked about the hospital and the school being included in the contract and Director Noblitt stated that they have a communication system on the tower as well. Commissioner London then asked why there was a change mid-contract and Director Noblitt responded that Motorola notified them that the equipment and systems are at the end of their life and require updates. During the contract, if any damages or further upgrades are needed, the cost will be covered completely. There was an increase in cost from the prior contract from \$9,400 now up to the \$15,171.22 but the prior agreement didn't cover all costs should something happen to the system or equipment. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the agreement as presented.**

Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the proposal and agreement for the Fire Alarm Replacement for the Emergency Operations Center and Jail presented by Maintenance Supervisor, Rick Trimpe. The agreement is through Koorsen Fire & Security, located in Indianapolis, IN. Koorsen is to engineer, install, program, inspect, and test the fire alarm system and terminate the low-voltage terminations for the equipment. Koorsen will reuse all existing wiring for the Emergency Operations Center and the Bartholomew County Jail. Commissioner London inquired about the reason for the proposed change, to which Supervisor Trimpe explained that the current alarm system belongs to another company, with Koorsen providing maintenance for all other equipment. Therefore, Koorsen has to rely on the other company to carry out maintenance on those specific alarms. The proposed change aims to allow

Koorsen to service all equipment, including the alarms that currently require maintenance from the other company.

- *Emergency Operations Center: \$7,142*
- *Bartholomew County Jail: \$92,742*

Grand Total Paid Out of ARP Funds: \$99,884

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the agreement as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Under miscellaneous, Commissioner London announced the county offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 for the General Election and again on Friday, November 10th, 2023 in observance of Veteran’s Day.

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