

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

December 18, 2023

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on December 18, 2023, in the Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Tony London, Larry S. Kleinhenz, Assistant County Administrator Brooke Bowers, Auditor Pia O'Connor, and Attorney Grant Tucker were in attendance.

Commissioner London opened the meeting.

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

The first item was the Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2023. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the December 11th Minutes, as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Approval of Claims. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve Claims as presented. Commissioner London 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>12/11/23 to 12/15/23</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>\$4,630</i>	<i>\$2,363,969</i>

The next item was the Highway Weekly Crew Report as presented by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander as follows: ran ditcher in Wayne Township; sidwinding along roads; cut trees under bridges; cut down the bank at Whitehorse and hauled millings to straighten the road; mowed in Clifty Township; put up signs.

The next item was the ratification of an expenditure for the Highway Department presented by County Engineer, Danny Hollander. The expenditure is for Milestone Contractors, L.P. for \$45,630.00 for the project on County Road 675 West and the concrete over the Box Culvert to help prevent the road from from washing away. This was a part of the overlay project but was billed separately due to the change. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the ratification as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of the Right-of-Way Dedication as presented by Senior Planner, Ashley Beckort, of the Planning Department. A request, BMP-2023-011: Tristen Chaplin Minor Subdivision, was submitted by Tristen Chaplin to convert an existing agriculture tract into a buildable lot (1.74 acres), including the required right-of-way dedication, totaling 1 Lot and 1 Administrative Lot over +/- 4.61 acres. The property is to be located at 7647 East 600 South, in

Sandcreek Township. County Road 600 South is classified as a local road, requiring 25 feet of right-of-way to be dedicated along the new lot. US Highway 31 is an arterial, requiring 50 feet of right-of-way to be dedicated along the new lot. The applicant is dedicating the required amount of right-of-way, being 0.87 acres. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the Right-of-Way Dedication as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of the Right-of-Way Dedication as presented by Senior Planner, Ashley Beckort, of the Planning Department. A request, BMP-2023-012: Renner Minor Subdivision, by Lisa Renner to create 1 new lot (17.16 Acres), totaling 2 lots over +/- 27.71 acres. The property is to be located at 12980 West Mount Healthy Road, in Jackson Township. County Road 800 West and Mt. Healthy Road are classified as local roads, requiring 25 feet of right-of-way to be dedicated along the new lot. The applicant is dedicating the required amount of right-of-way, which is 1.33 acres. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the Right-of-Way Dedication as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a proposal from the Sheriff's Department presented by Major Brandon Slate from the Operations Division. The proposal is for six (6) communication headsets for the S.W.A.T Team and will be paid out of the Sheriff's Department 2023 budget. The list of comparable choices is below with the preferred choice being from Kiesler Police Supply (Jeffersonville, IN).

Kiesler Police Supply (Jeffersonville, IN)

- Six (6) Headsets at \$914.95 each
 - Shipping \$45
- Total: \$5,534.70

Safariland (Online)

- Six (6) Headsets at \$1,299.95
- Total: \$7,799.70

Nelson & Co. (Greencastle, IN)

- Six (6) Headsets at \$1,642.30 each
 - One (1) Peltor Ring Finger Adapter at \$102.00
- Total: \$9,955.80

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the low quote of Kiesler Police Supply for \$5,534.70 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a proposal from the Sheriff's Department presented by Major Brandon Slate from the Operations Division. The proposal is for thirty (30) 40mm Less-Lethal Launchers that will replace the current Less-Lethal Shotguns currently in use. The safety distance from the suspect for the 40mm is 5 feet while the current shotguns have to be used at least 20-25 feet away from the suspect. The purchase will be mostly paid for out of Asset Forfeiture and \$1,000 out of their 2023 budget. The list of comparable choices is below with the preferred choice being from Ray O'Herron (Danville, IL).

RAY O'HERRON (DANVILLE, IL)

- *Thirty (30) ACE 40mm Launchers at \$800 each*
 - *One (1) Shot Training Kit at \$250.00*
- Total: \$24,250.00*

ACME SPORTS, INC. (SEYMOUR, IN)

- *Thirty (30) ACE 40mm Launchers at \$899 each*
 - *One (1) Shot Training Kit at \$270.42*
 - *Freight/Ins. at \$149.95*
- Total: \$27,390.47*

U.S. TACTICAL SUPPLY. (POST FALLS, ID)

- *Thirty (30) ACE 40mm Launchers at \$1,049.00 each*
 - *One (1) Shot Training Kit at \$295.00*
 - *Freight/Ins. at \$595.00*
- Total: \$32,360.00*

Commissioner London motioned to approve the low quote from Ray O'Herron for \$24,250 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a proposal from the Park Board presented by Director Rich Day. The proposal is for one (1) New John Deere Diesel Mower which was previously approved by the Park Board at the December 7, 2023 meeting. The mower will have the following features: 72" Side Discharge Industrial Mower; minimum of 35HP Diesel Engine; Rear Bumper Attached; 26x12x12 Pneumatic Turf Tires; Suspension Seat. This will be paid for out of the 2023 Park Board Budget. The list of comparable choices is below with the preferred choice being from Wright Implement (Seymour, IN).

Wright Implement (Seymour, IN)

- 2024 John Deere Z997R Diesel: \$21,900.00

Thayer & Sons Outdoor Power (Columbus, IN)

- ZMaster Diesel 7500: \$21,919.00

Wright Implement (Corydon, IN)

- 2024 John Deere Z997R Diesel: \$22,500.00

Wright Implement (Sellersburg, IN)

- 2024 John Deere Z997R Diesel: \$22,500

Reynolds Farm Equipment (Sellersburg, IN)

- John Deere Z997R Diesel: \$22,338.52

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the low quote from Wright Implement (Seymour, IN) for \$21,900 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the decision on the bid award for the Bartholomew County Courthouse HVAC Modifications presented by Tony Akles with Strand & Associates. The bid award went to Dunlap and the base bid and alternates are below.

- **Base Bid which includes \$50,000 Project Contingency: \$3,375,000.00**
- **Alternate #1: Removal, shipment, refurbishment, re-lamping, and reinstallation of Chandelier in room 309: \$21,400.00**
- **Alternate #2: Replacement of existing floodlights: \$46,700.00**
- **Alternate #3: N/C – If the owner elects to use welded pipe in lieu of ProPress fittings**

Total amount of bid award: \$3,443,100.00

Total amount after cost savings deductions with Dunlap: \$3,272,880.

Mark Webber, journalist for the Republic Newspaper, asked if there will be temporary offices put up and what safety measures will be put in place during construction. Tony with Strand & Associates stated the construction is planned to be completed one floor at a time but there may be some temporary walls during construction. The project is being paid with \$2 million awarded by the council from the 2024 General Fund, \$1 million will come from the American Rescue Plan Fund, and the remaining will be paid out of CEDIT. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the bid as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a proposal from the Maintenance Department presented by Maintenance Supervisor, Rick Trimpe. The proposal is for the pre-purchase of the electric panels for the Courthouse

due to the panels being on backorder and will be paid out of the American Rescue Plan Fund. The list of comparable choices is below with the preferred choice being from ABB (Carmel, IN).

ABB (CARMEL, IN)

- Switchboards at 200 lead time (Days) (6) months
- Power Panelboards at 60 lead time (Days)
- Circuit Breakers at 50 lead time (Days)

Total: \$84,500.00

ALL-PHASE ELECTRIC SUPPLY, CO. (COLUMBUS, IN)

- Switchboards
- Power Panelboards
- Circuit Breakers

Total: \$95,709.80

CRESENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO. (INDIANAPOLIS, IN)

- Switchboards
- Power Panelboards
- Circuit Breakers

Total: \$147,219.00

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the low quote from ABB for \$84,500 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

November Monthly Report

<i>Action</i>	<i>Dogs</i>	<i>Cats</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Picked Up</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>34</i>
<i>Audits</i>	<i>81</i>			<i>81</i>
<i>Violations</i>	<i>0</i>			<i>0</i>
<i>Fines</i>	<i>0</i>			<i>0</i>
<i>Bite Cases</i>	<i>2</i>			<i>2</i>
<i>Door Hangers</i>	<i>3</i>			<i>3</i>
<i>Animals Reclaimed</i>	<i>3</i>			<i>3</i>
<i>Traps Loaned</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>		<i>6</i>
<i>Total Cases</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>132</i>
<i>Mileage for the month</i>	<i>Van 1 =</i>	<i>504</i>	<i>Van 2 =</i>	<i>2532</i>

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the Animal Control Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

November Monthly Report

<i>Item</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>YTD</i>
<i>In Office Interviews</i>	39	505
<i>Out-of-Office Interviews</i>	1	26
<i>Walk-ins</i>	33	493
<i>Incoming Phone Calls</i>	203	2320
<i>Outgoing Phone Calls</i>	36	249
<i>Outgoing Mail</i>	11	52
<i>Incoming Fax</i>	0	11
<i>Outgoing Fax</i>	8	71
<i>Trips to VA Hospital</i>	8	319
<i>Mileage on Van (Odometer 50,443)</i>	701	1240 5
<i>New Claims Filed</i>	5	194
<i>Veteran Disability Compensation Claims Filed</i>	17	218
<i>Veteran/Surviving Spouse Pension Claims</i>	3	41
<i>Burial Appropriations</i>	15	113
<i>All Forms Filled Out for Veterans</i>	116	1604
<i>Miscellaneous (see below)</i>	2	11

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

Under miscellaneous, all county offices will be closed on Friday and Monday, December 22nd and December 25th, 2023 in observance of Christmas and Friday, December 29th, 2023, and Monday, January 1st, 2024 in observance of New Year’s. Additionally, community member Sandra Bush commented on a previously filed grievance regarding the safety of an animal this past July and also commended the new Animal Control Director, Dean Satterfield.

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