

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

February 26, 2024

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on February 26, 2024, 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, and Auditor Pia O'Connor were in attendance.

Commissioner Kleinhenz opened the meeting.

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

The next item was the Approval of Minutes for February 12, 2024, and February 22, 2024. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the February 12, 2024, and February 22, 2024 Minutes, as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Approval of Claims. **Commissioner London 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:

<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>New Permits</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Value</u>
2/12/24 to 2/16/24	25	\$3,284	\$4,457,926*
2/19/24 to 2/23/24	18	\$4,495	\$1,904,254

**\$3,357,380 was from Dunlap for the Courthouse Remodel*

The next item was the Highway Weekly Crew Report, presented by Highway Assistant Superintendent Tracy Curry as follows: crack-sealing; dura-patched; washed all the trucks after the snow storm; fixed yards from truck slide-offs after snow storm; ditched 1100 E; training three (3) drivers for their CDL's.

The next item was the decision on Bids for Three (3) 2023-2024 Tandem Axle Dump Trucks for the Highway Department presented by Assistant Superintendent Curry. The bids are as follows:

Stoops Freightliner (Indianapolis, IN) Truck Country of Indiana

- *Three (3) 2025 Freightliner 114SD T/A Snow Plow Truck Chassis at \$130,712 each*
 - *Would be 3rd quarter builds – date range 8/1/24 to 10/31/24 delivery (30) days after build*
- Total: \$392,136.00**

Decatur Truck and Tractor Inc. DBA Selking International (Greensburg, IN)

- *Three (3) 2026 HV607 SBA Tandem International Truck Chassis at \$145,239.80 each*

Total: \$435,719.40

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the bid from Stoops Freightliner as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the decision on Bids for Three (3) 2023-2024 Body Snow Plow and Equipment for the Highway Department presented by Assistant Superintendent Curry. The bid submitted is being rejected due to it coming in over budget. The bids are as follows:

Clark Truck Equipment (Crawfordsville, IN) – Only Bidder

- *Three (3) Henderson 14' Dump / Plow / Stainless Spreader Equipment Packages for Three (3) New Dump Trucks at an Installation Price of \$147,438 each*

Total: \$442,314.00

Commissioner London motioned to reject the bid from Clark Truck Equipment as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

The next item was the Consideration of Notice to Bidders for One (1) 2024-2025 Body Snow Plow and Equipment and Two (2) 2024-2025 Body Snow Equipment for the Highway Department presented by Assistant Superintendent Curry. This is the rebid for the snow plow equipment previously rejected. The Highway Department already has two (2) plows they can repurpose therefore they are requesting one (1) plow and equipment and two (2) additional equipment setups without plows included. The bids will be advertised on Wednesday, February 28th, and Wednesday, March 6, 2024. The bids will be opened on March 18, 2024. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the Notice to Bidders as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the consideration of an agreement between Bartholomew County Jail and Gillin Enterprises, LLC (Greenwood, IN) presented by Operations Division Major, Brandon Slate. The agreement is for the service, stock, and maintenance of the drink and snack vending machines at the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department. There is no charge for the contract and the term is from February 8, 2024, through December 31, 2026. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the consideration of the Maintenance Equipment Agreement with Cummins Crosspoint presented by Emergency Operation Center Director, Todd Noblitt. This is a renewal agreement for the generator that operates the 911 Center and a portion of the Youth Services Center.

The three (3) year service and maintenance agreement will reflect an 11.5% increase from the previous agreement and will be invoiced annually for the next three (3) years. Director Noblitt noted that this is a budgeted item and they use the generator as often as once per month, usually due to storms. The agreement includes the following:

- *Full Maintenance Service – August 2024 and 2025*
- *Full Maintenance Inspection with Battery and Coolant Replacement – 2026*
- *Maintenance Inspections – February 2025, 2026, and 2027*

Total for Three (3) Years: \$6,039.35

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the Renewal Agreement as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of an Agreement between Bartholomew County and Dunlap & Company, Inc. for the Bartholomew Courthouse HVAC Modifications and the Notice to Proceed. The work will be substantially complete within Four Hundred Fifty (450) Calendar Days or one (1) year, two (2) months, and four (4) days. The contract amount is for \$3,272,880.00. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the Agreement as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the consideration of Amendment No.7 to the Employee Benefit Trust, Plan Summary, Plan Description, and Master Plan Document. The amendment is to change the following information and language, effective December 1, 2023, for pregnancy benefit changes and January 1, 2024, for all prescription drug/specialty drug language changes.

Amendment to Pregnancy Benefit Changes include the following:

- ***General Provisions – Language Removed December 1, 2023***
 - *Pregnancy – Medical expense benefits are payable for pregnancy-related expenses of covered female employees and dependents on the same basis as any other illness while the individual is covered under the plan, in regard to the maternity stay, this plan authorizes a stay, for the mother and the child, of 48 hours for uncomplicated normal deliveries and a 96-hour stay for a cesarean section. This stay may be changed only by the attending physician in consultation with the mother.*

Amendment to Weight Loss Reimbursement Benefit include the following:

- **Weight Loss Reimbursement Benefit - page 14 - 80% after deductible. Limited to an annual individual maximum of \$2,000 (increased from \$1,000). Certain benefits may be covered under the preventative care benefit.**
- **The following language has been added – page 37:**
 - **Weight Loss Reimbursement – Medical treatment of morbid obesity, as defined in the definitions section of this document, will be considered for payment under this plan up to the limits shown in the schedule of benefits. Covered expenses include office visits, consultations, prescribed medication, nutritional training, bariatric banding, or stapling surgery when services are prescribed and/or rendered by a legally qualified physician. Nutritional training must be prescribed by a legally qualified physician and performed by a registered dietician. Expenses not covered include, but are not limited to, liposuction, abdominal reduction, body contouring procedures, and any other similar surgeries in connection with weight loss or as a result of weight loss whether or not the surgery has been deemed to be medically necessary. This benefit does not cover membership or joining fees of any kind.**
- **Weight Loss Prescription Drugs: While weight loss drugs will be declined under the pharmacy benefit plan, these prescriptions may be reimbursable up to the limits shown in the schedule of benefits. The insured must pay for the prescription and submit the receipt for reimbursement to Dunn and Associates. No benefits are payable for food or nutritional supplements of any kind whether or not prescribed by a physician as medically necessary or appropriate.**

Amendments to the Prescription Drug/Specialty Drug Language include the following:

- **Prescription Drug Benefit – Page 14:**

Plan A		Plan B
Retail Program (30-day supply)		RX applies to the Deductible. Once the Deductible has been met - The Plan will pay 100% of the cost.
<i>Generic Drugs</i>	\$7.50	
<i>Brand Preferred</i>	\$25 or 20% (greater of)	
<i>Brand Non-Preferred</i>	\$50 or 40% (greater of)	
<i>Ovastatin & Fluoxetine</i>	\$0.00	

Mail Order (90 –Day Supply)	
<i>Generic Drugs</i>	\$15
<i>Brand Preferred</i>	\$50 or 20% (greater of)
<i>Brand Non-Preferred</i>	\$100 or 40% (greater of)
<i>Lovastatin & Fluoxetine</i>	\$0.00
Contraceptives (90-Day Supply)	
<i>Generic Drugs</i>	\$0.00
<i>Brand Preferred</i>	\$50 or 20% (greater of)
<i>Brand Non-Preferred</i>	\$100 or 40% (greater of)

- **Specialty Drugs – Language Revision**

- *A specialty drug is a drug that targets and treats specific complex conditions or illnesses such as cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, hepatitis c, and HIV/Aids. Specialty drugs require patient-specific closing and careful clinical management. Often these drugs are in the form of injected or infused medicines.*

- **Trueadvocate- Language Addition**

- *A process by which the pharmacy benefit manager helps the plan participant in finding financial assistance for medications. Financial assistance may include manufacturer’s programs and our sourcing medications from international sources. This often occurs when the plan excludes certain medications. Claims that provide more than a 30-day supply, maximum caps shall be assessed every four weeks. The cost for medication that is sourced through international sources shall be invoiced to the plan.*

- **Ontrack Program – Language Addition**

- *Personalized care for navigating diabetes. A patient-centered program that allows plan participants to actively manage diabetes and meet individual goals. The plan participant will actively participate in the program by one-on-one visits with the plan’s clinical pharmacist; medication review, a holistic approach that includes diet, exercise, and wellness, and creating a specific plan and personalizing goals. Participation has the*

potential to improve outcomes and lower costs. Ontrack can assist plan participants in to better manage their diabetes, and lower out-of-pocket costs to participants and to employers. This program offers free testing and insulin supplies.

▪ ***True Genomics – Language Addition***

- *A program that looks at the relationship between the medication we take and how our unique genes determine our bodies' response to that medication. If you qualify for this program a test kit (at-home cheek swab) will be sent to your home and you will make it back to the lab using the mailing labels included. A team of pharmacists will examine the results and evaluate your medications. You will be notified through a secure website of your results and evaluation. The plan will reach out to your provider to recommend a medication that will reduce side effects and increase effectiveness. After working with your provider and the plan you will receive regular monitoring to assess your health.*

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

The next item was the consideration of a Resolution Adopting a Capital Improvement Plan for the Utilization of Economic Development Income Tax Funds, presented by Commissioner Kleinhenz. The resolution outlines Bartholomew County's use of the County Economic Development Income Tax Fund (CEDIT) and is a two (2) year plan for 2024 and 2025. The plan is required by law and is due by March 1, 2024, but can be amended at any time. The following items are included in the current two (2) year plan:

- **2024 & 2025:** *Up to \$7,420,000.00 may be used for costs and expenses related to current and upcoming building projects.*
- **2024:** *Up to \$1,025,000.00 will be used for improvements to county buildings.*
- **2024:** *Up to \$413,000.00 will be used for improvements other than buildings.*
- **2024:** *Up to \$90,000.00 will be used for the purchase and repair of machinery and equipment.*
- **2024 & 2025:** *Up to \$110,000.00 per year will be used to obtain two (2) seats on the Columbus Economic Development Board. One membership will be utilized by a Bartholomew County Commissioner and the other will be utilized by a Bartholomew County Council Member.*
- **2024 & 2025:** *Up to \$500,000.00 per year will be used to make the principle and interest payments on the Highway Garage Bond. *Fifteen (15) year Bond (2019-2034)**
- **2024:** *Up to \$800,000.00 will be used for the Northern Gateway Infrastructure.*

- 2024: Up to \$400,000.00 may be utilized for the planned Pickle Ball Courts.
- 2024: Up to \$500,000.00 may be utilized for the County Road Overlay Improvement Projects.

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

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

January Monthly Report

<i>Item</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>YTD</i>
<i>In Office Interviews</i>	38	38
<i>Out-of-Office Interviews</i>	4	4
<i>Walk-ins</i>	37	37
<i>Incoming Phone Calls</i>	253	253
<i>Outgoing Phone Calls</i>	45	45
<i>Outgoing Mail</i>	3	3
<i>Incoming Fax</i>	1	1
<i>Outgoing Fax</i>	11	11
<i>Trips to VA Hospital</i>	14	14
<i>Mileage on Van</i>	1299	1299
<i>New Claims Filed</i>	8	8
<i>Veteran Disability Compensation Claims Filed</i>	20	20
<i>Veteran/Surviving Spouse Pension Claims</i>	5	5
<i>Burial Appropriations</i>	13	13
<i>All Forms Filled Out for Veterans</i>	102	102
<i>Miscellaneous (see below)</i>	0	0

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 Clerk’s January Monthly Report as prepared by Chief Deputy Clerk, Julie Robertson and presented by Commissioner Kleinhenz. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the Clerk’s Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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

January Monthly Report

<i>Action</i>	<i>Dogs</i>	<i>Cats</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Picked Up</i>	9	7	0	16
<i>Audits</i>	105	0	0	105
<i>Violations</i>	1	0	0	1
<i>Fines</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Bite Cases</i>	2	0	0	2
<i>Door Hangers</i>	10	0	0	10
<i>Animals Reclaimed</i>	3	0	0	3
<i>Traps Loaned</i>	0	3	0	3
<i>Total Cases</i>	81	17	8	106
<i>Mileage for the month</i>	<i>Van 1 =</i>	0	<i>Van 2 =</i>	2575

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

Under miscellaneous, there was the Ratification of an Expenditure for the Coroner’s Office. The new Coroner’s van was purchased last summer and funds were appropriated to have the van outfitted with necessary equipment including a lift system so a single person can lift the gurney into the van. The ratification was to Crossroads Ambulance Sales & Services (Middlebury, IN) for \$67,269.00. An audience member asked where the vehicle will be stored while not in use due to its high value. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked Maintenance Supervisor, Rick Trimpe, to respond and he stated it is stored in the locked garage at the old Highway Garage so any of the three (3) coroner staff can respond to a call. **Commissioner London motioned to Ratify the Expenditure as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next miscellaneous item was the Poor Relief Hearing for James D. Eads's Appeal of Denial of the six-hundred (\$600) dollar claim for assistance with shelter by Columbus Township Trustee Ben Jackson and Roxanne Stallworth. Both Mr. Eads and the representatives for the Columbus Township Trustee’s Office were given time to state their case and answer the commissioners' questions. The claim was stated to have been denied due to Mr. Eads failing to call or show up for his appointment on January 29, 2024. Both Commissioner London and Commissioner Lienhoop shared their compassion for Mr. Eads situation and stated they had full confidence the Columbus Township Trustee’s Office would be ready and available to assist him in future

applications for assistance. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Uphold the Denial of Assistance in the amount of \$600 for January 2024 by the Columbus Township Trustee as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next miscellaneous item was an announcement made by an audience member, Mr. Hawkins, for the Columbus Robotics Club's Challenge Event tonight at the Reeves Building at 6:30 pm and all are welcome.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS



LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

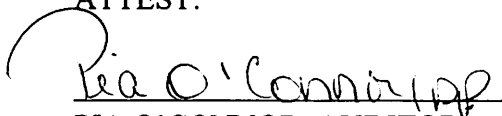


TONY LONDON, MEMBER



CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:



PIA O'CONNOR, AUDITOR