

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 18, 2024

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on March 18, 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, Attorney J. Grant Tucker, 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 March 4, 2024 and March 7, 2024. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the March 4, 2024 and March 7, 2024 Minutes, as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Approval of Payroll. **Commissioner London motioned to approve Payroll 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>
3/4/24 to 3/8/24	25	\$4,862	\$2,804,437
3/11/24 to 3/15/24	28	\$7,108	\$5,102,435*

** \$2,300,000 ATCS, Inc. – New Commercial Building, Circle K at 3055 Central Avenue*

The next item was the Highway Weekly Crew Report, presented by Highway Engineer, Danny Hollander, as follows: crack-sealing on 100 N, Huffman Road, 400 E, 1050 E, and 1125 E; dura-patched and used the hot-box; put stone along 550 N, Marr Road, and 600 N; cut trees under bridges; CDL training; and pesticide training.

The next item was the decision on the bid for the Rehabilitation of Bridge #111 – Gladstone Avenue over Clifty Creek, presented by Engineer Danny Hollander. Bridge #111 is on County Road 115 E (Gladstone Avenue) over Clifty Creek and is a concrete structure built in 1967. The maximum span length of the bridge is 56 feet with a bridge roadway width of 25.5 feet, and the approach roadway width is 20 feet. The advertisements for bids were on Wednesday, February 14th, and Wednesday, February 21st, 2024 with the bids opened on Monday, March 4th, 2024. The bids were received are listed below, with E & B Paving, Inc. (Clarksville, IN) being chosen due to being the lowest bidder.

- Milestone Contractors, L.P (Columbus, IN): \$877,750
- Force Construction Company, Inc. (Columbus, IN): \$754,512.80
- E & B Paving, Inc. (Clarksville, IN): \$673,750

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the bid from E & B Paving, Inc. (Clarksville, IN) as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the ratification of an expenditure for the Highway Department presented by Engineer Hollander. The expenditure was from SealMaster (Indianapolis, IN) for \$30,675.00 and was invoiced on March 1, 2024. The product is for the heated hose machine and the machine is free to use for the crack sealing of roads. Due to a mild winter weather, the Highway Department has been able to work on roads preparing for spring. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to ratify the expenditure as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the consideration of proposals for One (1) 2024-2025 Body Snow Plow and Equipment and Two (2) 2024-2025 Body Snow Equipment for the Highway Department presented by Engineer Hollander. 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 were advertised on Wednesday, February 28th, and Wednesday, March 6, 2024. The bids were opened on March 18, 2024. The following bids were received, however, Clark Truck Equipment Co, Inc. did not submit a compliant bid:

- *Clark Truck Equipment Co, Inc. (Crawfordsville, IN): N/E*
- *Viking-Cives (Merrillville, IN): \$413,004.18*
- *Reading Truck (Indianapolis, IN): \$325,395.00*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to take the bids under advisement as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of a Food Services Agreement with Trinity Services Group, Inc. for the Provision and Operation of Correctional Food Service for the Bartholomew County Jail presented by Operations Division Major, Brandon Slate. The term of the agreement will be three (3) years beginning April 15, 2024 to April 14, 2027 and include the following highlighted benefits to the county.

- *\$10,000 fund to assist the county with any repairs/replacement/or purchase of new kitchen equipment.*
- *They offer several premium meals that the inmates can order. We would receive a portion (10-15%) of these orders to help offset expenses.*
- *Inmate workers in the kitchen will receive training and have the opportunity to obtain several industry-standard certifications that they can use when they are released from jail.*
- *Ultimately should result in savings to the county (estimated around \$40,000 for a full year of operation).*

Commissioner London motioned to accept the agreement with Trinity Services Group, Inc., as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a proposal from the Sheriff’s Department with VEI Communications (Seymour, IN) presented by Sergeant Chad Swank. The proposal is for six (6) two-way radios for Sheriff vehicles and would be paid out of the Sheriff’s Department budget. VEI Communications is part of State QPA (same pricing range) pricing for radios for use on the State of Indiana P25 Radio System. The cost breakdown for the proposal is as follows and is for the radios only, the labor was included in the bid recently won by Move Over Outfitters:

▪ <i>Six (6) two-way radios with equipment:</i>	<i>\$19,937.80</i>
▪ <i>Discount:</i>	<i>- \$4,014.60</i>
▪ <i><u>Inbound Freight:</u></i>	<i><u>\$306.02</u></i>
<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$16,243.82</i>

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the proposal with as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a proposal from the Sheriff’s Department with AXON Enterprise, Inc. (Scottsdale, AZ) presented by Sergeant Chad Swank. The proposal is for Taser cartridges for both Merit Deputies and Jail Staff and would be paid out of the Sheriff’s Department budget. Only one (1) quote is being provided due to AXON being the sole source provider for the Taser and twenty (20) Tasers were purchased February 6, 2023. The cost breakdown for the proposal is as follows:

▪ <i>(64) Live Close Quart at \$40.25 each:</i>	<i>\$2,576</i>
▪ <i>(240) Live Standoff at \$40.25 each:</i>	<i>\$9,660</i>
▪ <i><u>Discount:</u></i>	<i><u>- \$611.80</u></i>
<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$11,624.20</i>

Commissioner London motioned to accept the proposal as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of a Grant Agreement between the Indiana Department of Health and the Bartholomew County Nursing Department, presented by Nursing Director, Amanda Organist. The grant agreement is for the 2024 Naloxone (NARCAN) Rescue Kit Grant Opportunity for Local Health Departments and has been on-going for several years. No monies are exchanged and the Health Nursing Department partners with Alliance for Substance Abuse Progress (ASAP) which distributes doses to the community as well as Centerstone and other partners having doses available on-site. The Health Department requested and received 6,000 Naloxone doses and 100 Total Solar Eclipse Naloxone doses. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the Grant Agreement as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

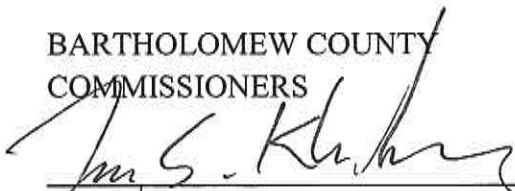
The next item was the consideration of a Grant Agreement between the Indiana Economic Development Corporation Industrial Development Grant Fund (IDGF) and Bartholomew County Commissioners. The agreement is for the County (Grantee) to receive funds from IDGF in the amount of \$400,000 to help with eligible expenditures for the Greater Northern Infrastructure Project for offsite water and/or sewer lines for the King's Hawaiian (Irresistible Foods Group) project in Edinburgh, Indiana located at 11900 N. 200 W. Edinburgh, Indiana. The estimated date of completion is March 31, 2025. The term of the agreement is August 7, 2023 and will continue until December 31, 2027 unless sooner terminated due this agreement. The Infrastructure must be fully completed by the expiration date. The County (Grantee) shall have (60) days from the expiration date to submit a final claim & all other documentation required by this agreement. County (Grantee) must submit claims to IDGF for reimbursement on claim forms IDGF will provide with evidence backing up each claim for the Infrastructure Improvements. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the Grant Agreement as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Under miscellaneous, Columbus resident, Jim Elkins, came forward to speak about the unhoused community within Bartholomew County. He proposed support from the commissioners to help with future efforts to help give them a set area to stay near the city bus route, versus being scattered and being removed from the places they are able to set up camp temporarily. Mr. Elkins volunteers with Brighter Days and noted that he sees the great need for assistance and compassion for the residents who are facing this hardship. He cited the online resource of <https://campunitedwestand-tentcity.org> as


a great resource to equip Bartholomew County with same tools to provide safe, secure places for unhoused residents to stay as they look for work and more permanent housing situations. The commissioners agreed that they look forward to hearing from Mr. Elkins in the future and being partners to support the community in whatever way they are able.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

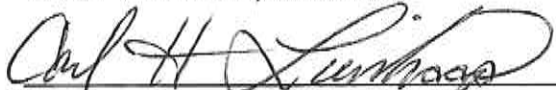
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ATTEST:



PIA O'CONNOR, AUDITOR

