

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**April 22, 2024**

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on April 22, 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 Claims. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve Claims as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz 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> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 4/15/24 to 4/19/24 | 21                 | \$3,908     | \$1,143,014  |

The next item was the presentation of Veteran's Service Officer Larry Garrity's Honor Flight. Mr. Garrity explained he was one of eighty-nine veterans that were honored on Honor Flight 40 and this was the first flight with no World War II Veterans. All of the Veterans who participated were from the Vietnam and Korean Wars. Each Veteran had a guardian who assisted them through their agenda which included; the Marine Memorial, Arlington Cemetery and the changing of the guards, and other sites throughout Washington, D.C. To view the pictures from Honor Flight 40, go to [www.indyhonorflight.org](http://www.indyhonorflight.org). The commissioners thanked Mr. Garrity for his service not only to our country but to Bartholomew County as well in the assistance he provides to our Veterans.

The next item was the Highway Weekly Crew Report, presented by Highway Engineer, Danny Hollander, as follows: crack-sealing on Westview, 580 W, and Marr Road; dura-patched in Ohio, Columbus, and Jackson Townships; picked up trash; put in field entrance pipes on 450 S and 100 S; replaced culvert pipe on Lake Road; worked on Hubler Drive and Bear Lane; participated in LTAP's Traffic Control Class.

The next item was the Decision for Hot Mix, for the Highway Department, presented by Engineer Hollander. Engineer Hollander requested both bids be accepted per the ability to use them for different projects. The bidders were as follows:

**Hot Mix:**

- *Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. (North Vernon, IN)*
- *Milestone Contractors, L.P. (Columbus, IN)*

**Commissioner London motioned to Award Both Bids as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Decision for Liquid Asphalt for the Highway Department, presented by Engineer Hollander. Engineer Hollander requested acceptance of the bid from Asphalt Materials, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN). The bidders were as follows:

**Liquid Asphalt:**

- *Terry Asphalt Materials, Inc. (Hamilton, OH)*
- *Asphalt Materials, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN)*
- *Marathon Petroleum Co. (Indianapolis, IN)*

**Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Award the Bid to Asphalt Materials, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN) as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Proposal for the 2024 Road Overlay Program for the Highway Department, presented by Engineer Hollander. The 2024 Road Overlay Program is through the Community Crossing Grant of \$3 million. The total miles bid is 25.997 with an estimated cost of \$3,000,001.662. Engineer Hollander requested the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Milestone Contractors, L.P. (Columbus, IN) for \$2,698,800. The bidders were as follows:

- *Milestone Contractors, L.P. (Columbus, IN) - \$2,698,800*
- *Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. (North Vernon, IN) - \$2,898,129.27*
- *DC Construction Services (Pendleton, IN) - \$3,249,100*
- *Allstar Paving (Seymour, IN) - \$3,331,857.57*

**Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Award the Bid to Milestone Contractors, L.P. (Columbus, IN) as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of a Contract with Milestone Contractors, L.P. (Columbus, IN) for the 2024 Road Overlay Program for the Highway Department, presented by Engineer Hollander. The contract amounts are as follows:

- *Amount County will pay - \$1,349,400.00*
- *Community Crossing Grant amount - \$1,349,400.00*

***Grand Total Contract amount with Milestone - \$2,698,800.00***

***\* This leaves \$301,200 for Phase II***

**Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Contract with Milestone Contractors, L.P. (Columbus, IN) as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Proposals for a Box Culvert presented by Highway Engineer Hollander. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked Engineer Hollander to elaborate on the choice to select aluminum boxes versus concrete boxes. Engineer Hollander stated that while concrete is usually the most cost-effective option, in this instance the location would require the road to be widened for the crane to place the concrete box. An aluminum box was the better option for this specific job. The box culvert will be placed on 700 South with quotes as follows:

***Box Culvert for 700 South #4:***

**E3Bridge - \$39,277.79**

- *8' x 3' Aluminum Box*

**Civilcon - \$51,728.90**

- *8' x 3' Aluminum Box*

**Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Award the Proposal for 700 South #4 to E3Bridge as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Request from the Clerk's Office for Additional Courthouse and Governmental Office Building Hours for Absentee Voting and Election Day, presented by County Clerk, Shari Lentz. Election law requires the Clerk's Office to be open on the dates shown below for absentee voting. The locations will be Donner Center (serving as the Office of the Bartholomew County Clerk) and the Governmental Office Building's Council Chambers.

**Dates & Times:**

- *Saturday, April 27th – 8 AM to 3 PM*
- *Saturday, May 4th – 8 AM to 3 PM*

Election Day vote center locations will be at the Clerk's Office open in the Courthouse and the Governmental Office Building's Council Chambers. The Clerk's Office is requesting Courthouse Security for this day only. These two (2) Election Day vote center locations will have extended hours, as shown below:

**Date & Times:**

- *Tuesday, May 7th – Election Day – 5 AM to 6:30 PM*

**Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Requests as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of Yellow Trail Museum Requesting Permission to close a portion of County Road 700 N and County Road 675 E on June 28, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 11:59 PM. The request is due to their fireworks display during the annual Hope Old-Fashioned Independence Day Celebration on Friday, June 28, 2024. The request is for closing a section of 700 North about one mile west of Hope, between the east side of the bridge over Hawcreek and the intersection of East County Road 700 North and North County Road 670 East from 3:00 PM to 11:59 PM. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Request as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-04, Consideration of an Ordinance Prohibiting the Import, Storage, and Application of Biosolid Material from counties other than Bartholomew into Bartholomew County properties.

***Ordinance No. 2024-04***

*WHEREAS, the Bartholomew County Commissioners are opposed to the import or transport of Biosolid Material from counties other than Bartholomew into Bartholomew County properties;*

*and*

*WHEREAS, Biosolids are defined as processed human or other waste processed and/or produced by utility or other treatment plants; and*

*WHEREAS, the County Commissioners intend to make it a violation of this ordinance and the Bartholomew County Code for any resident, company or other entity to import or transport biosolids from any County other than Bartholomew for the storage or application of said biosolids on Bartholomew County property or real estate; and*

*WHEREAS, a violation of this ordinance shall be punished in the amount of \$5,000.00 per day.*

*This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage.*

Commissioner Kleinhenz opened the public hearing for comment from the public. Evan Dailey requested to speak and brought up several points in opposition to the current outline of the Ordinance. He suggested changes such as the verbiage used in the ordinance from “treatment plants” to “generator” to match the Indiana Department of Environmental Management’s (IDEM) standards. Mr. Dailey stressed that anyone using Biosolids is under the already existing state regulations and stated concern over an IDEM requirement currently in place that requires him to mix from two

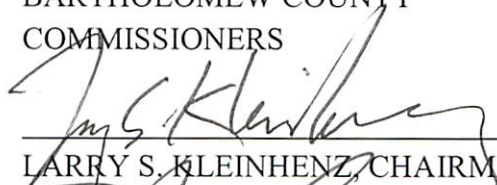
separate generators when he uses them. Commissioners Kleinhenz and London both voiced concern over the safety of using other counties' material and how well those counties follow IDEM regulations as well as the allowable amounts that IDEM allows.

Jim Dailey also spoke and suggested the commissioners review the allowable amount limits and visit Columbus's Waste Water Treatment Plant. He then asked if other counties pass similar ordinances, what will Bartholomew County do with the unapplied amounts we won't be able to export? Mr. Dailey stated that while it can be buried at the landfill, 1 ton of Biosolids requires 10 tons of trash to cover it. The commissioners stated that they would be looking into the points both of the speakers brought up and address them at the next reading.

After no further comments, Commissioner Kleinhenz closed the public hearing. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-04 as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

  
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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

TONY LONDON, MEMBER

  
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CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:

  
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PIA O'CONNOR, AUDITOR