

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 15, 2024

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on July 15, 2024, in the Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Larry S. Kleinhenz, Tony London, Carl H. Lienhoop, 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 July 8, 2024. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the July 8, 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 the Claims as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the weekly permits report as read by Commissioner Kleinhenz:

<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>New Permits</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Value</u>
7/8/24 to 7/12/24	27	\$5,311	\$2,987,455

The next item was the Highway Weekly Crew Report, presented by Highway Engineer, Danny Hollander, as follows: Mill and patch on 1075 E, replaced pipes on 400 W and 700 S, mowed ditch on 500 W, put up signs, Durapatch, picked up tires dumped on the middle of Base Road. Commissioner Kleinhenz questioned when the striping on Georgetown Road would be completed and if there was potential to add dashes in the striping. Engineer Hollander informed the commissioners per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), the striping follows the guidelines.

The next item was the Ratification of an Expenditure for the Highway Department presented by Danny Hollander, County Engineer. The ratification is for parts for the dirt loader (unit 36). Engineer Hollander also expressed there is only one (1) place to purchase repair items for the needed dirt loader. Those items and their expenses are as follow as:

### Brandeis (Indianapolis, IN)

- *Filter Assembly:* \$372.86
- *Pin, Conveyor Belt:* \$44.86
- *Belt, Conveyor:* \$7,700.55

- *Flashing:* \$1,097.58
- *Total Parts:* \$9,215.85
- *Freight out:* \$278.13
- *Total:* \$9,493.98

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

The next item was a Ratification of an Expenditure for the Maintenance Department presented by Director Rick Trimpe. The expenditure is for the maintenance of the elevator controls at the Governmental Office Building (GOB). Director Trimpe, as a licensed electrician, would normally oversee the repairs to help save money. The Courthouse maintenance and repairs were needed during this time, resulting in Director Trimpe using a third party for repairs. The expenditure will be paid out of the Maintenance Department budget and is as follows:

**Forster Electrical Services, INC. (Columbus, IN)**

- *Material:* \$7,995.40
- *Labor:* \$20,160.00
- *Total:* \$28,155.40

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

The next item was the Consideration of an Agreement with Case Construction, LLC. for Bartholomew County Dunn Stadium pickle ball courts, presented by Charlie Day, Marketing Sales Coordinator with DLZ Corporation. The contract is for a twelve (12) court asphalt pickleball complex at Dunn Stadium within Bartholomew County. Paid out of the American Rescue Plan (ARP), with a completion date of October 15, 2024. The bid presented is as follows:

**Case Construction, LLC (Edinburgh, IN)**

- *Lump Sum Base Bid:* \$510,852.13
- *Alternate Bid #2 – Site Furnishings:* \$62,366.05
- *Total Amount of Bid:* \$573,218.18


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

The next item was the American Rescue Plan Report, presented by Pia O'Connor, Auditor. Auditor O'Connor outlined the quarterly report as follows: All the money approved needs to be spent or committed to a project by the end of 2024. Bartholomew County was awarded \$16,415,489 with interest, currently \$10,283,523 has been spent from the fund. Currently, the fund has a remaining balance of \$6,131,966, that has been committed to other projects. These projects have all been beneficial to the county, as well as local taxpayers. In the second quarter of 2024, \$1,468,154 was spent. The Majority of that amount was spent on the Courthouse Project. All purchases have been made within the Federal Guidelines for each county that has been awarded funds. Transactions have all been recorded and the report will be submitted to the Department of Treasury by the end of this month. Audience member, Zack Patchett, inquired how spending the funds received was determined. The amount awarded was divided across the Federal Guidelines' four (4) major categories; Broadband, Water and Sewage, Nonprofits Organizations, and Income Loss. Within those categories, some of the projects chosen were; the purchase of the Health Department Building, support money awarded to Volunteer Fire Departments, Courthouse updates and maintenance, county-wide Broadband, and HVAC updates within the County Jail. Audience Member Sandra Bush voiced appreciation towards Auditor O'Connor for efforts made within the community to save taxpayer dollars.

**Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned as presented. Commissioner London 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



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TONY LONDON, MEMBER



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CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. O'Connor', written over a horizontal line.

PIA O'CONNOR, AUDITOR