

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 12, 2024

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on August 12, 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, and Auditor, Pia O'Connor (via Zoom) 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 August 5, 2024. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the August 12, 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 London:

<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>New Permits</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Value</u>
8/5/24 to 8/9/24	29	\$8,724	\$3,612,500

The next item was the Highway Weekly Crew Report, presented by Highway Engineer, Danny Hollander, as follows: Replaced pipes on 700 South and 400 West, ditched for City on Inwood Drive, placed DuraPatches, ditched on 550 South and on Becks Grove Road, mowed in Ohio and German Townships, put up signs, and ran ditcher on 650 South and on 1000 South, Milestone paved Zepher Village, Dellasburg Road, and Old State Road 9.

The next item was the Proposal for the Highway Department presented by Danny Hollander, County Engineer. The proposal is for Country Road 700 South culvert number seven (7) replacement. This project will take an estimated three days; the Highway Department needs to rent an excavating machine that includes an operator.

700 South Culvert #7 Excavator Work

- **Shireman Excavating**
 - o **Excavating per day:** **\$1,250.00**
 - **Total (for 3 days)** **\$3,750.00**
- **Engelau Excavating**

- *Gave a verbal quote but did not submit a formal quote*
- **Conwell Excavating**
 - *Unavailable*

Commissioner Kleinhenz inquired with Engineer Hollander about removing drive-by placement signs in the County Right-of-Way, due to the upcoming election season. Commissioner Kleinhenz went on to specify that any and all signs that look as if they have been randomly placed should be removed, regardless of who the sign is for.

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the Proposal from Shireman as presented.

Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of a Flower and Maintenance Agreement with Becky’s Flowers presented by Commissioner Kleinhenz. The Proposal is for maintaining four (4) large, raised flower beds and maintenance that includes: design, installation, watering, weeding, fertilizing, deadheading tear up, and clean up. The flowers included are as follows; Spring – Pansies (March – May), Summer – Summer Annuals (May – September), Fall – Mums (September – November), Winter – Evergreen Shrub (November – March).

THREE YEAR CONTRACT (January 2025 – December 2027)

<i>Yearly Price:</i>	<i>\$6,370.00</i>
<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$19,110.00</i>
<i>Paid in Quarterly Installments:</i>	<i>\$1,592.50</i>

**Either party can void the contract with a thirty (30) day notice*

**5% (five percent) increase from the previous year’s contract*

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

The next item was the Second Reading for the Consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to regulating establishments providing tattoos and/or body piercings and artists administering tattoos and/or body piercings presented by Director Link Fulp, Environmental Health Department. The Ordinance is for the Bartholomew County Environmental Health Department to be able to inspect and oversee the operation of tattoo and body piercing businesses. The Indiana Department of Health has adopted reasonable rules to regulate the sanitary operation of tattoo and body piercing facilities. An ordinance is required to be passed for the Indiana Health Safe First Funds.

- Required to implement changes to continue qualifying for Indiana Health Safe First Funds

- Offers validity and credibility to Tattoo Parlors and Artists
- Ensures sanitary guidelines for public health
- Routine scheduled checks will go into effect to ensure sanitary guidelines are being met
- Will be effective January 1st, 2025

Commissioner Kleinhenz opened the public hearing.

Commissioner London asked Director Fulp if there had been any feedback given, since the first reading because he had not received any. This is untypical as there is usually a lot of feedback presented after an Ordinance's first reading. Director Fulp explained that due to the Republic Newspaper releasing an article referring to the potential Ordinance, the feedback he has received has been overwhelmingly positive and the public seemingly agrees that this Ordinance will be beneficial.

Commissioner Kleinhenz closed the public hearing.

Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Second Reading for the Ordinance as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Second Reading for the Consideration of an Ordinance amending a portion of Ordinances No. 2007-02, 2008-09, 2010-03, 2012-05, 2013-04, 2019-02, and 2019-09 pertaining to the establishments and collection by the Bartholomew County Health Department of fees for specific services and records presented by Director Link Fulp, Environmental Health Department. Amended Ordinance for the Bartholomew County Environmental and Public Health Departments to increase some fees charged for various services provided by the Health Department. This Ordinance will also add the license fees pertaining to the tattoo and body piercing facilities and artists.

- Due to this issue, the Health Department updated the fee list for offered services

Commissioner Kleinhenz opened the public hearing for comment; there being no comments

Commissioner Kleinhenz closed the public hearing

Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Second Reading for the Ordinance as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of Amendment No. 8 to the Employee Benefit Trust Plan, Summary Plan, Plan Description, and Master Plan Document. The Amendment is to meet federal and state guidelines as well as minor updates, verbiage changes, and removals to the current Employee Benefits and Trust Plan. Commissioner London commented the Amendment is mainly for housekeeping purposes. The effective date for these changes will start January 1st, 2025.

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Amendment No. 8 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Clerk's July Monthly Report, 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 London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Treasurer's June Monthly Report, prepared by Treasurer Barb Hackman. **Commissioner London motioned to Accept the Clerk's Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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