

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 7, 2024

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on October 7, 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 were in attendance.

Commissioner Kleinhenz opened the meeting.

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

The next item was the Approval of Minutes for September 30, 2024. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the September 30, 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 Lienhoop:

<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>New Permits</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Value</u>
9/30/24 to 10/4/24	20	\$5,695.00	\$52,965,965

**\$50,000,000 Toyota Material Handling Plant 5, foundation only*

Commissioner London took a moment to announce that while he was in Japan touring Tsune, a Japan-based company that has a location in Edinburgh, Indiana, they flew the American Flag outside of their factory in honor of Commissioner London's trip to Japan.

The next item was the Highway Weekly Crew Report, presented by Highway Engineer, Danny Hollander, as follows: Replaced culvert pipes on 500 N and 550W, cleaned up trees and limbs on Ohio Ridge Road, pushed up stockpiled millings for future construction projects, mowed with the Batwing mower, put up signs, and did CDL training.

The next item was a Proposal from the Highway Department presented by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. The proposal was for a Well Cap for 700 North that is blocking a Right-of-Way and will need to be filled before construction can be started. Bastin and Logan Water Services, Inc. of Franklin, IN, came recommended by the Columbus City Utilities and Eastern Bartholomew Water.

WELL CAP:

- **Bastin and Logan Water Services, Inc. (Franklin, IN)**

- **Bentonite well plug, chlorinated pea gravel, and concrete materials** **\$2,758.00**
- **Total estimate, labor and equipment usage** **\$2,300.00**
- **TOTAL PROPOSAL** **\$5,058.00**

** Only local company that does this work*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Proposal for the Well Cap as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next proposal was for GeoGrid Materials for 700 N from the Highway Department, presented by County Engineer, Danny Hollander. The GeoGrid will be placed beneath the stone and has been used in previous road overlay projects. GeoGrid acts as an added layer of protection; if the compaction is not right, the GeoGrid helps spread the product out to get the compaction that is needed.

GEOGRID MATERIAL

GEOGRID PURCHASE FOR 3/10 OF A MILE ON 700 NORTH, about two thousand five-hundred (2,500) linear feet

- **CivilCon (Jeffersonville, IN)**
 - **12.5' x 328' GeoGrid** **\$3,639.80**
- **CFG Construction Fabrics and Grids (Indianapolis, IN)**
 - **12.5' x 328' GeoGrid** **\$5,109.00**

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Proposal for GeoGrid Material, with CivilCon as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Ratification of Expenditure from the Highway Department presented by County Engineer, Danny Hollander. The striping of County roads needed about three thousand (3,000) more feet than expected from last year's proposal. The cost per foot is still the same. Even though the pricing for striping is significant, the increased road safety is important.

ROADSAFE TRAFFIC SYSTEMS, INC. (Lafayette, IN)

The original Award was on September 11, 2023

- **Paint: yellow, for center-line striping;**
4" @ \$0.18 Unit Price 394,116 L FT **\$70,940.88**
- **Paint: white, for edge-line striping;**
4' @ \$0.18 Unit Price 95,893 L FT **\$17,260.74**
- **TOTAL** **\$88,201.62**

-	OVERAGE AMOUNT	\$5,484.42
-	FINAL BILL WITH OVERAGE	\$93,686.04

Mark Webber with the Republic asked entering the fourth quarter of the year, how the Road Overlay Schedule is progressing. Engineer Hollander explained that there is still a lot to do, they are just now getting all of the roads ready, Milestone is only a quarter of the way done, but they will be laying it down in this next month. Commissioner Kleinhenz mentioned that there are more miles included this year than in previous years, close to one million (\$1,000,000) more dollars were approved for this year's project. Mr. Webber asked what are the preparations that go into effect before being able to start the construction needed for road overlays. Engineer Hollander explained the Highway Department will start by doing berming on the road and off the edges of the road to ensure there is no grass or random sticks in the path, they will replace most culverts under the road to help prevent future rusted culverts. Mr. Webber then asked if the Highway Department was hopeful about completing the road overlay by the end of the year or will it be early Spring; Mr. Hollander said that it should be completed by the end of the year. **Commissioner London motioned to Accept the Ratification as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Consideration of Change Order No. 1 with AVI Systems, Inc. for the Bartholomew County Courts Renovations presented by IT Director, Scott Mayes. Change Order No. 1 with AVI Systems, Inc. is to move the location of a camera in Superior Court II, as requested by Judge Rohde. The Change Order No. 1 was originally a request, but the timing of the needed change was becoming critical since the walls and ceilings were opened, with the cost being four hundred and eight dollars (\$480.00), the decision was made to go ahead and move the camera location while they could. This is considered a Ratification because there was a request to move the camera that was previously approved, but done sooner than specified.

-	Original agreement amount signed 2/5/2024	\$49,061.50
-	Increase for moving camera location	\$480.00
-	New Project agreement TOTAL	\$49,541.50

Original Agreement for Project done February 5, 2024, for the below:

Proposal/Agreement to facilitate the removal, storage, and reinstallation of audio-visual equipment in various courtrooms within the Courthouse. The scope includes updating the programming for the lighting system in each Courtroom as part of the upgrade.

AVI Systems (Columbus, IN) – Current Vendor

-	Juvenile Court – AV teardown, store, and re-install:	\$5,521.00
-	Lighting Control Integration:	\$18,060.50
-	Superior Court 1 – AV teardown, store, and re-install:	\$5,521.00
-	Superior Court 2 – AV teardown, store, and re-install:	\$5,021.00
-	Small Claims Court – AV teardown, store, and re-install:	\$5,021.00
-	IVD Court – AV teardown, store, and re-install:	\$5,271.00
-	Circuit Court - AV teardown, store, and re-install:	\$4,646.00
-	TOTAL:	\$49,061.50

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Ratification of Change Order No. 1 as presented.

Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Ratification of Expenditure presented by Auditor, Pia O’Connor. The Ratification is for thirteen (13) new chairs for the County Council Room and to be paid out of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds. The previous chairs were old and needed to be updated. Auditor O’Connor stated although the Ratification amount is below the required threshold for the Commissioner’s approval, she wanted to ensure this request was brought before the Commissioners for approval since this expense will be paid with the ARP funds.

The Office Shop (Local; Batesville, IN)

-	Thirteen (13) chairs:	\$4,429.00
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Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Ratification as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Report, presented by Auditor, Pia O’Connor. The County is getting close to wrapping up the American Rescue Plan. The remaining money, seven hundred twenty-eight thousand and forty-one dollars (\$728,041.00), will be spent in the final quarter of the 2024, except Broadband expenses which will continue into 2025/2026. Last quarter, July 1st – September 30th, 2024, one million four hundred and three thousand nine hundred twenty-six dollars (\$1,403,926) in total was spent. See major expenses below:

Courthouse Renovation Project:	\$1,135,975.00
Jail HVAC Reconstruction Project:	\$61,433.00
Parks Improvement:	\$22,524.00
Elevator Replacement:	\$101,242.00

Commissioner London asked if the remaining funds excluding the four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for Broadband, that will be spent by the end of this year, 2024. Auditor O'Connor confirmed that this is correct. Commissioner London predicted that by the Summer of 2025, the County would be at eighty percent (80%) would trigger a payment of four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00), and the County would then gain interest on the funds; how will the County handle the gained interest when the time comes for payment? Auditor O'Connor explained that any interest received from the ARP monies has been deposited into the County General. The County can do this because there were a few ARP guidelines that changed regarding how to handle any interest received from the ARP fund. Originally the interest was applied back into the ARP fund, giving the fund an additional one hundred and forty-two thousand dollars (\$142,000.00). The guideline changed allowing interest to be placed into the General Fund instead of the ARP fund. Auditor O'Connor instantly made the change, otherwise the money would keep compounding. Commissioner Kleinhenz thanked Auditor O'Connor for keeping the County out of hot water with the ARP and noted that other Counties have struggled with the funds and keeping track of them. Commissioner London recalled when Auditor O'Connor reached out with exciting news regarding the ARP and spoke about how tricky it can be to have a large amount of funds to manage. He commented that Auditor O'Connor had done an exceptional job managing the funds and thanked her for her hard work. Auditor O'Connor expressed her appreciation for having help and support from people as needed. Mark Webber with the Republic recalled to Auditor O'Connor about a consultant that was made available to any County receiving ARP funds for additional help and asked how much we had to utilize the consultant because she has a good understanding of the rules and guidelines and how to spend the fund. Commissioner Kleinhenz, London, and Auditor O'Connor all confirmed they reached out to the consultant one (1) time but did not have to use them after that. Auditor O'Connor mentioned that it was due to the Department of Treasury making those guideline changes, made managing the fund easier. Of the sixteen million (\$16,000,000) dollar allocation, ten million (\$10,000,000) dollars of that amount, was revenue replacement, that ten million (\$10,000,000) dollars, is what the County has to spend by the end of 2024. That's essentially what this piece is, which has made it easier than having to identify projects and place things in buckets. Mr. Webber mentioned that when they reviewed hiring the consultant, the price would have been tight. Commissioner London said it was about six (6) months after, that the guideline changed, and items that had already been identified still worked with the new guidelines. Auditor O'Connor agreed and mentioned that the Health Department building was also something that changed, being able to have a drive-through and offer vaccine clinics there, rather than having a mobile unit. Things like that they were

able to think through, projects that would not have an ongoing cost of operation and would be available for a long period, unlike mobile units that need to be changed out every seven (7) years.

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve Auditor O'Connor's American Rescue Plan Report as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Under Miscellaneous,

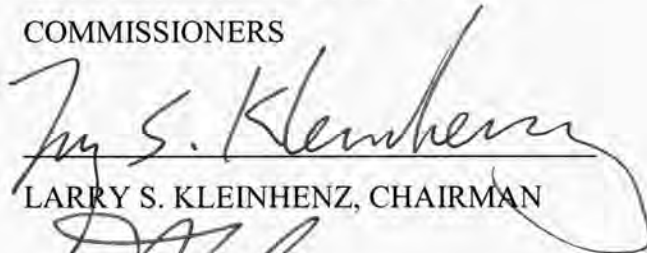
No meeting will be held next Monday, October 14, 2024, due to Fall Break. The next meeting will be Monday, October 21, 2024.

Early Voting Registration starts tomorrow October 8, 2024.

Ethnic Expo will be held this weekend, starting Friday, October 11, 2024.

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