

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

June 29, 2020

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on June 29, 2020, in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Rick Flohr and Larry Kleinhenz were present. Commissioner Lienhoop was out of town. Attorney Grant Tucker was present. Auditor Pia O'Connor was present through Zoom meeting.

Commissioner Flohr called the meeting to order.

A roll call was taken. In addition to the above listed people, the following were present at the meeting: County Administrator Tina Douglas, IT Director Scott Mayes and Auditor's Chief Deputy Dalene Pattingill. Also in attendance via Zoom were: Highway Engineer Danny Hollander, Maintenance Director Rick Trimpe, Council Member Laura DeDomenic, Veteran's Service Officer Larry Garrity, Nicky Vreeland, Rachel Flohr-David, Mark Webber of the Republic newspaper, John Clark of White River Broadcasting, News Director Harrison Silcox of Local News Digital and the phone number ending in 7811.

The first order of business was the approval of the June 15, 2020, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).

Next item was the approval of payroll. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the payroll as presented. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion that passed unanimously (2-0).

The next item was the Ratification of approval of claims for weekly and monthly claims. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to ratify the approval of claims as presented. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).

The next item was the weekly permit report as read by Commissioner Lienhoop:

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
6/15/20 to 6/19/20	49	\$4,594.50	\$2,725,523
6/22/20 to 6/26/20	31	\$3,195.00	\$1,718,414

The next item was the County Highway Weekly Crew Report presented by Engineer Danny Hollander (via Zoom). The following work had been done: side-winded roads, picked up trash,

patched potholes, mowed in German, Harrison, Ohio & Sandcreek Townships and worked on the drainage ditch on the new Highway Garage property.

The next item was the Decision on Proposals for a culvert for 400 East with quotes as follow:

<i>Civilcon (Jeffersonville, IN)</i>	<i>\$40,122.74</i>
<i>E3 Bridge (Bedford, IN)</i>	<i>\$45,953.10</i>

Engineer Hollander recommended using the low bidder. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to award the culvert for 400 East to the low bidder of Civilcon at \$40,122.74. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).

The next item was the Consideration of a Covered Bridge Certification as required by the State of Indiana per IC 8-14-1-10. Bartholomew County has one covered bridge located at Mill Race Park which makes the County eligible to receive State funding in the amount of \$1,850 for maintenance of the bridge. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to sign the Covered Bridge Certification that Bartholomew County has 1 covered bridge within the County. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).

The next item was the Ratification of an expenditure for the Maintenance Department for 1 riding lawn mower. Rick Trimpe (via Zoom) stated that they had to purchase a lawn mower due to the COVID-19 and the Jail crew not being able to mow the County properties. The Quotes were as follows:

- *Eudy Sales & Service (Columbus, IN)*
 - *Toro Titan 60"* *\$5,699*
 - *ES Radius S-Series 708 60"* *\$7,299*
- *Grass Luvers, Inc. (Columbus, IN)*
 - *SCAG Patriot* *\$5,801*

Commissioner Kleinhenz read the quotes and stated that they had already purchased the low bid of the Toro from Eudy Sales & Service. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Ratify the purchase that had been made of the for \$5,699. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).

The next item was the Decision on the purchase of carpet. Rick Trimpe (via Zoom) stated that this is for the remodel of the new Council Chambers and the Surveyor’s Office. The Quotes were as follows:

- *Columbus Carpet & Linoleum (Columbus, IN)*
 - *Carpet for 3 offices* *\$13,882.47*
- *Riverside Carpet One (Columbus, IN)*
 - *Carpet for 3 offices* *\$16,628.60*

Commissioner Flohr read the quotes. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to award the purchase to the low bidder, Columbus Carpet & Linoleum for \$13,882.47. This includes the removal of the current carpet and cove base and the installation of the new carpet and cove base. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).

The next item was the Presentation of the Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Comprehensive Community Plan by Rachel Flohr-David (via Zoom). Ms. Flohr-David presented the Substance Abuse Council’s recommendations that were approved by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for allocation from the Bartholomew County Local Drug Fee Communities Fund. The counter-measure fees related to alcohol and drug offenses collected in 2019 totaled \$36,890. The Council’s proposal for disbursement is as follows:

1. Prevention/Education:

- a. Advocates for Children/Youth Support* *\$1,000*
- b. Big Brothers/Big Sisters* *\$3,000*
- c. Community Church of Columbus* *\$1,980*
- d. Turning Point Shelter (Domestic Violence)* *\$1,200*
- e. Council for Youth Development* *\$2,024*
- f. Recover Out Loud* *\$2,350*

Prevention/Education Total \$11,554

2. Treatment/Intervention

- a. BCSC – Youth Care Fund* *\$4,000*
- b. Turning Point (Domestic Violence Shelter)* *\$1,200*
- c. Community Church of Columbus (Tues Connections)* *\$3,020*
- d. St. Peters Lutheran Church Life Works* *\$4,250*

- e. *Advocates for Children* \$1,000
- f. *Healthy Communities* \$ 615

Treatment/Intervention Total \$14,085

3. *Criminal Justice Services*

- a. *Bartholomew County Sheriff* \$5,000
- b. *Columbus Police Department* \$1,256
- c. *Court Services* \$3,000

Criminal Justice Services Total \$9,256

Administrative Fees \$1,995

Grand Total of Allocations - \$36,890

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the Comprehensive Community Plan from the Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0). Mark Webber stated that the audio had cut in and out so he requested a copy of the list with the amounts.

The next item was the presentation of the Veteran’s Monthly Report for May 2020. VSO Larry Garrity stated that they had no in office interviews due to COVID-19. There were 100 incoming calls, 23 out-going calls, no van travel, 13 mailings were done, new claims were 0 and Veteran’s Disability Compensation was 1, there were 2 surviving spouse initial claims, and there were 30 forms filled out for Veteran’s. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the Veteran’s Monthly Report for May 2020 as presented. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the presentation of the Animal Control Monthly Report for May 2020. Commissioner Flohr stated that they had picked up 19 animals, completed 94 audits and had 64 total cases. They drove 2,380 miles with 1 van and 606 miles with the other van. Commissioner Flohr motioned to accept the Animal Control Monthly Report for May 2020 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

All County Offices will be closed **Friday, July 3, 2020** in observance of Independence Day.

The next Commissioners meeting will be held **Monday, July 13, 2020**.

Harrison Silcox of Local News Digital asked about body cameras for the Sheriff’s Department. Commissioner Flohr stated that is between the Council and the Sheriff’s Department. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that in 2017 money was appropriated by the Council for body cameras. Due to some concerns with the equipment being looked at, they held off purchasing anything. There was support

for it in 2017 and there is support for it now but it will have to be within the budget. This will be a new, on-going expense at this is a cost of close to \$1,000,000. Auditor O'Connor stated that is correct. She also stated that the Sheriff is still working on his proposal and it will be on the next Council Work Session. It is about \$260,000 for an Additional Appropriation for 2020 and \$125,000 for each subsequent year for the next 4 years. She is unclear if that includes IT support, storage and other items. She also stated that we are fortunate to have money in reserve, but the effect on the income tax revenues will be the issue and could be up to 15% lower than we are receiving currently.

John Clark asked about the changes the County will be making due to the expected lower revenues in the coming years? Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that they have placed some small projects on hold. Auditor O'Connor stated that the Council will be discussing future hiring. They have given the departments direction to be flat with their budgets. They will also be getting better information from the Department of Local Government. John Clark asked what projects were put on hold. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that they had \$1,000,000 for the County Courthouse but they are only planning on spending about \$270,000 to \$300,000 for 2 projects that have been awarded. The remainder of the money will not be used this year. They will hold on for a year or two before completing other projects.

Auditor O'Connor also stated that there is CARES Act Funding that the County will be receiving to reimburse the costs for COVID-19 that the County has had.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR