

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

September 21, 2020

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on September 21, 2020, in the Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Carl Lienhoop, Rick Flohr and Larry Kleinhenz were present. Attorney Grant Tucker was not present. Auditor Pia O'Connor was present through Zoom meeting.

Commissioner Lienhoop called the meeting to order.

In addition to the above listed people, the following were present at the meeting:

County Administrator Tina Douglas	Information Technology Director Scott Mayes
Tax Administrator Chris West, Auditor's Office	

In attendance via Zoom were:

Engineer Danny Hollander	Recorder Tami Hines
Assessor Ginny Whipple	Planning Director Jeff Bergman
EOC Director Tod Noblitt	Councilman Jorge Morales
Captain Brandon Slate, Sheriff's Department	Mark Webber, The Republic
Tony London	Charlie Day, DLZ
John Clark, White River Broadcasting	

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

The first order of business was the approval of the September 14, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the approval of payroll. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the payroll as presented. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Ratification of the earlier Data Board Meeting. Those items were as follows:

DEPARTMENT	ITEM(S)	FUNDING	LOW BID
<i>Adult Protective Svcs</i>	<i>2 Laptops</i>	<i>JDAI Grant</i>	<i>SHI \$ 2,239.54</i>

<i>Youth Services Center</i>	<i>2 Ipad's for visitations</i>	<i>JDAI Grant</i>	<i>SHI \$ 618.00</i>
<i>GIS</i>	<i>Scanner for plotter</i>	<i>IT Budget</i>	<i>SHI \$ 3,694.00</i>
<i>IT – Endpoint Strategy</i>	<i>40 laptops</i>	<i>CARES Act</i>	<i>SHI \$44,790.80</i>

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Ratify the above purchase requests as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The other Data Board items for Ratification were as follows:

<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>ITEM(S)</i>	<i>FUNDING</i>	<i>COST</i>
<i>Court Services</i>	<i>Corrisoft Maintenance</i>	<i>IT Budget</i>	<i>Corrisoft \$ 5,658.60</i>
<i>IT – VMWare – pt 2</i>	<i>Annual Maintenance</i>	<i>IT Budget</i>	<i>SHI \$12,991.49</i>

Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the renewal and ratification as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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>
<i>9/14/20 to 9/04/20</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>\$3,624.02</i>	<i>\$2,490,800</i>

The next item was the County Highway Weekly Crew Report presented by Engineer Danny Hollander. The following work had been done: Replaced culvert pipes on 250 E; dura-patched; side-winded overlaid roads 525 W & 550 N; worked on landscaping at the new garage site; mowed in Ohio & Wayne Townships; O'Mara paved 250 E; Milestone paved 550 N; and Indiana Striping completed their work of the contracted roads.

The next item was the Consideration of an Agreement with USI Consultants, Inc. for thermal scans of 3 bridges (Bridge #113 – 800 S over White River, Bridge #317 – 25th St over Clifty Creek, Bridge #111 – Gladstone Avenue over Clifty Creek). Commissioner Kleinhenz asked how this is different from a normal bridge inspection. Engineer Hollander stated that a normal inspection is a visual inspection of the exterior parts of the bridge while this will give a view below the surface to find any issues. The cost is \$1,000 per bridge or \$3,000 for the total. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the Agreement with USI Consultants, Inc. for the scanning of the 3 bridges. Commissioner

Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that he had visited the new Highway Garage site and things are progressing nicely. Charlie Day of DLZ stated that Taylor Brothers has been doing a great job managing this project. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that he believes that having local contractors has been very helpful, especially when they have had to implement changes. Communication has been great.

The next item was the Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Columbus & Bartholomew County Zoning Ordinance for the Jurisdiction of Bartholomew County. Planning Director Jeff Bergman had received a couple of questions during the past week. One question was regarding an existing business that may not meet the new restrictions. He stated that those businesses would be legal-non-conforming or grandfathered in. The other question was the scope and how does it affect properties within the County. He stated that the most common County zonings are CC (Commercial - Community) and CR, not the CN (Commercial – Neighborhood) that is being amended. There are only 4 small areas in the County that have this zoning. He also revisited that these changes are just to try to keep the zoning ordinances consistent with each other. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked how many of these areas are within the City. Director Bergman stated that it is not a widely used zoning within the City. He believes the purpose of the change was to encourage more use of this zoning. It is an attempt to be proactive. It is not to place additional restrictions on existing businesses. He stated that Taylorsville is CC but might be a great area for the new CN that would allow some new businesses near residential. Commissioner Flohr stated that in the past they have had objections from homeowners as they were concerned as to exactly what business would be going into their neighborhood. He believes the intention is good. Commissioner Kleinhenz is trying to be business friendly while still protecting residential properties. This will only affect non-incorporated areas. He asked Director Bergman to discuss the 3 changes that have to be done due to changes in the law. The first item is due to an error in a previous version. The airport was inadvertently changed. The second item has to do with flood plains and they are adding a note regarding the Federal Law on this issue. Finally, there was a change in Indiana law that makes it easier for someone to rebuild in the event of a disaster. He recommends that if the County decides not to move forward with this Ordinance, that they take action on these 3 items. Chairman Lienhoop opened the meeting for the Public Hearing on Second Reading. Tony London wanted to thank Director Bergman for clarifying the points that must be done. He still has concerns as to why the City and the County need to have the same zoning rules. He appreciated the open discussion. Assessor Whipple stated that from the Assessor's Office point, it is much easier to have both utilize the same rules. Councilman Morales stated that they discussed

this in the Planning Commission and they voted in favor of it as a total document. He would propose that we give more thought and have a better understanding as to the effects of this Ordinance. He does not feel we need to mirror what the City has. Hearing no further comments, the Public Hearing portion of the meeting was closed. Chairman Lienhoop stated that he sometimes wonders how certain businesses occur in the locations that they are in when he visits other towns/cities. Director Bergman stated that the City and County have shared a zoning ordinance since 2008. The idea was to make the process more consistent for the developers, surveyors and such. The City and County Ordinances are in no way exactly the same. When either the City or County makes a change, they have the other entity review it to see if it makes sense for their ordinance. Commissioner Flohr asked if they could approve this on Second Reading and remove the bicycle rack requirement. Yes, they can do that. Commissioner Flohr is okay with the sidewalk if there is an existing sidewalk. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that because we share the Planning Department, it is beneficial and helpful for them to be as close to the same as possible, but the County version should never be exactly the same as the City version. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Ordinance Amending the Columbus & Bartholomew County Zoning Ordinance for the Jurisdiction of Bartholomew County on Second Reading, striking the Bicycle Racks (#3), the sidewalk requirements (#4) and the provision concerning drive-up windows (#2) (See below). Director Bergman stated that is still an ordinance that can be administered. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

1. *Making uses that are likely inconsistent with a neighborhood setting, such as fitness centers, night clubs, bars, parking lots, athletic complexes, and liquor stores conditional or prohibited in the CN zoning district.*
2. ~~*Prohibiting businesses with drive-up windows (due to the increased traffic, noise and exhaust from idling cars, etc.).*~~
3. ~~*Requiring a minimum of 4 bicycle rack spaces at businesses (an increase over the current 0 to 4 sliding scale based on parking lot size).*~~
4. ~~*Including a requirement that a sidewalk be provided from any road side public sidewalk to the building entrance (the requirement would be triggered very infrequently in the county due to the lack of sidewalks along roads). Further, this proposed revision applies to all Multi-Family, Residential, Commercial, Public/Semi-Public and Industrial zoning districts, not just the CN district.*~~
5. *Reducing the maximum size and number of wall signs allowed.*

The next item was a planned 3-year maintenance agreement with Cummins Crosspoint maintenance agreement for the generator located at the EOC. This generator operates the EOC as well as a portion of the Youth Services Center, in the event of a power outage. This is a renewal of an existing 3-year agreement and does include a 3% increase. It covers 2 service visits annually and the Opt-Out option has been chosen. There is no automatic renewal. It will be invoiced annually for the next 3 years in the following amounts:

• 2021	Inspection \$538.34 & Full Service \$926.20	\$1,464.54
• 2022	Inspection \$538.34 & Full Service \$926.20	\$1,464.54
• 2023	Inspection \$538.34 & Full Service & Battery \$1,949.04	\$2,487.38
	Total of	\$5,416.46

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to renew this 3-year maintenance agreement with Cummins Crosspoint as presented for the total amount of \$5,416.46. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of an Addendum to an Agreement with AT&T, signed February 2, 2020, for the new E911 Phone System as presented by EOC Director Noblitt. The amount is \$104,160 and would be paid out of the CARES Act Funding. The addendum would add 4 Motorola Command Post Mobile Call-Taking Positions with 4 Motorola Vesta Mapping Software licenses at the Bartholomew County E911 EOC Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). The mobile command units allow them to work from a location other than the EOC building, but still give them the same technology they have for incoming calls as they have at the EOC. It allows them to track calls via their phone, if necessary. It would also allow them to increase their capacity for taking incoming calls. There have been situations where they could of have used this increased capacity ability such as the flood of 2008, plane crashes and officer shootings. The mobile units cost \$26,040 each or \$104,160 for all 4. This would fall under the CARES Act Funding. The maintenance will fall under the current system’s maintenance plan through 2028, resulting in no additional maintenance costs to the County. Commissioner Flohr asked if this would require additional staffing. Director Noblitt stated no, they would call in off-duty personnel, if it were a case of needing increased capacity. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked where these units would be stored. Director Noblitt stated they would like to have a permanent off-site location for these, but currently they will be stored at the EOC. Commissioner

Kleinhenz asked when they would have to replace these. Director Noblitt stated that would not be required until the end of the contract in 2028. Commissioner Flohr asked if these would be used only during a catastrophe. Director Noblitt stated that they would be utilized not just during a catastrophe, but if they needed to leave the EOC building for any reason. He is requesting 4 so that they can handle the ten 911 phone lines that come in to the Center. Commissioner Kleinhenz is apprehensive about purchasing something that will need to be replaced down the road at our expense. Commissioner Flohr asked if he would be requesting it if it were not for the CARES Act funding. Director Noblitt stated that he was looking at this 2 years ago but it would not work with the phone system they had at that time. Jorge Morales stated that they had set up 2 locations in the beginning of the COVID crisis. He also thanked Director Noblitt and EMA Director Hinton for their great work on getting the new phone system at the EOC. Commissioner Kleinhenz would like to see these stored off-site, possibly at the Jail as it is a 24/7 location. Director Noblitt has met with the Sheriff’s Department regarding that. If they were to lose the EOC, he believes they could be up in about 4 hours. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the purchase of the 4 Motorola Command mobile units for the phone system in the amount of \$104,160. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that there is going to be expense with it, but they need to find a secondary site. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

The next item was the request to purchase 5 mobile (in-car) radios and 3 portable radios for the Sheriff’s Department as presented by Captain Brandon Slate. The bids were as follows:

1. *Five mobile (in-car) radios*
 - a. *Electronic Communication Systems, Inc. (Bloomington, IN)*
 - i. *Five mobile radios at \$2,456.56 each* *\$12,282.80*
 - b. *ERS Wireless – OCI- Motorola Solutions (Columbus, IN)*
 - i. *Five mobile radios at \$5,014.76 each* *\$25,073.80*
2. *Three portable radios*
 - a. *Electronic Communication Systems, Inc. (Bloomington, IN)*
 - i. *Three portable radios (Kenwood) at \$1,584 each* *\$ 4,752.00*
 - b. *ERS Wireless – OCI – Motorola Solutions (Columbus, IN)*

i. *Three portable radios (Motorola) at \$4,471.89 each* *\$13,415.67*

Commissioner Kleinhenz asked if the bids were State bids. Captain Slate stated that ECS has the State bid but he is uncertain. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the low quote to ECS for both items. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next Commissioners meeting will be on **Monday, September 28, 2020 at 10 a.m.**

Auditor O'Connor stated that they had received the 2021 Income Tax updates from the State. The amounts are \$3,500,000 higher than the July estimates. The Commissioners CREDIT money will have around \$430,000 more than was estimated in July. Overall, the numbers are \$1,500,000 more than the 2020 amounts.

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