

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 12, 2020

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on October 12, 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 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	Tax Administrator Chris West, Auditor's Office
IT Director Scott Mayes	

In attendance via Zoom were:

Engineer Danny Hollander	Recorder Tami Hines
Jail Commander John Martoccia	Tony London
Councilman Jorge Morales	Mark Webber, The Republic
John Clark, White River Broadcasting	

Chris West, Tax Administrator for the Auditor's Office, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of the October 1, 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 bi-weekly & monthly claims. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve both sets of claims as presented. Commissioner Flohr 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>
09/28/20 to 10/02/20	30	\$4,560.00	\$2,587,865
10/05/20 to 10/09/20	24	\$3,612.00	\$2,436,714

The next item was the County Highway Weekly Crew Report presented by Engineer Danny Hollander. The following work had been done: side-winded Lowell Road, 250 W & 550 N; wedged on 450 S, 650 W, 700 S & Becks Grove Road; dura-patched; mowed in Clay and Sandcreek Township; planted and watered grass seed at new garage site; Milestone paved 600 S & 400 E.

The next item was the Ratification of Expenditures for the Highway Department as presented by Engineer Hollander. This is for Milestone for wedging of culverts on 450 N for the amount of \$14,345.50. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Ratify the \$14,345.50 for Milestone. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked if this road would be paved yet this year. Engineer Hollander stated that it is scheduled to be, but he expects that it will be done sometime next year. Commissioner Kleinhenz agreed that he would like it to happen next year so the wedging has time to settle properly before the new paving is applied.

The next item was the Ratification of Expenditures for the Highway Department as presented by Engineer Hollander. This is for Reliable Transmission of Greenwood for a Remanufactured Transmission for Truck #28 for \$10,036.06. Commissioner Flohr motioned to Ratify the \$10,036.06 for Reliable Transmission. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Ratification of Expenditures for the Highway Department as presented by Engineer Hollander. This one is for Indiana Traffic Services amendment to pay an additional \$6,361.65 for additional striping services. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Ratify the \$6,361.65 with Indiana Traffic Services. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item is for a Community Crossing Matching Grant Financial Commitment Letter to INDOT. The total cost to be \$130,000 and highway local share to be \$65,000 for application #9999. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to sign the Community Crossing Grant Application #9999 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mark Webber, of The Republic, asked if this was for a specific project. Engineer Hollander stated that the funding would be used for a reclamation process on the extension portion of Hartman Drive prior to a new surface coat being applied. The County has been awarded up to \$1,000,000 each year for the CCMG and we had only applied for a little over \$900,000 this year. He does his best to use all the available State money for projects so that it is not lost.

The next item was the Consideration of a Proposal for the Jail/Court House for a Security Scanner as presented by Jail Commander John Martoccia. This is for a Courthouse Security Scanner. He attempted to get several quotes but only received 2 back as follows:

1. *Laurus Systems, Inc. (Elicott City, Md)* \$30,227.50
2. *Astrophysics (City of Industry, CA)* \$28,215.00

He would recommend the higher priced unit due to the size constraints at the Courthouse entryway. The Laurus Systems, Inc unit is a slightly smaller unit and would fit better.

Auditor O'Connor stated that this would fall under the CARES Act Funds. They also may be able to be reimbursed from FEMA for a portion of this. She stated that the CARES Act has changed somewhat, and due to those changes, we should be fully reimbursed for our allotment. This system will be similar to an airport security system that will scan bags and such to prevent the security personnel from having to go through them by hand. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the purchase with Laurus Systems, Inc. for \$30,227.50 as the size is of the unit will work better in the Courthouse entryway. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Ratification of Expenditures for the Jail as presented by Jail Commander John Martoccia. This is for a treadmill that was purchased at BestBuy. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Ratify the Expenditure with BestBuy for \$3,999. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of an Appointment to the Computer and Data Processing Board. The Commissioners will need to replace Joe Meek. They have asked Dalene Pattingill to serve in his position. The length of the term is indefinite. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that Joe Meek has done an excellent job with this position. They have tried to select a County Employee that is deeply involved with such items. Commissioner Flohr motioned to appoint Dalene Pattingill to fill the vacant seat left by Joe Meek on the Data Board. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration to Waive Permit Fees by Justin Smith. This is for permit fees to be waived for the construction of a new Columbus Firemen's Cheer Fund Building. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that he had seen an article where more oxygen is put back into the atmosphere by the Midwest corn crop than by the Amazon Forest. He wants the public to be aware

of the farmers during the fall season and help them out by giving them the right-of-way on the roads when possible.

The next Commissioners meeting will be on **Monday, October 19, 2020 at 10 a.m.**

The County Council meets tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. with the Second Reading of the 2021 County Budget.

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