

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 19, 2020

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on October 19, 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 in attendance via 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	John Martoccia, Jail Commander
Jim Reed, Jail Corporation Member	Paul Franke, Jail Corporation Member
Mark E Gorbett, Jail Corporation Member	Jim Paris, Jail Corporation Member
Rick Thompson, Jail Maintenance	

In attendance via Zoom were:

Engineer Danny Hollander	Recorder Tami Hines
EOC Director Todd Noblitt	Tony London
Councilman Jorge Morales	Assessor Ginny Whipple
JDAI Coordinator Bobbie Shake	Charlie Day, DLZ
Dave Richter, United Consulting	John Clark, White River Broadcasting
Mark Webber, The Republic	

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

The first order of business was the approval of the October 12, 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 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>10/12/20 to 10/16/20</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>\$1,737.00</i>	<i>\$775,970</i>

The next item was the County Highway Weekly Crew Report presented by Engineer Danny Hollander. The following work had been done: Wedged in Jackson & Wayne Township; installed driveway pipes on Spring Drive and Hartman Drive; ditched on 300 S; hauled millings from 650 E to the new garage site; mowed in Clay, Rockcreek and Sandcreek Townships; dura-patched roads; and Milestone paved 650 E. Engineer Hollander also presented the Monthly Highway Report for September 2020.

Dave Richter, of United Consulting was on Zoom. United Consulting performs the County’s bridge inspections. Mr. Richter reported that during COVID, they have been able to keep all of their employees working by adjusting their work concept. They have also continued to stay in touch with Engineer Hollander regarding Bartholomew County.

Awaiting the opening of the Highway bids, the next item was the Consideration of a Grant Application for Circuit Court as presented by JDIA Coordinator Bobbie Shake. The application was for the following:

*For Title II Funds through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) for Probation Reform through the Robert F Kennedy Children’s Action Corporation. The amount of the Grant request is \$45,000 and it would run from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to sign the Grant Application as presented. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jim Reed thanked the Highway Department for the excellent mowing that has been done on the road sides. Paul Franke asked when they would be finishing the mowing on Spray Road. Engineer Hollander stated as weather permits. Mark Webber asked how the overlay process was going and when it would finish up. Engineer Hollander stated that they are waiting on supplies of box culverts and should be 80% done with the road projects by Thanksgiving. The supplies they are waiting on are for projects on 250 E, Mineral Spring Road, Nortonburg Road and 450 N. Commissioner Kleinhenz would prefer they wait until next year for overlaying these roads after putting the culverts in. Engineer Hollander stated that COVID has put everyone behind, starting with the culvert suppliers and continuing down the line from there.

The next item was the Consideration of Proposals for one 2020/2021 Gradall Excavator. There was only one proposal as follows:

*Southeastern Equipment Co. (Indianapolis, IN)      \$370,000*

The next item was the Consideration of Proposals for one 2020/2021 Tandem Axle Dump Truck with Required Equipment. The proposals were as follows:

*Stoops (Indianapolis, IN)      \$201,257*  
*Includes \$92,836 of equipment from Reading Equipment*

*Rush Truck Center of Indiana (Indianapolis, IN)      \$204,918*  
*Includes \$92,836 of equipment from Reading Equipment*

Commissioner Flohr made a motion to take the bids under advisement to assure they meet the requirements. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of an Annual Maintenance Agreement with Sound Communications for the Emergency Operations Center as presented by EOC Director Todd Noblitt. This is for the E911 Recording Software and is an Annual Agreement. This has been reviewed by Attorney Grant Tucker. It is a budgeted item. There is a 5% increase for 2021. The amount is \$7,379.97 and is paid out of E911 Funds. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the Annual Maintenance Agreement with Sound Communications in the amount of \$7,379.97. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of a Contract Renewal and Memorandum of Understanding (Addendum #3) with Smithville for Fiber Optic Services as presented by IT Director Scott Mayes. Director Mayes stated that this is for ALL of the County Fiber and noted the following:

- *The County built a Fiber Optic Network between County buildings*
- *Was built in the late 1990's and early 2000's*
- *Entered into the partnership in 2010*
- *County surrendered the fiber assets in exchange for improved fiber network services and*

- *Term ended in 2019*
- *Negotiated continuation of the partnership for another 10-year term*
- *The cost per month will be \$1,850 which is a \$100 per month increase*
- *Services we receive have an approximate value of \$950,000 annually*
- *Attorney Tucker has reviewed the agreement and is satisfied with it*

Commissioner Kleinhenz noted that when the County did this, they planned for the future with extra room. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the Renewal Contract with Smithville. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of a Proposal/Agreement with CCS Presentation Systems for Circuit Court Audio and Video Upgrades as presented by IT Director Scott Mayes. The Proposal is with CCS Presentation Systems of Washington Street in Columbus, Indiana. The need for the upgrade for Circuit Court is due to the remodel that is occurring. This remodel started earlier than was anticipated. This equipment is the same equipment and same vendor that has installed equipment in other County buildings. The equipment is compatible with the previously installed equipment. The total amount of the upgrade is \$30,691.07 and is to be paid out of the CARES Act Funding. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the Agreement with CCS Presentation Systems for \$30,691.07. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that in the past there have been many complaints about the quality of the sound. IT Director Mayes stated that the new system is much improved. Chris West, of the Auditor's Office, stated that he had viewed a recorded Zoom meeting and was very impressed with the quality of the sound. Auditor Pia O'Connor stated that they have multiple avenues to fund this project as the Courts have received several grants. FEMA may also be an option.

The next item was the Ratification of Expenditure for the Maintenance Department for the Circuit Court remodel project for Acoustical Tiles as follows:

*L & W Supply of Columbus, Indiana and is for \$7,699.20.*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Ratify the \$7,699.20 for L & W Supply. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of a Change Order to the Contract with Haiderer Homes, Inc. as follows:

- *For remodeling of Physical Therapy Office space in Foxpointe*
- *Original Contract signed January 16, 2020*
- *Additional work is needed due to structural issues*
- *Authorized by Maintenance Director Rick Trimpe on March 3, 2020*
- *Actual work has been delayed due to COVID*
- *Original Contract for \$15,792.00*
- *Change Order amount \$1,645.00*
- *New Contract amount \$17,437.00*

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Ratify the Change Order for the Contract with Haiderer Homes for an additional amount of \$1,645.00 resulting in a total contract amount of \$17,437. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item under Miscellaneous was the Consideration of an Appointment to the Jail Building Corporation. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to appoint Mark E Gorbett to replace Byron Carr, who passed away earlier this year, to the Jail Building Corporation. Jim Paris stated that they still have the Jail Building Corporation because they still have bonds. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item under Miscellaneous was the Consideration of a County Wide Burn Ban. They talked with Shannan Hinton, EMA Director. Commissioner Lienhoop questioned if this should have been in place a few weeks ago. Director Hinton stated that prior to last week, there had not been any increase in the number of calls for field fires. Commissioner Flohr motioned to Sign the Burn Ban that was implemented Friday, October 16, 2020. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. John Clark stated that he had received a cancellation of the ban as of 10:23 this morning from EMA Director Hinton. The Commissioners basically ratified the ban that was implemented Friday. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to officially lift the Burn Ban. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Extension of the “Closed to the public” building status for all Bartholomew County Government buildings. This will extend the deadline from October 31, 2020 to Monday, November 16, 2020. This will coincide with the extension by Governor Holcomb of the

Mask Order until November 14, 2020. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the Extension. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Commissioners will determine the date of the next Commissioner's meeting based on the number and need of incoming agenda items.

Auditor O'Connor stated they will need to have a Resolution to receive the reimbursement for the CARES Act funding. Attorney Tucker stated the Resolution is being prepared and should be ready for the next meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

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RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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PIA O'CONNOR