

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 9, 2021

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on August 9, 2021, in the Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Carl H. Lienhoop and Tony London were present. Commissioner Larry S. Kleinhenz was not present. Auditor Pia O'Connor, Attorney Grant Tucker and County Administrator Tina Douglas were also present.

Commissioner Lienhoop opened the meeting.

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

The first item was the Approval of minutes of August 2, 2021. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed 2-0.**

The next item was the approval of Payroll. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the Payroll as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed 2-0.**

The next item was the weekly permit reports as read by Commissioner Kleinhenz:

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
08/01/21 to 08/06/21	24	\$2,150.00	\$1,150,050

The next item was the County Highway Weekly Crew Report presented by Engineer Danny Hollander (via Zoom). The following work had been completed last week: chip-n-sealed in German, Ohio & Wayne Townships; worked on a pipe & ditch on Goeller Road; patched with the hot box; and mowed in Clay, Clifty and Rockcreek Townships. Chip-n-seal will be finished up this week. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that they continue to get complaints about chip-n-seal. He compared it to sealing an asphalt drive but they include gravel with it so they can get 4-7 years of life out of the road. Engineer Hollander stated that the gravel also provides additional grip for the vehicle tires. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that they have 700 miles of roadway. They get 20-30 miles of roads paved every year. If they did only paving, each road would be redone every 23 years. Commissioner London stated he does not like chip-n-seal either but it extends the life of the road and saves the tax

payers money. Mark Webber asked how many roads would be chip-n-sealed this year. Engineer Hollander stated high 40 to 50 miles this year.

The next item was the Decision on the 2021 Road Overlay Program – Phase II as presented by Engineer Hollander. The bids per subdivision were as follows:

<i>Subdivision</i>	<i>Milestone</i>	<i>All-Star Paving</i>	<i>Dave O'Mara</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
<i>Jewell Village</i>	\$153,563.44	\$173,266.52	<u>\$144,783.00</u>	\$150,133.56
<i>Moss Farms</i>	\$31,687.11	<u>\$30,946.41</u>	\$52,727.00	\$33,353.14
<i>The Orchard</i>	<u>\$44,765.30</u>	\$45,141.26	\$60,833.00	\$45,242.20
<i>Pleasant View & Talberton</i>	<u>\$117,049.18</u>	\$140,832.38	\$124,539.00	\$135,573.32
<i>Colony Parke</i>	<u>\$139,281.39</u>	\$160,977.64	\$144,508.00	\$158,665.86
<i>Hillview Estates</i>	<u>\$49,258.15</u>	\$57,621.29	\$63,813.00	\$57,932.10
<i>South Hill Farms</i>	<u>\$52,127.50</u>	\$59,583.58	\$64,145.00	\$55,245.00
<i>Bethel Village</i>	<u>\$155,840.59</u>	\$176,969.45	\$165,544.00	\$163,878.66
<i>Group Total</i>	<u>\$744,572.66</u>	<u>\$845,338.66</u>	<u>\$820,892.00</u>	<u>\$800,023.84</u>

Engineer Hollander stated that this is all local money so they can break the bids up with the winning bids as follows:

- *Dave O'Mara (North Vernon, IN) for Jewell Village* \$144,783.00
- *All Star Paving (Seymour, IN) for Moss Farms* \$ 30,946.41
- *All others Milestone (Columbus, IN)* \$559,322.11
 - *Grand Total of* **\$735,051.52**

Commissioner London motioned to Accept the bids as presented above for a total of \$735,051.52. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion. Mark Webber asked if this Phase 2 will be completed yet this year. Engineer Hollander stated that they had just started working on Phase 1 last week. He doubts they will get both Phases completed this year. **The vote was called for and passed 2-0.**

The next item was the Monthly Highway Report for June 2021 as presented by Engineer Hollander.

The next item was the Consideration of a Support and Maintenance Agreement with Matrix Integration for Liebert Battery Backup System for EOC as presented by EOC Director Todd Noblitt as follows:

- ***Global Service Contract for the Liebert Battery Backup System at EOC***
 - *With Matrix Integration*
 - *On-site Emergency Service*
 - *Preventative/Corrective Maintenance & Inspections, etc.*
 - *Vertiy Co., formerly Emerson Network Power, is the service provider*
 - *Amount: **\$4,500***
 - *Increase of \$230.85 from 2020*

Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Agreement with Matrix Integration for the Liebert Battery Backup System in the amount of \$4,500 at the EOC. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed 2-0.

The next item was the Consideration of the Annual Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resource Investigation as presented by Commissioner Lienhoop as follows:

- ***Annual Joint Funding Agreement with the US Dept. of Interior – US Geological Survey (USGS) for Water Resource Investigations.***
 - *October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022*
 - *Operation & Maintenance of two Hawcreek Streamflow Gauges*
 - *One new Clifford & one near Hope*
 - *Part of the Early Flood Warning System*
 - *Amount split as follows:*

▪ <i>USGS pays:</i>	<i>\$ 9,900</i>
▪ <i><u>EMA pays:</u></i>	<i><u>\$16,000</u></i>
▪ <i>Total:</i>	<i>\$25,900</i>

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Annual Joint Funding Agreement as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed 2-0.

The next item was Presentation of the Form 144's – 2022 Salary Requests for all Departments with most at 4% increases. Auditor O'Connor presented the same packet that she provided to County Council late last week. The Council will begin budget deliberations next Monday. She stated that despite the pandemic, we still had growth in Indiana. They have estimated the 2022 LIT amounts the same as the 2021 numbers as the State has not released new numbers at this time. She believes these numbers will go up by about 3% based on numbers from the Department of Revenue. She showed an analysis of the General Fund. Based on this analysis, we should have \$31,770,085 in revenue and the budget requests total \$29,426,005. She stated that they have included all costs to run the Jail in the Jail LIT Budget for true numbers. She went through the major changes to the General Fund that affects the budget. These changes amounted to \$687,286. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Form 144's as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed 2-0.**

The next item was the Treasurer's May 2021 Monthly Report as prepared by Treasurer Barb Hackman. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the May 2021 Monthly Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed 2-0.**

Under Miscellaneous, Commissioner Lienhoop stated they had one item regarding the current COVID situation. Commissioner London read the following statement:

Due to the increasing spread of the Delta variant, COVID, and increasing hospitalizations, including ICU patients, beginning Wednesday, August 11, 2021, visitors and employees must wear a mask while conducting business inside all County buildings.

County business will continue to be transacted; employees will continue to work, answer phones, emails, and will meet with members of the public.

We will go back to conducting virtual meetings at least until the end of August. The meetings will be available via zoom. If Governor Holcomb's Emergency Order is extended through September, we will continue with available zoom meetings in September. We will put all this information on the County website.

The Commissioners continue to encourage all employees and member of the public to get vaccinated. Vaccination site information is available at covid19communitytaskforce.org.

Masks, social distancing, good hygiene, and avoiding crowds and groups is also key to protecting the communities' health and economy.

Jorge Morales asked for clarification for the upcoming budget hearings. He asked if the Council had to wear masks during these hearings. Auditor O'Connor has requested only 2 people from each department appear in person when presenting. Commissioner London stated it is like a restaurant in that you wear a mask to get to your seat and then it would be up to the individuals. Jorge Morales stated that they have been encouraging people to get vaccinated and wear masks for the past year and a half. He believes that we need to look at something else since the masks do not seem to be working.

The next scheduled Commissioners Meeting will be **Monday, August 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR