

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

September 12, 2022

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on September 12, 2022, in the Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Larry S. Kleinhenz, Carl H. Lienhoop and Tony London, County Auditor Pia O'Connor, County Administrator Tina Douglas and Attorney Grant Tucker were in attendance.

Commissioner Lienhoop opened the meeting.

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

The first item was the Approval of Minutes of 08-22-2022, 08-29-2022 and 09-01-2022.

Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Minutes as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Approval of Claims. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Claims as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next items were the Weekly Permits Report as read by Commissioner Lienhoop:

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
08/29/22 to 09/02/22	28	\$2,424.00	\$1,112,698
09/06/22 to 09/09/22	27	\$3,131.00	\$1,580,424

Of note Week 1: \$256,000 Beacon Builders, \$255,000 Beacon Builders Single Family Dwelling on Horizon Drive

Of Note Week 2: \$739,580 Driftwood Builders New Commercial Maintenance Building for Cummins Engine Company on 525 East

The next item was the Weekly Crew Report for County Highway as presented by County Engineer Danny Hollander as follows: chip & sealed in Flatrock & Hawcreek Townships; patched with the Hot Box; side-winded stone along 1150 E; place rip-rap around culverts on Lake Road, Base Road & 750 W; replaced a culvert on 750 W; fixed bank on 525 E; picked up trash; and mowed in Sandcreek Township. Commissioner London asked about Baldwin Addition. Engineer Hollander stated that they

had cleaned out and had the City try to blow out the pipes. The ones they could not get through, they sent letters to the home owners.

The next item was the Consideration of Notice to Bidders for Untreated Deicing Salt as presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

- *Bulk De-icing Rock Salt for Winter Season 2022-2023*
- *Advertise: Thursday, September 15, 2022 & Thursday, September 22, 2022*
- *Bids Opened: Monday, October 3, 2022*
 - *Sodium Chloride for Ice & Snow Removal*
 - *Separate pricing bid for picking up at vendor location*
 - *Must include anti-caking solution*
 - *Must be free from all foreign matter*
 - *Must be free from lumpy material*
 - *Must meet all ASTM Specifications for de-icing salt*
 - *Delivery orders shall be shipped with 3 days of notification*
 - *All prices good through July 31, 2023*

Engineer Hollander stated that they have gone with the State on this in the past but they missed the deadline time for this season, so they have to bid it themselves. The salt barn is 75% full. In the worst case, they can mix sand and not order any. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Bid Notice for Deicing Rock Salt as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Commissioner Kleinhenz asked about the salt in the old salt barn. Engineer Hollander stated that was the salt that was purchased by the City but delivered to the County. They continue to work well with the City.

The next item was the Consideration of a Contract with Milestone Contractors, L.P. for County Road 525 E Widening Overlay Project as presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

- *Contract with Milestone Contractors, L.P.*
- *For 525 E widening overlay between SR 46 & 300 S*
- *Work to be completed by December 1, 2022*
- *Milestone was the Low Bidder at \$148,150*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Contract with Milestone Contractors, L.P. in the amount of \$148,150 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of an Agreement with USI Consultants, Inc. for Bridge No. 317 Bridge Deck Overlay as presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

- *With USI Consultants, Inc.*
- *For consultant work on Bridge No. 317 on 25th St over Clifty Creek*
- *Bridge Deck Overlay*
- *Anticipated Bid Date of Spring 2023*
 - *Bridge Design, Plan Development and Bid Documents* \$25,000
 - *Chloride testing/coring of bridge deck/beams (Terracon)* \$10,000
 - *MCGPR Scan & Analysis (Terracon)* \$ 6,300
 - *Total USI Consultants Fee Not To Exceed* \$41,300
 - *Year built 1930*
 - *Deck Structure Type – Concrete Cast-in-place*
 - *Maximum Span Length 63.4’*
 - *Bridge Roadway Width 33.5’*
 - *Approach Roadway Width 44’*

Engineer Hollander stated that \$16,000 is for testing of the sub-structure under the bridge as they were built in 1930. This will allow them to determine how much they want to spend on the existing structure. Replacing this bridge would probably be about a \$5,000,000 project. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that in defense of the State, they have a formula for not giving a dilapidated Asset. It is like being gifted an expensive car and then having to maintain it. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Agreement with USI Consultants, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$41,300 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Ratification of an Expenditure for the Highway Department as presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

- *Made Rite Fence*
 - *Install new exit loop further away from gate & new 20' double gate*
 - *Made Rite Fence installed the original fence at the new highway garage*
 - *Work performed 5-20-2022*
 - *Made Rite Fence Ratification Amount* *\$2,702.29*

Engineer Hollander stated they added a gate in the back. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Ratify the Expenditure with Made Rite Fence in the amount of \$2,702.29 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of the Release of 2 Driveway Bonds as presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

- *Driveway Bond Release: 21B-08*
 - *Lot #52 in the Meadows at Otter Creek on Ottercreek Lane & 650 E*
 - *Owner Lawson*
 - *Bond Release: \$300.00*
- *Driveway Bond Release 20B-002*
 - *Lot #26 in Hickory Hills 5th Addition at 11523 W Shir-Rob Court*
 - *Owner: Scott Odell*
 - *Bond Release: \$300.00*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Release of the 2 Driveway Bonds as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Presentation of the August 2022 Highway Department Monthly Crew Report as presented by Engineer Hollander. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the August 2022 Highway Department Monthly Crew Report as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Mark Webber asked about the agreement for Bridge No. 317. It was explained that it was design, testing and analysis. They will probably do it one lane at a time so the media can help spread the word when it gets closer.

The next item was the Consideration of a Support & Maintenance Agreement with Matrix Integration for the Liebert Battery System for E911 as presented by EOC Director Todd Noblitt (via Zoom) as follows:

- *Global Service Contract for Liebert Battery Backup System at the EOC*
- *For On-Site Emergency Service, Preventative/Corrective Maintenance & Inspections, etc.*
- *The Service Provider is Verity Co. fka Emerson Network Power*
- *Matrix Integration Quote:* \$5,249.00
- *Increase of \$749 from the 2021 amount of \$4,500*

Director Noblitt stated that this is a yearly, budgeted amount. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Support & Maintenance Contract with Matrix Integration in the amount of \$5,249.00. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of a Maintenance Agreement for the Courthouse Scanner as presented by Commissioner Lienhoop as follows:

- *With Laurus Systems, Inc. for the Court House Scanner*
- *For preventative maintenance & support*
- *4-year agreement starting September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2026*
- *Jail will be paying for out of the Commissary Fund*
- *Maintenance price of \$4,620 per year for a total of:* \$18,480.00
- *Subject to attorney approval & County Council Approval at the September 12, 2022 Council Meeting*

IT Director Mayes verified that this is not the walk-through person scanner, but the belt scanner for items. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Maintenance Agreement with Laurus Systems in the amount of \$4,620 per year for a total of \$18,480 pending County Attorney approval & County Council Approval. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of an Agreement with Sayers for the Annual Renewal of NetMotion Software as presented by IT Director Scott Mayes as follows:

- *NetMotion License Renewal – Through the Reseller of Sayers*
- *Paid for out of the IT Budget*
- *NetMotion Mobility Premium Software (9/30/22-9/29/23)* \$5,025.36
- *Remote connection system that links all of the Sheriff car mobile terminals back to the County Network*

IT Director Mayes stated this allows the deputies to securely connect to the County and State systems. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Annual Renewal with NetMotion Software with Sayers in the amount of \$5,025.36 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that every time we purchase software, there is some kind of annual maintenance fee. Director Mayes stated that most software companies are going to “subscriptions” instead of maintenance agreements.

The next item was the Ratification of an Expenditure for the Drug Recovery Court as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes (via Zoom) as follows:

- *With Flint Spring Farms*
- *Project involves analysis of the Drug Recovery Court Data*
- *Funded through the “State Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Grant”*
- *Have used this same vendor for Probation & Veteran’s Court Projects*
- *Total: \$9,900*

Director Barnes stated this is in the Circuit Court. They had a similar project in the Veteran’s Court last year. This is the 3rd year with the Drug Recovery Court and it is time to have this Court analyzed. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Ratify the Expenditure with Flint Spring Farms in the amount of \$9,900 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item for the Proposal/Agreement for Community Corrections for Web Based Software has been postponed as they are still awaiting for an agreement from the vendor.

The next item was the Ratification of Expenditures for the Auditor's Office for the State Board of Account's 2021 Audit as presented by Auditor Pia O'Connor as follows:

- *Expenditure for State Board of Accounts (SBOA) 2021 Audit of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds*
- *SBOA stated in the Exit Conference that we could use the ARP Funds to Pay for the Charges for the 2021 Auditor of the American Rescue Plan*
- *Total Charges for the 2021 ARP: \$19,798.00*

Auditor O'Connor stated that during the Audit with the SBOA this year, it was done in two parts. The first part was for the State portions. The second part was an Audit of Federal Funds, primarily the ARP Funds were audited. Commissioner London confirmed that this was just the ARP Audit, not the total for the local/State audit as well. Auditor O'Connor stated he was correct. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that the State Requires the Audit, the State does the Audit and then the State requires us to pay for the Audit. **Commissioner London motioned to Ratify the Expenditure with SBOA for the 2021 ARP Fund Audit in the amount of \$19,798 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item, under Miscellaneous, was Mr. Jason Eckart who introduced himself as the new Town Manager of Hope, Indiana. Mr. Eckart stated he is very passionate about the small town of Hope. He grew up in Columbus, attending Parkside, Northside & North. The one item that is really concerning to him is that the 2,000 citizens of Hope, the FRHC School System is growing by 40 students per year, but there is no safe way for the students to walk to school. He is focusing on sidewalks to allow them to walk to school. He would like to get some help from Bartholomew County to accomplish this. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that several years ago, the Commissioners had worked with the Town of Hope and relinquished several County roads to make way for a safer way for this to occur. Mr. Eckart stated that Hope had applied for a "Safer School Routes" grant but was denied. The Town nor the School Corporation have the funding available. He has a map he would like to send the Commissioner via e-mail. He would like them to review and maybe at a later date discuss funding possibilities. Mark Webber asked if he has talked with FRHC about pitching in. Mr. Eckart stated that he has, but they are still at an impasse. Ball park amount was \$1,000,000. It needs to be a priority for the safety of the children. Mark Webber stated that the Community Crossing Grant, but unless you are

paving a road, this grant would not apply. Mr. Eckart stated they are working with Strand and with ARa.

Commissioner London stated that tonight at 6:00 p.m. will be the Council meeting regarding a tax abatement for Meridiam for the Broadband Project.

Commissioner London asked Sharon Krieg why she wears the same shirt every Monday. Ms. Krieg stated that there is a blood mobile every Monday and they are in dire need of blood.

The next Commissioner's Meeting will be Monday, September 19, 2022.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR