

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

December 12, 2022

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

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 December 5, 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 Payroll. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Payroll as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The first item was the Weekly Permits Report as read by Commissioner Lienhoop:

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
<i>12/05/22 to 12/09/22</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>\$8,466.00</i>	<i>\$3,928,439</i>

*Of Note: \$1,000,000 Lovins Select Contracting – new commercial building;
 And several single family dwellings within Arbor Homes*

The next item was the Weekly Crew Report for County Highway as presented by County Engineer Danny Hollander for last week as follows: crack sealed Talley Road, 600 N & 775 E; made salt brine; place rip rap on pipe on 450 N; ditched & put in driveway pipes on 450 N; cut trees at 225 W & 300 S; patched with the Hot Box & Dura-patcher; worked on 170 S.

The next item was Proposals for Road and Bridge Signs for the Highway Department as follows:

- *Stop signs, weight limit, curve signs & equipment for signs*
 - *Stello (Spencer, IN)*
 - *\$2,624.50*
 - *Hall Signs (Bloomington, IN)*
 - *No Response*
 - *Osburn Associates, Inc. (Ohio)*
 - *No Response*

Commissioner London motioned to Approve the bid from Stello in the amount of \$2,624.50 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0). *(Commissioner Lienhoop had to step out of the meeting for a moment)*

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

- *For Overages with Milestone for Wedging County Roads*
 - *Milestone Contractors – Awarded November 14, 2022*
 - *Awarded Amount* *\$29,310.00*
 - *Amount Owed* *\$31,965.18*
 - *Overage Amount for Ratification* *\$ 2,655.18*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Ratify the Overages for Milestone Contractors in the amount of \$2,655.18 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Decision on the Replacement of Bridge #44 over 425 as follows:

- *Built in 1965*
- *Location is 0.14 E of 800 E*
- *Steel, with 38.4' maximum span, 21.5' bridge width & 17' roadway approach*
- *Bids were as follows:*
 - *Milestone Contractors, L.P. (Columbus, IN)*

- \$1,032,000.00
- *Force Construction Company, Inc. (Columbus, IN)*
 - \$1,074,912.55
- *Duncan Robertson, Inc. (Franklin, IN)*
 - \$1,075,473.55
- *HIS Constructors, Inc. (Fairland, IN)*
 - \$1,264,524.00

Engineer Hollander stated all the bids were over expectations by at least 7%. Most of the bids were extremely competitive to each other. He recommends that they award the bid as he does not believe the prices will be coming down. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the low bid from Milestone Contractors, L.P. in the amount of \$1,032,000.00 for Replacement of Bridge #44 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Presentation of the Highway November 2022 Monthly Crew Report as presented by Engineer Hollander. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the 2022 November Monthly Highway Report as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Bartholomew County, Indiana as presented by Cora Reinbolt (via Zoom) as follows:

- *County Extension Services cover 4 program areas:*
 - *Agricultural and Natural Resources*
 - *Health and Human Sciences*
 - *Community Development*
 - *4-H Youth Development*
- *In accordance with the contract, the County will pay \$128,740 to Purdue University for the procurement of County Extension Services, including 3 County Educators for the period of 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023.*
- *Any funds not expended for educator salaries can be used for supplies, equipment, and other salary support benefitting the County's Extension Programs.*

Ms. Reinbolt stated this is the same annual contract that they sign every year for 3 full-time staff educators. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Extension Contractual Services Agreement as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Presentation of the Clerk's October 2022 Monthly Report.
Commissioner London motioned to Accept the Clerk's October 2022 Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Under Miscellaneous, Ellen Macy stated that she had sent an e-mail to all 3 of the Commissioners, a week or so ago, requesting to have time in front of them in a public forum. She received 1 very nice reply, but has not received any information from the other Commissioners. She will request time at next week's meeting under miscellaneous. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that they would give her 15 minutes under miscellaneous at the end of the meeting.

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR