

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 8, 2024

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on January 8, 2024, in the Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Tony London, Larry S. Kleinhenz, Carl Lienhoop, County Administrator Tina Douglas, Assistant County Administrator Brooke Bowers, Auditor Pia O'Connor, and Attorney Grant Tucker were in attendance.

Auditor O'Connor opened the meeting.

Auditor O'Connor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the nomination of the Chairman for 2024. Commissioner Lienhoop nominated Commissioner Kleinhenz as Chairman. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Kleinhenz took charge of the meeting.

The next item was the Commissioners' 2024 Appointments read by Commissioner London as follows:

### Office Holders:

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| ▪ <i>Animal Control Officer</i>                       | <i>Dean Satterfield</i> |
| ▪ <i>Building and Zoning Director</i>                 | <i>Michelle Cox</i>     |
| ▪ <i>County Attorney</i>                              | <i>J. Grant Tucker</i>  |
| ▪ <i>County Building &amp; Maintenance Supervisor</i> | <i>Rick Trimpe</i>      |
| ▪ <i>County Engineer</i>                              | <i>Danny Hollander</i>  |
| ▪ <i>County Highway Superintendent</i>                | <i>Dwight Smith</i>     |
| ▪ <i>County Highway Assistant Superintendent</i>      | <i>Tracy Curry</i>      |
| ▪ <i>Physician (YSC) Nurse Practitioner</i>           | <i>Amanda Velez</i>     |
| ▪ <i>Veteran's Officer</i>                            | <i>Larry Garrity</i>    |
| ▪ <i>Weights &amp; Measures</i>                       | <i>Christopher West</i> |

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the 2024 Appointments as read. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the 2024 Appointments of Boards, Commissions, and Committees read by Commissioner Lienhoop as follows:

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| ▪ <i>Alcoholic Beverage Commission Board</i> | <i>Susan Whipker</i> |
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(Exp. 12/31/24)

- ***Animal Disease Control Emergency Coordinator*** *Dr. Brooke Case*  
(Exp. 12/31/27)
- ***Bartholomew County Convention/Recreation & Visitor's Promotion Commission*** (Exp. 12/31/25) *Mary Ann Patterson*
- ***Bartholomew County Library Board*** *Werner (Vern) Jorck*  
(Term. 4/18/24 / Exp. 4/18/28)
- ***Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission*** *Dewayne Hines*  
(Exp. 12/31/24) *Dan Arnholt*  
*Nicole Wheeldon*
- ***Bartholomew County Trustee for Employee Benefit Trust*** (Exp. 12/31/24) *James Smith*
- ***Columbus Regional Hospital Board*** *David Doup*  
(Exp. 12/31/27) *Dr. Frederick Shedd*
- ***Computer and Data Processing Board*** *Joe Meek*  
(Exp. 12/31/24) *Mark Gorbett*  
*Dan Greene*  
*Pam Schmelz*
- ***County Board of Zoning Appeals*** *Michael Speaker*  
(Exp. 12/31/27)
- ***Drainage Board*** *Jason Pence*  
(Exp. 12/31/26) *Jason Engleau*
- ***Health Board*** *Sally Pankratz*  
(Exp. 12/31/27)
- ***Property Tax Adjustment Board of Appeals (PTABOA)*** (Exp. 12/31/24) *Todd Boilanger*
- ***Solid Waste Management District Board*** *Ohmer Miller*  
(Exp. 12/31/24)
- ***Substance Abuse Services Advisory & Accountability Committee*** (Exp. 12/31/24) *Pam Lego*

Mark Webber with the Republic Newspaper, asked if there were any new appointments this year with the following names being listed: Pam Lego, Ohmer Miller, Jason Pence, and Sally Pankratz.

Commissioner London motioned to approve the 2024 Appointments as read. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the consideration of the 2024 Commissioner Liaison Positions read by Commissioner Lienhoop as follows:

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| ▪ <i>Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission</i>                                     | <i>Carl Lienhoop</i>                       |
| ▪ <i>Bartholomew County – Town of Edinburgh<br/>Joint District Planning &amp; Zoning</i> | <i>Larry Kleinhenz &amp; Carl Lienhoop</i> |
| ▪ <i>Board of Finance</i>  | <i>All Commissioners</i>                   |
| ▪ <i>Chamber of Commerce</i>   | <i>Larry Kleinhenz</i>                     |
| ▪ <i>Columbus Area Economic Growth Council<br/>(CAEGC)</i>                               | <i>Carl Lienhoop</i>                       |
| ▪ <i>Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning<br/>Organization (CAMPO)</i>                    | <i>Tony London</i>                         |
| ▪ <i>Community Education Coalition (CEC)</i>   | <i>Larry Kleinhenz</i>                     |
| ▪ <i>Computer and Data Processing Board</i>  | <i>All Commissioners</i>                   |
| ▪ <i>County Commission on Public Records</i>   | <i>Larry Kleinhenz</i>                     |
| ▪ <i>County Plan Commission</i>  | <i>Tony London</i>                         |
| ▪ <i>District 8 Homeland Security</i>  | <i>Larry Kleinhenz</i>                     |
| ▪ <i>Drainage Board</i>  | <i>Carl Lienhoop</i>                       |
| ▪ <i>Economic Development Board</i>  | <i>Tony London</i>                         |
| ▪ <i>Emergency Ambulance Services Board</i>  | <i>Carl Lienhoop</i>                       |
| ▪ <i>Healthy Communities</i>   | <i>Carl Lienhoop</i>                       |
| ▪ <i>Heritage Fund</i>   | <i>Carl Lienhoop</i>                       |
| ▪ <i>Job Review/ Classification Committee</i>  | <i>Larry Kleinhenz</i>                     |
| ▪ <i>Joint Council of the Emergency Dispatch<br/>Service for Public Safety</i>           | <i>Carl Lienhoop</i>                       |
| ▪ <i>Local Emergency Plan Committee<br/>(LEPC &amp; Advisory Board)</i>                  | <i>Tony London</i>                         |
| ▪ <i>Personnel Administration Committee</i>  | <i>All Commissioners</i>                   |
| ▪ <i>Region 9 Committee</i>  | <i>Tony London</i>                         |
| ▪ <i>Solid Waste Management District Board (SMWD)</i>                                    | <i>All Commissioners</i>                   |

**Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the 2024 Commissioner Liaison Positions as listed. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the consideration of a 2024 agreement with the Humane Society for \$130,000 annually (\$10,833.33 monthly). **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the 2024 Agreement with the Humane Society for \$130,000. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the consideration of a 2024 Agreement for Legal Services with Attorney J. Grant Tucker for \$74,385 annually (\$6,198.75 monthly). **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the 2024 Agreement with Attorney J. Grant Tucker for \$74,385. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the consideration of a 2024 agreement for Medical Services with Amanda Velez for \$10,924.20 annually (\$910.35 monthly). This is the same amount as in 2023. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the 2024 Agreement with Amanda Velez for \$10,924.20. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the consideration of a 2024 Agreement with Danny Hollander as County Engineer for \$100,674 annually (\$3,872.08 bi-weekly). **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the 2024 Agreement with Danny Hollander for \$100,674. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the consideration of the 2024 Agreement for Legal Services for the Bartholomew County Plan Commission with Attorney Jim Shoaf for \$19,000 annually (\$1,583.33 monthly). These funds come from the Code Enforcement Budget. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the 2024 Agreement with Attorney Jim Shoaf for \$19,000. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was Consideration of Services with “Not-For-Profit” Agencies for 2024, prepared by the Auditor’s Office, and read by Commissioner Kleinhenz as follows:

- *CenterStone, Inc. (set by State)* \$769,466

**Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the CenterStone, Inc. Agreement for 2024 in the amount listed. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

- *Developmental Services, Inc.* \$100,000

Commissioner London motioned to approve the Developmental Services, Inc. Agreement for 2024 in the amount listed. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- *Millrace Center (in gasoline usage)* \$5,000

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the Millrace Center Agreement for 2024 in the amount listed. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- *The ARC of Bartholomew County* \$20,000

Commissioner London motioned to approve the ARC of Bartholomew County Agreement for 2024 in the amount listed. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Designation of Newspapers in which Bartholomew County Shall Publish Notices as follows: The Republic Newspaper. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve “The Republic” as the Designated Newspaper for Bartholomew County Publications. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Approval of Minutes of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> Minutes, as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Approval of Claims. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve Claims as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Approval of Payroll. Commissioner London motioned to approve Payroll as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the weekly permits report as read by Chairman Kleinhenz:

<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>New Permits</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Value</u>
12/18/2023 – 12/22/2023	12	\$2,608	\$1,510,090
12/25/2023 – 12/29/2023	3	\$570	\$112,800
1/1/2024 – 1/5/2024	11	\$1,749	\$196,157

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the Weekly Permits as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Highway Weekly Crew Report for the past 2 weeks, as presented by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander as follows: ran ditcher in Wayne and Rockcreek Township; crack-sealed Flatrock Township; cut trees under bridges in German Township; mowed in Rockcreek

and German Townships; dura-patched at Grandview Lake; made 31,600 gallons of salt brine and sprayed 26,600 gallons; 3 crew members salted roads on Saturday, January 6, 2024.

The next item was the consideration of a Contractor Agreement for the Highway Department presented by Engineer Hollander. The agreement is a renewal with Roger W. Hunter to assist with the maintenance and repair of Bartholomew County vehicles and equipment. The term will be from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, and the contractor will be paid thirty-two dollars and seventy cents (\$32.70) per hour. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the Contractor Agreement as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Decisions for Year-End Bids for the Highway Department as follows:

- **Crushed Stone - US Aggregates**

**Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the bid from US Aggregates as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

- **Sand & Gravel - Irving Materials, Inc. (IMI)**

**Commissioner London motioned to approve the bid from Irving Materials, Inc. as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

- **Corrugated Aluminum, Galvanized Steel Pipes - Both E3 Bridge & Civilcon, Inc.**

**Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the bids from both E3 Bridge and Civilcon, Inc. as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the consideration of the Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Bartholomew County, Indiana presented by Cora Reinbolt, County Extension Director. The County Extension services cover four (4) program areas, as shown below:

1. Agricultural and natural resources
2. Health and human sciences
3. Community development
4. 4-H youth development

In accordance with the contract, the county will pay \$133,895 to Purdue University for the procurement of county extension services, including three (3) county educators for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Any funds not expended for educator salaries can be used for supplies, equipment, and other salary support benefitting the county's extension programs. **Commissioner**



**Kleinhenz motioned to approve the agreement, for \$133,895 as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a proposal from the Sheriff's Department presented by Brandon Slate, Major of the Operations Division. The proposal was for five (5) 2024 or newer Chevrolet Tahoe PPV (Police Pursuit Vehicle) or SSV (Special Service Vehicle) 5.3 L. V8, 4-Wheel Drive or All-Wheel Drive, white, and 10-speed automatic transmission. Two companies submitted bids, Country Chevrolet (North Vernon, IN) and Chevrolet of Columbus (Columbus, IN), but only Country Chevrolet submitted all necessary requirements. Country Chevrolet bid \$50,700 per vehicle at \$253,500 total cost. **Commissioner London motioned to take the bid under advisement as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the ratification of three (3) expenditures for the Sheriff's Department presented by Brandon Slate, Major of the Operations Division, as follows:

- **Hobart Services (Indianapolis, IN) - \$6,485.02**

This purchase was for the emergency repair of the Jail Dishwasher and the repair was completed. **Commissioner London motioned to ratify the expenditure for \$6,485.02, as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

- **Ray O'Herron (Danville, IN) for thirty (30) 40mm Less-Lethal Launchers - \$25,900.00**

This purchase was proposed and awarded to the low quote amount of \$24,250.00 to Ray O'Herron at the 12/18/2023 Commissioner Meeting. When the Sheriff's Department proceeded with the order the price had increased to \$55.00 per launcher, with the total price increasing by \$1,650.00. Despite the increase, this continues to be the lowest bid. **Commissioner London motioned to ratify the expenditure in the amount of \$25,900.00, as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

- **Lafayette Instrument Company, Inc. (Lafayette, IN) - \$7,540.00**

This purchase was for equipment to go with the polygraph at the Sheriff's Department. They could not get any proposals on equipment because the polygraph training is directly tied to this company and its equipment. The purchase was paid for out of Drug Seizure Funds. Chairman Kleinhenz asked Major Slate how often the device is used and he answered it is used for employment purposes several times a month as well as for criminal cases. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to ratify the expenditure**

**for \$7,540.00, as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the consideration of an Amendment to Extend the AT&T Centrex Service Agreement for E911 (Service Agreement Term Extension) presented by Director Todd Noblitt. AT&T inadvertently let the contract lapse for 10-digit non-emergency administrative phone lines. This extension would be for an additional twelve (12) months to the end of 2024. Because the current lines are called “Old Copper Lines”, they will have to be switched out. E911 Director, Todd Noblitt, will be working with AT&T within the next few months to discuss the switchover and when it will occur and what it will entail (Fiber, ECT, etc.). The previous extension was signed on August 10, 2020, and the original Amendment/ Extension was signed on July 26, 2017, with pricing of \$754.30 per month for three (3) years for Non-Emergency Administrative Lines. The Extension of that agreement was for an additional thirty-six (36) months with an expiration of August 10, 2023, with no change in pricing if signed before September 1, 2020. The payments are made by E911. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the Amendment to Extend as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the consideration of a Contract for Professional Economic Development Services by and between Bartholomew County, Indiana, and Greater Columbus Economic Development Corporation presented by President Jason Hester. The contract is for a commissioner and council seat as a voting member of the EDC Board of Directors. The contract would be for five (5) years with an amount per year of one hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$110,000.00). The contract would expire on December 31, 2028 and will be paid out of the CREDIT Fund. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Under miscellaneous, all county offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, January 22, 2024.

An audience member, Jennifer Manning, commented that she doesn't believe the commissioner meetings are conducive to allowing the general public to be involved due to the time of the meetings, along with it being difficult to hear due to the room setup. Commissioner London mentioned potentially being open to adjusting time and Chairman Kleinhenz noted that they have tried alternative meeting times in the past and did not see an increase in resident participation.



Another audience member, Mike Kamman, shared his concern about an application submitted to IDEM to allow for the farmer to spread sludge along with an 85x100 concrete agricultural building off 525 E that would store bio-solids to use for fertilizer from the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He worries this will not be overseen and potentially affect his nearby property through water runoff and improper bio-solid storage.

Brian Scheidt, audience member, also lives near where the bio-solid storage building would be located and he commented about the concern over the smell if not tilled in correctly, the deterioration on county roads from multiple trips caused by the large trucks hauling the bio-solids, along with water runoff. He also mentioned with Ottercreek Golf Course and Ceraland Park nearby, the smell and any water issues could cause concerns.

Jim Fritsche, an audience member, also shared similar concerns over the bio-solid building specifically the water storage tank and its effects on nearby water wells along with the aquifer and heavy metal toxicity affecting his nearby home. He shared his concern if there will be a third party monitoring the bio-solid building and use other than the farmers, the Dailey's being the benefitting party, to ensure there are no issues.

Fred Armstrong, with Columbus Auto Group, shared his concerns over the requirement for surety bonds being required for county vehicle bids and its effect on local dealers to be able to participate and support local businesses. All of the commissioners shared their input that while the bonds are legally required, they make every effort to support Bartholomew County businesses.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS



LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN



TONY LONDON, MEMBER

  
CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

ATTEST:

  
PIA O'CONNOR, AUDITOR