

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 14, 2021

### Special Meeting for the Approval of Claims

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on January 14, 2021, at 9:45 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Larry S. Kleinhenz, Carl H. Lienhoop and Tony London were present. Attorney Grant Tucker was present. Auditor Pia O'Connor was in attendance via Zoom meeting.

In addition to the above listed people, the following were present at the meeting:

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| County Administrator Tina Douglas | IT Director Scott Mayes |
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In attendance via Zoom were:

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| Tax Administrator Chris West, Auditor's Office |  |
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Commissioner Kleinhenz opened the Special Meeting.

This meeting was for the Approval of Claims. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the Claims as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Auditor O'Connor asked that they be approved to pay claims and then have them ratified, rather than having to have Special Meetings. This was the policy they had used last year due to the pandemic and was made possible by the Governor's Declaration which is still in effect. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated they would discuss this in the next public meeting so that everyone is aware. They will continue this process. Attorney Tucker agreed with this.

Auditor O'Connor stated that we did receive the additional CARES Act Funding which was about 10% of the original amount. Commissioner London asked if it had been ear-marked at this point. Auditor O'Connor stated it has not. She suggested that it be used for education and items related to the vaccine dispersal. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked if it could be used for overtime. Auditor O'Connor stated that it definitely could be used for overtime. The Jail could be an issue regarding overtime. It was asked what they would do for employees that did not get the vaccine. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that there is a Mayor that is paying his City employees \$200 each to get the vaccine. Commissioner London asked if 24/7 employees were required to get the vaccine.

Attorney Tucker stated that he does not believe they can require them to get the vaccine. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that a local nursing home had all but 2 patients in the facility received the vaccine and just over 50% of the staff had received it. Auditor O'Connor stated that compensating employees by allowing them to get the vaccine on work time is something that could be a discussion item.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

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TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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PIA O'CONNOR