

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 1, 2021

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on March 1, 2021, in the Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Carl H. Lienhoop, Attorney Grant Tucker and County Administrator Tina Douglas were present. Commissioner Tony London was present via Zoom. Commissioner Kleinhenz was not 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:

IT Director Scott Mayes	
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In attendance via Zoom were:

County Recorder Tami Hines	County Assessor Ginny Whipple
Engineer Danny Hollander	Dave Richter, United Consulting
Charlie Day, DLZ	County Surveyor E.R. Gray
Judge Jon Rohde	Ashley Beckort, Planning Department
County Parks Director Rich Day	John Clark, White River Broadcasting
Mark Webber, The Republic	

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

Commissioner Lienhoop called the meeting to order in the absence of Chairman Kleinhenz.

The first item was the Approval of the Minutes of February 8, 2021. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).**

The next item was the Approval of Claims. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the Claims as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).**

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

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
02/22/21 to 02/26/21	23	\$5,241.00	\$5,194,000

Commissioner Lienhoop mentioned that the number of projects had increased and the value of projects were higher due to several new homes in the Abbey Place subdivision and a two-million-dollar remodel project at NorthPark.

The next item was the County Highway Weekly Crew Report presented by Engineer Danny Hollander. The following work had been completed over the last week: patching with the hot box and dura patcher; fixed mailboxes that had been damaged by snow plows; ditching; attended training for the new Grade-All; picked up trash and worked at the new site. Engineer Hollander mentioned that they have received the new Grade-All. Commissioner Lienhoop mentioned that the recent weather had created potholes and shows the need for ditches.

The next item was the ratification of a grant application for Superior Court II for a reimbursable grant for a Chinese mandarin interpreter for a two-day civil trial. Judge Jon Rohde explained that this grant in the amount of \$4,000 will be used as required by the Indiana Supreme Court. If there are monies remaining after this trial, we will retain those funds for future trials that require interpreters. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the Ratification of the Grant application in the amount of \$4,000 as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).** Mark Webber asked where the grant was from. Judge Rohde stated it was from the Indiana Supreme Court. Also, as of today, they can start having jury trials again. Auditor O'Connor has been very helpful with the logistics involved.

The next item on the agenda was the Animal Control Monthly Report for January 2021. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the Animal Control Report for January, 2021 as prepared by Animal Control Director Mark Case. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).**

The next item was the Veteran's Monthly Report for January, 2021. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the Veteran's Monthly Report for January, 2021. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the Veteran's Report for January, 2021 as prepared by VSO Larry Garrity. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).**

The next item was the Dedication of Right-of-Way for the Andrews Acres Minor Subdivision as presented by Ashley Beckort of the Planning Department. This is a request by Gary Andrews to create 1 new lot (Lot 2) for a total of 1 lot, 1 administrative lot, and a parent tract remainder over +/- 40.31 acres. The subject property is located on the west side of 350 East, approximately 2,000 feet (0.3 miles) south of 1000 North in Flatrock Township. The applicant is required to dedicate right-of-way along all new lots in minor subdivisions. County Road 350 East is classified as a collect road,

requiring 35 feet of right-of-way dedication. The applicant is dedicating 0.51 acres along 350 E. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the Right-of-Way Dedication from the Andrew Acres Minor Subdivision as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).**

The next item was proposals for the Surveyor's Office as presented by Surveyor E.R. Gray III. He is requesting panel dividers to go around 3 desks within the office. The bids were as follows:

Office Panels & Hardware – Surveyor's Office

1. Staples (Orlando, FL)

Total for all requested workstations *\$3,812.89*

2. Office Hub (Shelbyville, IN)

Did not quote

3. The Office Shop (Batesville, IN)

Did not quote

4. Office 360 (Indianapolis, IN)

Work station #1 *\$2,756.85*

Work station #2 & #3 *\$2,516.04*

(lead time is 4-6 weeks from date of order)

Grand Total for all *\$5,272.89*

Surveyor Gray wants to make certain that they meet the criteria. **Commissioner London motioned to take these under advisement. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).**

The next item was proposals for a mower for the Park Board as presented by County Park Director Rich Day as follows:

One 72" side discharge industrial mower with minimum of 35hp diesel engine

1. John Deere (Seymour, IN)

Left over new 2020 Z997R *\$17,450.00*

2. *John Deere (Corydon, IN)*
Left over new 2020 Z997R *\$17,700.00*

3. *John Deere (Sellersburg, IN)*
Left over new 2020 Z997R *\$17,800.00*

4. *Kenny Machinery*
2021 Toro Z Master 7500 *\$22,554.70*

Director Day had budgeted for an additional mower this year as they have not had a new one since 2011. He wants to stay with the John Deere Z997R as that is what they currently have. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to award the bid to the low bidder to John Deere of Seymour for \$17,450. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).

The next item was a Proposal for Tree Removal at Heflen Park as presented by Director Day as follows:

- ***Removal of 24 Ash trees in lower & upper part of Heflin Park.***
- ***Clean overhanging limbs on upper drive***
- ***Remove all brush from area***
- ***Cut trees into 6' to 8' sections & place them in upper park***
 - *Frank's Tree Care (Columbus, IN)* *\$5,500*
 - *Henry Hoover (Elizabethtown, IN)* *\$5,000*
 - *Adam's Tree Service (Columbus, IN)* *\$5,300*
- ***Park Board recommends going with Frank's due to past performance and being able to complete all required work.***

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the bid from Frank's Tree Care as it is the best bid, not the lowest bid. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0). Director Day stated that they are working with IDNR & Jenny Whiteside regarding the bank repair at Heflin Park. They are in the process of taking bids to fix the erosion of the bank.

The next item was the First Reading of an Ordinance Regulating the Cutting and Excavating of County Roads and Rights-of-Ways as follows:

An Ordinance Regulating the Cutting and Excavation of County Roads and Rights of Ways. This Ordinance Repeals Ordinance No. 1988-15.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to cut, dig, trench, excavate, grade, tunnel, bore or in any way disturb any road, street, alley, sidewalk, roadside ditch, right of way or other public place for any purpose whatsoever, or to attach or remove any wire, pipe or conduit from any Bartholomew County bridge, overpass, or underpass, in any Bartholomew County right of way without first filing with the Bartholomew County Highway Engineer a written application for a permit to make such a cut or excavation provided or approved by the Bartholomew County Highway Engineer, at least three (3) days in advance of the time of beginning the work to be done under such permit, and without first procuring such permit therefore, executing a bond to cover all damages occasioned by such work, and restoring the place where such work has been done in good condition, and in the manner provided by the term of this Ordinance.

In case of an emergency, cutting and excavation may proceed without delay on condition that within twenty-four (24) hours after the commencement of such cutting or excavation, a bond shall be posted, notice of such work shall be given and a permit shall be applied for and obtained from the Bartholomew County Highway Engineer.

Attorney Tucker stated that Commissioner London, while working with internet providers regarding County Wide service, had found that providers were concerned with verbiage regarding how they install fiber optic cable. The former Ordinance prevented plowing. This is basically a removal of the word “plowing” from the “not allowed” methods of installation, rather than making a minor amendment to the Ordinance, it was decided that it was better to address increases in the bond amounts. Engineer Hollander stated the bond amounts were from 30 years ago and did not address the current costs of today in the event of damage to infrastructure. Commissioner London stated that this original Ordinance made it very unattractive for fiber installation. This will make Bartholomew County far

more affordable to those providers to install fiber from here on. **Commissioner Lienhoop opened the meeting for public comment. Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing. Commissioner London motioned to Approve on First Ordinance as presented and repeal Ordinance 1988-15. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously (2-0).**

The next Commissioners Meeting will be **Monday, March 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR