

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

May 24, 2021

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on May 24, 2021, 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. Auditor Pia O'Connor, Attorney Grant Tucker and County Administrator Tina Douglas were also present.

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

The first item was the Approval of Claims. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the Claims as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
<i>05/17/21 to 05/21/21</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>\$2,951.00</i>	<i>\$2,019,151</i>

The next item was the County Highway Weekly Crew Report presented by Engineer Danny Hollander. The following work had been completed last week: picked up brush; fixed some washouts; put up and took down high water signs; planted shrubs at the new highway garage; patched throughout the county; ditched in Pink Willow, 500 E & 450 N; installed drive way culverts on Youth Camp Road and 1025 E; wedged on 1100 E, 500 S, 500 E & 350 N; one mower in Columbus Township and one in Sandcreek Township; they have an opening for a 3rd mower if anyone is interested. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked if they have done any work near Highland Ridge. He will get with Engineer Hollander after the meeting.

The next item was the 2020 Annual Report and the April 2021 Monthly Report as presented by Highway Engineer Hollander. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the Annual Operations report as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of Proposals for a Box Culvert for 750 E (between SR 46 & 200 S) as follows:

- *Civilcon (Jeffersonville, IN)*

○ <i>Forty-five (45) LF Aluminum Box Culvert @ \$660.75 each</i>	\$29,733.75
○ <i>Ninety (90) receiving channel @ \$82.59 each</i>	\$ 7,433.10
○ <i>Assembly</i>	\$ 5,940.00
○ <i><u>Freight</u></i>	<u>\$ 2,150.00</u>
▪ Total	\$45,256.85
• E3 Bridge (Bedford, IN)	
○ <i>Forty-five (45) Aluminum Box Culvert @ \$1,147.30 each</i>	\$51,628.50
○ <i><u>Assembly</u></i>	<u>\$ 7,200.00</u>
▪ Total	\$58,828.50

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to accept the low bid from Civilcon for the amount of \$45,256.85. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Animal Control April 2021 Monthly Report as prepared by Animal Control Director Mark Case. Commissioner London stated that Mark Case will complete his Certification as a Certified Animal Control Officer by the National Association of Animal Control Officers. He thanked him for going through that process. The report was as follows:

- *10 dogs were picked up*
- *12 cats were picked up*
- *146 audits were performed*
- *2 violations which resulted in 2 fines*
- *0 bite cases*
- *8 door hangers were left*
- *10 animals were reclaimed including 3 cats*
- *No traps were loaned out*
- *Total of 61 cases for the month*

The next item was the Veteran's Monthly April 2021 Report as presented by VSO Larry Garrity. VSO Garrity stated from the report the following:

- *In office interview were 35/365*

- *Out of office reviews 0*
- *Walk-ins 10/259*
- *Incoming phone calls 228/1,404*
- *Outgoing phone calls 63/334*
- *Incoming faxes 4/153*
- *Outgoing faxes 3/11*
- *Trips to the VA 12/53*
- *Van mileage 1,047/1,938*
- *New claims 9/111*
- *Disability compensation claims 19/162*
- *Forms filled out by office 96/926*
- *Miscellaneous 2*
- *1 meeting attended*
- *1 training attended*

VSO Garrity thanked the paper for the article about them needing drivers. They have had terrific response. Toyota also has contacted them. They have a program for their employees to do work around the community and they will pay them 4 hours. They will be sending some of the employees their way. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Veteran's Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passes unanimously.**

The next item was the Ratification of an Expenditure for the Jail as presented by Jail Commander John Martoccia as follows:

- ***Cummins Sales and Services (Indianapolis, IN)***
 - *Paid out of Jail Budget*
 - *Batteries needed to be replaced due to age along with all damper motor drives*
 - *Due to size and weight of batteries, job required 2 technicians*
 - ***Total amount to Ratify*** **\$4,371.62**

Major Martoccia stated that this is for maintenance on the generator. **Commissioner London motioned to Ratify the expenditure with Cummins Sales and Services in the amount of \$4,371.62.** **Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of a Grant Application for the Sheriff's Department for Training Reimbursement as presented by Chief Deputy Chris Lane as follows:

- ***National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Mini-Grant***
 - *Reimburses Sheriff's Dept's for the costs related to officers that attended CIT*
 - ***Amount of Reimbursement:*** **\$950**

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the NAMI CIT Mini-Grant Application as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked if all the new personnel receive this training. Chief Deputy Lane stated that currently no, but they are working toward that. They have "Train the Trainers" classes and then those officers will train the remainder of the staff. The City and Hope will also have some people trained as trainers. He wanted to thank the Republic for the article regarding the training. Commissioner Lienhoop asked the current population at the jail. Major Martoccia stated it was 197. Auditor O'Connor asked if any of that was due to back log of the courts. Major Martoccia does not have those numbers at this time.

The next item was the Consideration of a Grant Agreement between the Indiana State Department of Health and Bartholomew County for Vaccination Clinics as presented by Nursing Director Amanda Organist as follows:

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>Personnel</i>	\$104,512.25
<i>Travel</i>	\$ 5,057.04
<i>Supplies</i>	\$ 28,656.58
<i>Equipment</i>	\$ 5,057.04
<i>Contractual</i>	\$ 16,856.82
<i>Other</i>	\$ 8,428.41
<i>Total Grant Awarded</i>	\$168,568.14

Director Organist stated that this just appeared to them from the State. This is for immunization for children and to supplement COVID vaccine clinics. This will end in 2022. As of last Thursday, 44.7% of the population in Bartholomew County had been fully vaccinated. The Health Department alone had given 12,698 vaccines. With this money, they are planning several vaccination clinics and are partnering with WinRose to utilize their mobile clinic. They will be targeting Taylorsville, Hauser, a deli in Elizabethtown and they will offer vaccines at the Fair. After those are completed, she will target Walesboro and the Rockcreek area. **Commissioner London motioned to Accept the Grant in the amount of \$168,568.14 as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion.** Mark Webber wanted to know if we are reaching a point of saturation. Director Organist believes we are in the City of Columbus and that is why the State is wanting us to move to the rural areas. There are still individuals that were leery or wanted to wait and still have not received their first shots yet. More people are seeing the results of the vaccinations and are ready to get their shots. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Proposal/Agreement with Information Services for the Intact Software Maintenance Renewal as presented by IT Director Scott Mayes as follows:

- *Annual Maintenance Agreement with InfoDynamics*
 - *For Prosecutor's Office Intact Document Imaging Software*
 - *Budgeted and paid for by the Prosecutor's Office*
 - **Total Amount** **\$3,098.00**

Director Mayes stated is the Annual Maintenance Renewal. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the Software Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$3,098.00 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Proclamation for the Bartholomew County/Columbus Area 200th Bicentennial Celebration as read by Commissioner London as follows:

STATE OF INDIANA
County of Bartholomew

PROCLAMATION

To All Whom These Presents May Come, Greetings:

WHEREAS: *Sunday, December 11, 2016 marked the 200th Anniversary of the day President James Madison signed the act admitting Indiana as the 19th State of the Union; and*

WHEREAS: *January 9, 2021 marked the 200th Anniversary of Bartholomew County which was named after General Joseph Bartholomew becoming the 36th County in Indiana; and*

WHEREAS: *We honor the culmination of the 200th Bicentennial year in Bartholomew County – a year of celebrating history, and community; and*

WHEREAS: *February 15, 2021 marked the 200th anniversary of the first meeting of the Bartholomew County Commissioners, held in a log cabin owned by local resident Luke Bonesteel; and*

WHEREAS: *The Town of Columbus, Indiana was incorporated in 1837 and continues to grow and prosper; and*

WHEREAS: *All citizens of Bartholomew County are still able to appreciate the fourth and current Courthouse which was built and dedicated in December 1874 and remains one of Bartholomew County's most beautiful historical structures; and*

WHEREAS: *We take this opportunity to recognize the many community leaders and volunteers and citizens of Bartholomew County and the City of Columbus who have and continue to play vital roles each and every day in keeping the legacies of this 200th year celebration, and helping to*

make a vital thriving community that anyone would be proud to call home; and

WHEREAS: *As we celebrate the Bicentennial year for residents and visitors today, we pause to remember the values and pride we each in our community have seen on display, and make a promise to continue in the spirit of the Bicentennial to create a brighter future for each other and our children;*

NOW THEREFORE, WE, *the BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS do hereby proclaim June 25th, 2021 as:*

***Bartholomew County/Columbus Area
200th Bicentennial Celebration***

And invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, *we have hereunto set our hand and cause to be affixed the official seal of office. Proclaimed at the county of Bartholomew, Indiana this 24th day of May, 2021 on the 200th Anniversary of Bartholomew County being established on January 9, 1821.*

Larry S. Kleinhenz

Carl H. Lienhoop

Tony London

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to approve the Proclamation as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The 25th of June is the first day of the County Fair.

The next item was the Consideration of a Resolution Establishing the Policy by which Members of the Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County May Participate by Electronic means of Communication as follows:

- *This Resolution shall be known as the “Electronic Meetings Policy”.*

- *Indiana Governor “Eric Holcomb” on April 20, 2021 Amended HEA (House Enrolled Act) 1437 by amendment to prescribe new requirements by which members of the Governing Body of a Public Agency or Political Subdivision may participate in a meeting by any electronic means of communication*

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN
MEETINGS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OF COMMUNICATION***

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-1, et seq. has been amended to establish criteria by which members of the Governing Body of a public agency of a political subdivision may participate in a meeting by electronic means of communication; and

WHEREAS, in order for member(s) to participate by electronic means of communication, the governing body must adopt a written policy that establishes the procedures that apply to a member’s participation by electronic means of communication that are the same as, or more restrictive than those provided by IC 5-14-1.5-3.5(d); and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County, Indiana (“Commissioners”), wish to adopt such a policy.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA.***

Section 1.

- (A)*** *The provisions of IC 5-14-1.5-1 et seq., effective April 20, 2021 apply to this Resolution.*
- (B)*** *This Resolution shall be known as the “Electronic Meeting Policy” of the Board of Commissioners and shall apply to Commissioners’ meetings and*

meetings of any committee appointed directly by the Board of Commissioners or its presiding officer.

Section 2.

(A) Subject to Sections 3 and 5, any member may participate in a meeting by any electronic means of communication that:

- 1. Allows all participating members of the governing body to simultaneously communicate with each other; and***
- 2. Other than a meeting that is an executive session, allows the public to simultaneously attend and observe the meeting.***

(B) A member who participates by an electronic means of communication:

- 1. Shall be considered present for purposes of establishing a quorum; and***
- 2. May participate in final action only if the member can be seen and heard.***

(C) All votes taken during a meeting at which at least one member participates by an electronic means of communication must be taken by roll call vote.

Section 3.

(A) At least fifty percent (50%) of the members must be physically present at a meeting at which a member will participate by means of electronic communication. Not more than fifty percent (50%) of the members may participate by an electronic means of communication at that same meeting.

(B) A member may not attend more than a fifty percent (50%) of the meetings in a calendar year by an electronic means of communication, unless the member's electronic participation is due to:

- 1. Military services;***
- 2. Illness or other medical condition;***
- 3. Death of a relative; or***
- 4. An emergency involving actual or threatened injury to persons or property.***

(C) A member may attend two (2) consecutive meetings (a set of meetings) by electronic communication. A member must attend in person at least one (1) meeting between sets of meetings that the member attends by electronic communication, unless the member's absence is due to:

1. Military service;
2. Illness or other medical condition;
3. Death of a relative; or
4. An emergency involving actual or threatened injury to persons or property.

Section 4.

The minutes of a meeting at which any member participates by electronic means of communication must:

(A) Identify each member who:

1. Was physically present at a meeting
2. Participated in the meeting by electronic means of communication; and
3. Was absent; and

(B) Identify the electronic means of communication by which:

1. Members participated in the meeting; and
2. Members of the public attended and observed the meeting if the meeting was not an executive session.

Section 5.

No member of the Board may participate by means of electronic communication in a meeting at which the Board may take final action to:

(A) Adopt a budget;

(B) Make a reduction in personnel;

(C) Initiate a referendum;

(D) Impose or increase a fee;

(E) Impose or increase a penalty;

(F) Exercise the Board's power of eminent domain; or

(G) Establish, impose, raise or renew a tax.

Attorney Grant Tucker stated the State Legislature had passed a law by which they may meet by electronic means. This resolution is to comply with that statute. Only one of the Commissioners may participate electronically at a meeting. This is due to a bill that was recently passed. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the Resolution 2021-05 – Participation in Meetings by Electronic Means of Communication as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

County Offices will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

The Commissioners will meet **Thursday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m. for Approval of Payroll.**

The next scheduled Commissioners Meeting will be **Monday, June 7, 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