

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

June 7, 2021

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on June 7, 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.

Chris West of the Auditor's Office gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the Approval of minutes for May 10, May 17 and May 27. **Commissioner London motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next 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>05/24/21 to 05/28/21</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>\$4,221.31</i>	<i>\$1,956,027</i>
<i>05/31/21 to 06/04/21</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>\$2,113.01</i>	<i>\$1,305,280</i>

The next item was the County Highway Weekly Crew Report presented by Engineer Danny Hollander. Engineer Hollander stated that the bridge on 400 W was placed on an annual inspection in 2020. During the inspection process this year, there was a major issue found. The Highway Department immediately closed the road. The bridge was already in the design phase with Strand for replacement. Milestone will make repairs in 3 weeks so that it may be opened as replacement is still down the road. Commissioner London had constituents concerned about the new round-about going in at Abbey Place on Lowell Road. That is City and Engineer Hollander will contact City Engineer Hayward. The following work had been completed last week: patched with dura-patcher & hotbox; replaced signs; ditched on 500 W & 525 E; hot mix patched pipes in Clifford; replaced pipes on 1000 E; placed stone on shoulder on 450 N; mowed in Clay and Sandcreek Townships; hired a third mower this morning; and picked up trash from right-of-ways.

The next item was a request to release Driveway Bond 20B-006 on 600 N near 600 E as presented by Engineer Hollander. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Release Driveway Bond 20B-006. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Highway Monthly Report for April 2021 was presented by Engineer Hollander.

The next item was the Ratification of Expenditures for the Sheriff’s Department K-9 Purchase and Training as presented by Sheriff Matt Myers and Captain Dave Steinkoenig as follows:

Vohne Liche Kennels, Inc. of Denver, Indiana

• <i>Dual-purpose narcotic detector 6-week class</i>	<i>\$ 6,000.00</i>
• <i>Dual Purpose Pre-Trained Narcotics dog</i>	<i>\$10,000.00</i>
• <i>Housing for one student for 6-week course</i>	<i>\$ 2,255.00</i>
• <i>Accessories (tracking collar, muzzle, lead, bowls)</i>	<i>\$ 317.00</i>
• <i><u>Discount due to COVID Relieve Special</u></i>	<i><u>-\$ 2,000.00</u></i>
○ <i>Total Cost</i>	<i>\$16,572.00</i>

Captain Steinkoenig stated the majority of the funding was collected through donations. He stated that when Diesel was lost, the community started calling wishing to donate to the replacement and vet bills that had occurred. **Commissioner London motioned to Ratify the Sheriff Expenditures for a K-9 as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Proposals for the 2021 Road Overlay Program – Phase 1 as presented by Attorney Grant Tucker as follows:

• <i>Milestone Construction</i>	<i>\$1,725,579.73</i>
• <i>DC Construction (Noblesville, IN)</i>	<i>\$2,512,936.48</i>
• <i>Dave O’Mara</i>	<i>\$1,906,964.00</i>
• <i>All Star Paving (Seymour, IN)</i>	<i>\$2,230,906.23</i>

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Take Under Advisement the Proposals as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Bartholomew County Subdivision Control Ordinance with Regard to Approval Certificates, Utility Parcels and the Major Subdivision Process presented by Planning Director Jeff Bergman (via Zoom) as follows:

Plan Commission – Revisions to the Subdivision Control Ordinance which is the Regulatory Document that provides the process for platting new lots, as well as the design standards for shared driveways, any new roads, and other improvements installed by subdivision developers.

The currently proposed revisions are:

- 1. Address the various approval certificates that are to be included on subdivision plat drawings.*
- 2. Create a new category of parcel that may be created – a Utility Parcel.*
- 3. Remove the Concept Plan from the Major Subdivision process.*

Jeff Bergman stated that Ashley Beckort, who is currently on maternity leave after having a baby boy last Tuesday, had worked very hard on getting this information up-to-date. She worked to make certain that the certificates for the County were the same for the City. She also worked on a way for utility companies to create a parcel without it counting against a property owner. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked if it required a minimum lot size. Director Bergman stated it does not. The final piece is the removal of the Concept Plan as it is a duplication of processes and is seriously outdated. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked if the Utility Parcel would be a donated parcel of ground from a developer to the required utility company. Director Bergman stated he would assume that as it will be required to serve the development but it will be between the property owner and the utility company. Commissioner Kleinhenz believes that before the Second Reading, we need to clarify that. He sees it as being a real item of discussion or tension. The meeting was opened for public comment. County Assessor Ginny Whipple asked whose name this parcel would be owned by? Commissioner Kleinhenz believes it would be under the utility company. Assessor Whipple stated that if it is under the utility company, it will be a taxable parcel but if it is under a home owners' association, it will not. **Commissioner London motioned to Accept on First Reading the Ordinance Amending the Bartholomew County Subdivision Control Ordinance as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop**

seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Director Bergman asked for a 2-week period for the second reading.

The next items were Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners Approving the Sale of Real Estate owned by Columbus Regional Health as presented by CRH General Counsel Cindy Boll, her Executive Assistant Melissa Smith, and Misti Geppi as follows:

RESOLUTION 2021-06
Board of Commissioners
Of Bartholomew County, Indiana
Approving Sale of Real Estate

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 16-22-3-17 (“Act”), the Board of Trustees of Columbus Regional Hospital (“CRH”) has determined that certain real property located at **2690 19th Street** in the City of Columbus, Indiana (Property) is no longer necessary for hospital purposes and should be sold;

WHEREAS, the Act provides that CRH may establish the time, terms and conditions of the sale of the Property;

WHEREAS, the Act requires, prior to the sale of the Property:

- (i) Appraisal of the Property by three (3) disinterested owners of taxable real property in Bartholomew County (“County”);
- (ii) Publication by CRH of a notice of the sale one (1) time at least seven (7) days before the date of the sale; and
- (iii) Approval of the sale by the Board of Commissioners of the County; and

WHEREAS, CRH has:

- (i) Received the appraisal of the Property;
- (ii) Negotiated the sale of the Property with Brandon Ho (“Sale”);
and
- (iii) Requested approval of the sale by the Board of Commissioners;

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

*Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby approves the sale
of the Property.*

*Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from
and after passage.*

Dated this 7th day of June, 2021.

***BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA***

Larry S. Kleinhenz, Chairman

Carl H. Lienhoop, Member

Tony London, Member

Attorney Grant Tucker stated that the Commissioners have to approve the sales of hospital property due to State Statutes. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Adopt Resolution 2021-06.**

Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2021-07

Board of Commissioners

Of Bartholomew County, Indiana

Approving Sale of Real Estate

***WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 16-22-3-17 (“Act”), the Board of Trustees of
Columbus Regional Hospital (“CRH”) has determined that certain real property***

located at 2625 17th Street in the City of Columbus, Indiana (Property) is no longer necessary for hospital purposes and should be sold;

WHEREAS, *the Act provides that CRH may establish the time, terms and conditions of the sale of the Property;*

WHEREAS, *the Act requires, prior to the sale of the Property:*

- (iv) Appraisal of the Property by three (3) disinterested owners of taxable real property in Bartholomew County (“County”);*
- (v) Publication by CRH of a notice of the sale one (1) time at least seven (7) days before the date of the sale; and*
- (vi) Approval of the sale by the Board of Commissioners of the County; and*

WHEREAS, *CRH has:*

- (iv) Received the appraisal of the Property;*
- (v) Negotiated the sale of the Property with Brandon Ho (“Sale”);*
and
- (vi) Requested approval of the sale by the Board of Commissioners;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby approves the sale of the Property.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2021.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA

Attorney Grant Tucker stated we have to do this due to State Statues.

Larry S. Kleinhenz, Chairman

Carl H. Lienhoop, Member

Tony London, Member

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Adopt Resolution 2021-07. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2021-08

Board of Commissioners

Of Bartholomew County, Indiana

Approving Sale of Real Estate

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 16-22-3-17 (“Act”), the Board of Trustees of Columbus Regional Hospital (“CRH”) has determined that certain real property located at **2611 17th Street** in the City of Columbus, Indiana (Property) is no longer necessary for hospital purposes and should be sold;

WHEREAS, the Act provides that CRH may establish the time, terms and conditions of the sale of the Property;

WHEREAS, the Act requires, prior to the sale of the Property:

- (vii) Appraisal of the Property by three (3) disinterested owners of taxable real property in Bartholomew County (“County”);
- (viii) Publication by CRH of a notice of the sale one (1) time at least seven (7) days before the date of the sale; and
- (ix) Approval of the sale by the Board of Commissioners of the County; and

WHEREAS, CRH has:

- (vii) Received the appraisal of the Property;*
- (viii) Negotiated the sale of the Property with Brandon Ho (“Sale”);*
and
- (ix) Requested approval of the sale by the Board of*
Commissioners;

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

- Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby approves the sale*
of the Property.
- Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from*
and after passage.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2021.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA**

Larry S. Kleinhenz, Chairman

Carl H. Lienhoop, Member

Tony London, Member

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Adopt Resolution 2021-08. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of a Request by Yellow Trail Museum for Permission to Close a Portion of County Road 700 N & County Road 670 E on July 2, 2021 and September 25, 2021

from 3:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. A Letter was received from Michael Dean, CEO of Heritage of Hope and the Yellow Trail Museum requesting as follows:

Annual Hope Old-Fashioned Independence Day Celebration – Friday, July 2, 2021
Hope Heritage Days Fireworks Show – Saturday, September 25, 2021

Requesting the closing of a section of 700 N about one mile west of Hope from the bridge over Hawcreek on Jackson Street to the intersection with 670 E from 3:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the request as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Plan for the Utilization and Expenditure of Funds Received as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) as follows:

RESOLUTION 2021- 09
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PLAN FOR THE UTILIZATION AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS RECEIVED AS PART OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

WHEREAS, During 2021, the United States Government enacted the American Rescue Plan which transferred funds to units of State and local governments County-Wide; and

WHEREAS, The Plan contained criteria as to how those funds can be utilized; and

WHEREAS, One of the criteria for utilization of those funds is that the unit of government that receives the funds must adopt a plan indicating the purposes for which it intends to utilize those funds; and

***WHEREAS,** The Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County, Indiana intends to adopt a plan providing detail as to how it intends to utilize American Rescue Plan Funds.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby resolves to utilize the funds received from the United States Government as a result of the American Rescue Plan as detailed on the schedule attached here to as Exhibit "A".*
- 2. Expenditures of American Rescue Plan Funds made pursuant to this plan shall be made in compliance with regulations concerning the purposes for which said funds may be utilized.*
- 3. This plan may be amended from time to time by Resolution duly considered and adopted by the Board of Commissioners.*
- 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.*

Adopted this 7th day of June, 2021.

***BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA***

Larry S. Kleinhenz, Chairman

Carl H. Lienhoop, Member

Tony London, Member

Auditor O'Connor stated that on March 11, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan. It was determined that we would be receiving \$16,248,000 over the next 2 years. The Plan and further documentation are quite lengthy. The expenditures are very specific in what they can be used for.

With the Plan, we can reimburse County Government for lost revenue in Highway and Community Corrections. The next 5 line items are for the Health Department Nursing Division. They include the purchase of a new building, some of the IT needs for the Health Department, possibly to purchase a mobile unit for the department, on-going staff and continuing vaccine clinics. They have included the Jail HVAC as well as at the Courthouse and Youth Services Center. Danny Hollander asked when the Highway revenue loss would be all at once or 50%. Auditor O'Connor stated that would be up to the Commissioners. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that the current loss would be paid for at this time. Captain Steinkoenig asked about the line-item for employee bonuses. Auditor O'Connor stated that was not in Bartholomew County's plan. It is available from the ARP but it is not in the County Plan. Commissioner London stated the 4 items that are available. Premium pay is not in the ARP for those employees that could work from home as they are not eligible to be paid bonus pay. This point has been discussed and may be added later to the plan, but it is not in the County Plan at this time. Jorge Morales stated that they had discussed the Nursing Department and Jail. He noted that other employees such as Election workers that conducted 2 elections during the year. He feels that if we cannot give it to everyone, we should not give it to anyone. The ARP mentions Premium Pay for those people that were forced to work during the issue. In all of the conversations, they did discuss those employees that were in hazardous conditions. Jorge Morales agrees. All of our employees were paid. Even some of the exempt employees received overtime due to the situations. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that the Nursing Department physically came outside to the parking lot of the nursing facility in a hazmat suit during a snow storm to test him for COVID. Other departments such as the Sheriff's Department Jailers and Road Deputies also had to continue to work despite the pandemic. He asked Jorge Morales to give great consideration to hazard pay for those individuals regarding this issue. That could be added to the plan. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that this topic has been in every conversation regarding the ARP funding. As of yet, they do not have 100% agreement with this issue. Jorge Morales stated that he had a County Council member asking if he was in favor of this plan. He stated that he was, but that he wants the Council to have to approve the expenditures. He stated that they need to consider the feelings of all 400 employees regarding the hazard pay. He has the same issue with the money for Not-for-Profits. Commissioner Lienhoop agreed with him on those two items. Commissioner London stated that the 2 biggest priorities that we have is to make the County whole for any losses from the pandemic and then to make the County stronger going forward for preparation for another event. Jorge Morales agrees that we need to approve the plan as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that they have had several discussions with the City. County

Government has the Health Department and the Jail under its umbrella. Health Department includes the Nursing as well as the Environmental Health as they were dealing with restaurants and such during the pandemic. Jorge Morales asked how you reconcile that. You pay them all. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that not all county employees were exposed to hazardous conditions. If there is a group that needs to be included, then present the information and decide upon it. Commissioner London stated that they will have to go through each department to make those determinations. He stated that this money is a double edged sword: it is a blessing and a curse. There have been times that this County has been in financial straits and insurance premiums had to be raised. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that bonuses stimulate the economy as it will most likely be spent locally. Commissioner London stated that we need to be able to look back in 10-years and see where that money is being spent. **Commissioner London motioned to Adopt Resolution 2021-09 with a change to the Other line to read as “Other and/or Premium Pay”.** He stated that while broadband is 25% of the plan, he feels that it is the most important part of this plan. We are woefully behind other counties. Jorge Morales stated that of all the items in the plan, the broadband is the most forward thinking item. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated it is a great first step in the broadband issue. Commissioner Lienhoop wanted to thank Auditor O’Connor for the hard work she has put in on this plan. **Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion.** He does not believe that most members of the community can fathom how to adequately and correctly spend a \$16,000,000 windfall. He would love to win a lottery and have that issue. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously.** Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that the windfall has created a lot more stress within the office. Mark Webber asked if Jason Semler had worked with us on this breakdown. The answer was that he had worked some on this. Jorge Morales wanted to echo the comments on the work that Auditor O’Connor has done.

The next item was the Treasurer’s April 2021 Monthly Report as prepared by Treasurer Barbara Hackman. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to accept the Treasurer’s 2021 April Monthly Report. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of a Purchase Agreement for Real Estate as follows:

- *Agreement between Bartholomew County and Agnew Investments, LLC*
- *To purchase 2625 Foxpointe Drive*
- *Will be utilized as new location for Public Health Nursing Department*
- *Seller will pay November Taxes*

- *Purchase Price: \$725,000*

Commissioner Lienhoop stated that this is to purchase this property for a new facility for the Nursing Department. Attorney Tucker stated that it needs to be dependent upon the Council passing a Resolution of Agreement to Purchase. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve the Purchase Agreement pending Council's Approved Resolution as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion.** Mark Webber asked what the difference in size of the current to the new building. In the current building, we are utilizing about 2,000 square feet where we will have over 5,000 square feet. They plan on moving the vaccination clinics to the new building as soon as possible and then move the remainder of the offices over within a year. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously.**

Cathy Armstrong had written a letter regarding animal welfare issues that she read. A group called Change for Bartholomew County was created and is a group to address the treatment of animals. This group started with against a puppy mill that was a semi-trailer with cages stacked on top of each other. Mrs. Armstrong would like to request that the Commissioner consider new laws to protect the animals. (see attached Exhibit "B"). Commissioner London stated that they are working on their Animal Control Ordinances and hope to have a 1st reading in the next few weeks. He believes that they will fall in the nothing to everything category.

There will be a Board of Finance Meeting immediately following the Commissioners Meeting today to address a Resolution adding fund number 8950 (American Rescue Plan) to the interest fund accounts of the County per Treasurer Barbara Hackman.

The next scheduled Commissioners Meeting will be **Monday, June 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR

Exhibit “A”

American Rescue Plan Bartholomew County

Total Amount Allocated		\$16,248,000
Descriptions	Amount	Remainder
May 2021 thru May 2022		
Deposit – On or before May 11, 2021	(\$8,124,000)	\$8,124,000
County Government Revenue Losses	\$1,190,773	\$6,933,227
Health Department Building	\$1,000,000	\$5,933,227
Health Department IT	\$100,000	\$5,833,227
Health Department Mobile Unit	\$300,000	\$5,533,227
Health Department Staffing	\$150,000	\$5,383,227
Vaccine Clinics	\$400,000	\$4,983,227
Jail HVAC	\$250,000	\$4,733,227
Information Technology	\$50,000	\$4,683,227
Maintenance	\$75,000	\$4,608,227
Parks Improvements	\$200,000	\$4,408,227
Township Assistance	\$1,200,000	\$3,208,227
Rural Fire	\$500,000	\$2,708,227
Not-For-Profit revenue replacement	\$800,000	\$1,908,227
Countywide Broadband	\$1,500,000	\$408,227
Other and/or Premium Pay		\$408,227
May 2022 thru December 2024		
Deposit – May 2022	(\$8,124,000)	\$8,532,227
Health Department Staffing	\$450,000	\$8,082,227
Vaccine Clinics	\$600,000	\$7,482,227
Jail HVAC	\$1,000,000	\$6,482,227
Courthouse/YSC HVAC	\$1,000,000	\$5,482,227
Information Technology	\$50,000	\$5,432,227
Maintenance	\$125,000	\$5,307,227
Parks Improvements	\$800,000	\$4,507,227
Township Assistance	\$0	\$4,507,227
Rural Fire	\$1,000,000	\$3,507,227
Not-For-Profit revenue replacement	\$200,000	\$3,307,227
Countywide Broadband	\$2,500,000	\$807,227
Sewer & Water at County Fairgrounds	\$500,000	\$307,227
Other and/or Premium Pay	\$307,227	\$0

Totals	
County Government Revenue Losses	\$1,190,779
Health Department Building	\$1,000,000
Health Department IT	\$100,000
Health Department Mobile Unit	\$300,000

<i>Health Department Staffing</i>	<i>\$600,000</i>
<i>Vaccine Clinics</i>	<i>\$1,000,000</i>
<i>Jail HVAC</i>	<i>\$1,250,000</i>
<i>Courthouse/YSC HVAC</i>	<i>\$1,000,000</i>
<i>Information Technology</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>
<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
<i>Parks Improvements</i>	<i>\$1,000,000</i>
<i>Township Assistance</i>	<i>\$1,200,000</i>
<i>Rural Fire</i>	<i>\$1,500,000</i>
<i>Not-For-Profit revenue replacement</i>	<i>\$1,000,000</i>
<i>Countywide Broadband</i>	<i>\$4,000,000</i>
<i>Sewer & Water at County Fairgrounds</i>	<i>\$500,000</i>
<i>Other and/or Premium Pay</i>	<i>\$307,227</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$16,248,000</i>
<i>Remainder</i>	<i>\$0</i>