

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

September 13, 2021

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on September 13, 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 of September 2, 2021. **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 Claims as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the weekly permits report as read by Commissioner London:

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
<i>08/30/21 to 09/03/21</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>\$3,191.00</i>	<i>\$2,317,550</i>
<i>09/06/21 to 09/10/21</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>\$3,131.00</i>	<i>\$2,063,183</i>

The next item was the County Highway Weekly Crew Report presented by Engineer Danny Hollander (via Zoom). The following work had been completed last week: side-winded stone on 400S & 1125 E; replaced culvert pipes in Pleasant View in preparation for repaving; set a box culvert on 410 N; and mowed in Harrison Township.

The next item was the Consideration of a Contract with Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. for the 2021 Road Overlay Program – Phase II for Subdivision 1 as follows:

- *Subdivision 1 – Jewell Village* *\$144,783.00*
  - *Addendum 2 – 2021 Road Overlay Program – Phase II*
  - *All vegetation in roadway to be sprayed with weed killer and removed prior to Paving Operations (the cost is to be included in other items).*

▪ *Total for Dave O'Mara Contract*                      **\$144,783.00**

**Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Contract with Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. for the amount of \$144,783.00 for Jewel Village as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of Right-of-Way Dedication for the Burkhart – Glick Minor Subdivision as presented by Ashley Beckort of the Planning Department as follows:

- *Burkhart – Glick Minor Subdivision (MIP-2021-010)*
- *Request by Betty Burkhart*
- *Create 1 new lot*
- *Total of 1 lot, 1 Agricultural Tract and a Parent Tract Remainder*
- *Total of 80.436 acres*
- *Located in Rockcreek Township*
- *On 650 E, approximately 2,700 feet N of SR 46*
- *Dedicating 0.1681 Acres on 650 E*

**Commissioner London motioned to Accept the Right-of-Way Dedication for the Burkhart – Glick Minor Subdivision for 0.1681 acres as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of Right-of-Way Dedication for the Cedar Spring Minor Subdivision as presented by Ashley Beckort of the Planning Department as follows:

- *Cedar Spring Minor Subdivision (MIP-2021-011)*
- *Request by Mikala & Darren Brown*
- *Create 1 new lot*
- *Total of 1 lot and a Parent Tract Remainder*
- *Total of 32.49 acres*
- *Located in Clifty Township*

- *At 18757 E 410 N*
- *Dedicating 0.26 acres on 400 N/410 N*

**Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Right-of-Way Dedication for the Cedar Springs Minor Subdivision for the amount of 0.26 acres as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners Approving the Sale of Real Estate owned by Columbus Regional Health as presented by CRH General Counsel Cindy Boll, Doug Lenart & Misty Geppi (via Zoom) as follows:

***RESOLUTION 2021-16***  
***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 **2680 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Wen Chen;*
- (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 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.*

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

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*Larry S. Kleinhenz, Chairman*

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*Carl H. Lienhoop, Member*

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*Tony London, Member*

This makes the 7<sup>th</sup> of 13 homes to be sold due to a change in future planning that will see no further expansion at this location. Many of these properties have had renters that are now interested in purchasing the property. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that the 3 required items were listed in the Resolution. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Adopt Resolution 2021-16. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of a Grant Application through the “Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities” (BRIC) Program for a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented by EMA Deputy Director Natalie Ferrenburg as follows:

- *Reimbursable Grant*
- *Starting July 2022 through July 2023*
- *Amount requested: \$174,200 for total project cost*
- *Federal share: \$130,650*
- *City match: \$43,550*
- *2 projects identified*
  - *Permanent backup generator for the lift station located off of Indiana Avenue East of Marr Road along Clifty Park*
  - *Work with Duke Energy to install new transformers and fuse cabinet that support the lift station and bring them above flood level*
- *The BRIC Program is a Federal grant program offered by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) that supports states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects to reduce risks from disasters and natural hazards. BRIC replaced the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program in 2020.*
- *Bric's priorities are to incentivize:*
  - *Public infrastructure projects*
  - *Projects that mitigate risk to one or more lifelines*
  - *Projects that incorporate nature-based solutions*
  - *Adoption and enforcement of modern building codes*
- *Eligible Activities:*
  - *Property acquisition/demolition*
  - *Community/residential safe rooms*
  - *Advance assistance (e.g., drainage study)*
  - *Hazard mitigation plan updates*
- *Grant Cycle Overview:*
  - *Grant pre-application period opens in the summer and pre-applications are due in the fall (September 17, 2021).*

- *Grant sub-application period opens in the fall and the sub-applications are due to IDHS (Indiana Department of Homeland Security) for review in late fall.*
- *IDHS submits overall application to FEMA in January.*
- *FEMA reviews the application and releases its decision in the summer.*
- *Base Requirements:*
  - *Community needs to participate in and adopt the County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.*
  - *Project needs to be identified in the mitigation plan (although it does not have to be listed explicitly)*
  - *Funding: 75% federal grant with a 25% local match (there are usually ways to meet the 25% match with in kind work and not all out of pocket).*
  - *Sub-applications are build and submitted through the FEMA GO Grants portal.*

Deputy Director Ferrenburg stated that this application would provide a permanent generator to accommodate the lift stations during times of high water. Currently, they must place a temporary generator to run the lift stations. Also, due to the location of the transformers, Duke Energy has had to shut off the transformer, thus they are requesting funds to have the transformer moved. Commissioner London asked if these issues would continue if we do not receive the grant funding. Deputy Director Ferrenburg stated they would. She stated that this is just the pre-application period and they have plenty of time to work out all the details. Mark Webber asked what is affected by this lift station. It was stated that Steinhurst apartments, East High School, Wehmeier Addition and Clifty Park. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Grant Application subject to the City of Columbus providing the match amount of \$43,550. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of an Annual Maintenance Agreement with Sound Communications for the Emergency Operations Center as presented by EOC Director Todd Noblitt as follows:

- *Sound Communications*
- *Annual maintenance agreement*

- *For recording of phone and radio lines (over 50 lines)*
- *5% increase for 2022*
- *Budgeted in E911*
- ***Annual amount of \$7,748.97***
- *Expires November 20, 2022*

**Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Annual Maintenance Agreement with Sound Communications in the amount of \$7,748.97. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** It was asked how long the recordings are kept. Director Noblitt stated that they must maintain them for 3 years, though it was just recently discovered that they have been maintaining them for much longer than the required 3 years. They are working with IT to resolve this issue.

The next item was the Consideration of a Renewal with SwiftMD as follows:

- ***Renewal Agreement with SwiftMD***
- *1-year agreement*
- *December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022*
- *No increase from last year*
  - *Renewal Agreement with Telemedicine Management, Inc. dba SwiftMD. Cathy Dunn of Dunn & Associates, the third party administrator of the County's Health Benefit Trust, SwiftMD that provides administrative services support to independent physicians and physician groups, including Swift Medical Group, LLC, specializing in providing certain types of urgent and primary care medical diagnoses and treatment services over the telephone and Internet ("telemedicine"). These services are provided to fulltime County employees and their families 24/7/365 at no cost to the employee. It covers acute care for diagnoses that might require prescription medications or antibiotics, e.g., sinus infections, strep throat, urinary tract infections, bee stings, poison ivy, etc. The service is not designed for long-term, chronic conditions that should still be handled by the employee's general practitioner or specialist. It also is not recommended for the treatment of children under 3 years of age. An insured*

*employee's household members, not covered by the County-sponsored medical insurance plan, are also eligible to use this service at no additional cost to the employee or County – even if they are covered under another insurance plan.*

- ***The County will pay a monthly access fee of \$5 per employee, per month for unlimited “visits”/consultations.***
- *398 Employees*

Commissioner London has not used it, but has been told by many that it is a good resource. Councilman Jorge Morales (via Zoom) stated he has used it and was very happy with it. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Renewal Agreement with SwiftMD. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Treasurer's Monthly report for July 2021. **Commissioner London motioned to Accept the Treasurer's July 2021 Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Clerk's Monthly reports for January 2021 through June 2021. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Clerk's Monthly Reports for January 2021 through June 2021 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next regular scheduled Commissioners Meeting will be **Monday, September 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

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