

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 4, 2021

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on October 4, 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. County Administrator Tina Douglas was also present. Auditor Pia O'Connor was not present. Auditor's Chief Deputy Dalene Pattingill attended via Zoom.

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

The first item was the Approval of minutes of September 27, 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 Payroll. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to approve Payroll as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
09/27/21 to 10/01/21	44	\$3,703.00	\$2,486,959

The next item was the Consideration of the Highway August 2021 Monthly Financial Report as presented by Engineer Hollander. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the Highway August 2021 Monthly Financial Report as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Statement of Benefits submitted by R&L Carriers, Inc. for Property in a previously Designated Allocation Area and Economic Revitalization Area as presented by Jason Hester (via Zoom) and Jeff Haungs, Vice-President of R&L Carriers, Inc. (via Zoom) as follows:

***Resolution that allows for an abatement of property taxes attributable to the redevelopment and/or the rehabilitation of real property and/or the installation of new personal property in an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA)***

- *R&L Carriers, Inc.*
    - *A global freight transportation & logistics company*
    - *FKA Greenwood Motor Lines*
  - *Filed an Application and Statement of Benefits 9-10-2021*
  - *Requesting Approval of Real Property Deduction*
    - *Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1 Et. Seq.*
  - *For purpose of building construction of a new and/or expanded facility*
  - *Within an Established ERA*
  - *Located at MeadowLawn Industrial Park, Lot 7, Edinburgh, Indiana*
- *R&L Carriers, Inc. plans to potentially build a new facility at MeadowLawn Industrial Park, Lot 7, Edinburgh, Indiana which will consist of a 150-door terminal (approximately 90,000 SF), a 5-bay maintenance shop (approximately 10,800 SF), a 4-lane fuel island & an office building (approximately 5,000 SF). The property will also allow for future growth of potentially adding an additional 120 doors. Estimated total capital investment to exceed \$30,000,000. Anticipate 79 full-time jobs by opening day which is anticipated by Summer of 2022 with an expected average full time annual wage of at least \$53,000. R&L Carriers, Inc. are requesting a 10-year phase-in on net new Real Property Taxes & a 5-year phase in on Personal Property Taxes.*
1. *The application of R&L Carriers, Inc., meets the requirements for filing of a tax abatement.*
  2. *The Board of Commissioners makes the following findings:*
    - a. *The estimate of the value of the redevelopment or rehabilitation is reasonable for projects of this nature; and*
    - b. *The estimated cost of the installation of new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and information technology*

*equipment is reasonable for this type of project and equipment;  
and*

- c. The estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed investment in real and/or personal property; and*
- d. The estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed investment in real and/or personal property; and*
- e. Any other benefits about which information was requested are benefits that can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed investment in real and/or personal property; and*
- f. The totality of benefits is sufficient to justify the deduction.*

- 3. The Board of Commissioners of the County of Bartholomew, Indiana, does hereby approve the Statement of Benefits filed by R&L Carriers, Inc.; and*
- 4. The deductions allowed for real and personal property pursuant to INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-4.5 and 17 and 18, et. Seq. shall be allowed for a period to be determined by the County Council as the Designating Body.*

Mr. Hester stated that the company has already purchased the property along US 31. There will be \$1,000,000 in abatable equipment and another \$12,000,000 in non-abatable equipment. Due to this being in the County TIF area, the Commissioners have to find that this will do no harm to the TIF. Commissioner Lienhoop asked how many acres are developed in this development. Mr. Haungs stated it is 71 total acres for this project. Jorge R. Morales confirmed that this will be reviewed in the Council next Tuesday, not today as the e-mail had stated. Mr. Hester stated that was correct as it was a typo in the e-mail. Jorge R. Morales asked if it is on the agenda for the Council meeting. Mr. Hester stated that it has been requested. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Resolution for R&L**

**Carriers, Inc. as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of Grant Applications for the Sheriff's Department as presented by Captain Brandon Slate as follows:

***Three Advance Grant Applications (County receives funds up front, requires a budget) for the Sheriff's Department:***

- *Through the Bureau of Justice Assistance.*
- *Starting Date 9-20-2021*

1. Crime Investigative Equipment	\$19,799.00
2. Crime Investigative Equipment	\$29,990.00
3. Crime & Crash Investigative Equipment	\$72,402.00

Captain Slade stated that these are 3 separate applications for the same Grant as recommended by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Sign the 3 Grant Applications in the amounts of \$19,799, \$29,990 and \$72,402 for the Sheriff's Department as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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 along 200 N, 525 W & 550 W; replaced culvert pipes on 100 W & Collier Street; placed a driveway pipe on Carr Hill Road; dura-patched; dirt work at new garage; put up signs; mowed in Flatrock Township; and ditched on 600 S. Commissioner London stated someone had said the berm on 600 N and Lowell Road. It was determined that it was at 650 N and Ohio Ridge Road. Engineer Hollander stated that they had looked at it but will look again. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that he had actually called Dwight Smith about this just last week. Engineer Hollander stated they will take care of it. He was late to the meeting due to a call from INDOT he was with regards to a stop light regarding R&L Carriers.

**There will be no meeting next week, October 11, 2021, due to Fall Break.**

The next Commissioners Meeting will be **Monday, October 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

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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