

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

December 6, 2021

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on December 6, 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, Real Estate Administrator in the Auditor's Office, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the Approval of minutes of November 29, 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 the Claims 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>
<i>11/29/21 to 12/03/21</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>\$5,513.00</i>	<i>\$4,181,395</i>

The next item was the Weekly Highway Crew Report as presented by Engineer Hollander (via Zoom) as follows: ditched and installed pipes on Lake Drive; started crack sealing on 500 E & 410 E; started preparing sand boxes for the trucks; replaced faded & missing signs. IT is starting the switch them over to the new site.

The next item was the Monthly Highway Financial Report for October 2021 as presented by Engineer Hollander. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the report as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of Reimbursement of Damage Expenses as presented by Engineer Hollander as follows.

County Road 900 East, Culvert Improvements

- *Ryan & Jennifer Tidd (7540 S 900 E) agreed for the County Highway to improve the safety of 900 E by allowing the County to increase the length of the culvert pipe on their property and reducing the steepness of the adjacent road bank.*
- *The County agreed to pay the listed property owners \$6,500 for damages and Right-of-Way entry for the below improvements:*
 - *Extend West-end of the culvert pipe past the County's Right-of-Way*
 - *Place necessary fill to improve the side slopes*
 - *Removal of several trees on their property as needed to accomplish above tasks*
- *County also agreed to complete the following:*
 - *Pay property owners to extend their fence over the pipe to their South property line in exchange for damages & Right-of-Way entry*
 - *Haul in fill dirt and seed the area*
 - *Repair any damages done to the property owners yard*

Engineer Hollander stated that they did not purchase more Right-of-Way but did extend a pipe and in doing so, replaced a fence and gate for the homeowner at a cost of \$6,500. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Ratify the item as presented in the amount of \$6,500. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was for the Acquisition of Right-of-Way as presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

Purchase of Parcels for Right-of-Way

- *Purchase of parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7*
- *Total of 3.14 acres*
- *From Kamie Taulman-Ronsheim*
- *For Right-of-Way Improvements and Fence replacement costs*
- *Needed in order to replace Bridges #188 & #189*
- *On 400 W between 550 S & 600 S*
- *Total Cost of \$22,373.11*

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Ratify the purchase as presented for the amount of \$22,373.11. Commissioner London seconded the motion. Mark Webber verified the bridge and location. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of Proposals for the Replacement of Bartholomew County Bridges #188 and #189 as presented by Attorney Grant Tucker as follows:

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| 1. <i>Duncan Robertson, Inc. (Franklin, IN)</i> | <i>\$1,377,157.65</i> |
| 2. <i>Force Construction Co, Inc. (Columbus, IN)</i> | <i>\$1,544,574.57</i> |
| 3. <i>Engelau Excavating, LLC (Seymour, IN)</i> | <i>\$1,683,307.86</i> |

Engineer Hollander stated that the estimate by the project engineer was \$1,725,000. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to take these bids Under advisement. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of Proposals for One 2020 or newer mid-size van for the Veteran’s Office as presented by Commissioner London as follows:

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| 1. <i>Poynter Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram (Seymour, IN)</i> | |
| a. <i>One new 2022 Chrysler Pacifica Touring L</i> | <i>\$41,438.00</i> |
| b. <i>Processing Fees</i> | <i>\$ 186.92</i> |
| c. <u><i>Trade-in allowance for 2018 Chevy Van</i></u> | <u><i>-\$20,500.00</i></u> |
| <i>i. Total Purchase Price</i> | <i>\$21,124.92</i> |
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2. <i>Columbus Auto Group (Columbus, IN)</i> | |
| a. <i>One used 2020 GMC Yukon SLT with</i>
<i>Standard Equipment, 4x4, 54,470 miles</i> | <i>\$60,000.00</i> |
| b. <i>Processing Fees</i> | <i>\$ 229.00</i> |
| c. <u><i>Trade-in allowance for 2018 Chevy Van</i></u> | <u><i>-\$20,000.00</i></u> |
| <i>i. Total Purchase Price</i> | <i>\$43,042.93</i> |

Commissioner London motioned to Accept the bid from Poynter based on the fact that it meets specifications and pending approval of funds by the County Council. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of Approval of “Not-For-Profit” American Rescue Plan Revenue Replacement as presented by Auditor Pia O’Connor. One item allowed with the ARP was to help NFP’s that had revenue losses due to COVID. She and Commissioner London sat on a committee to make certain they did not overlap with the City Plan. Commissioner London stated that they had worked with the City as to who and how they could apply. There were 19 organizations that applied. The list is as follows:

• <i>Columbus Area Visitor’s Center</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>
• <i>Turning Point</i>	<i>\$ 20,000</i>
• <i>Family Services of Bartholomew County</i>	<i>\$ 10,000</i>
• <i>Mill Race Center</i>	<i>\$ 25,000</i>
• <i>Foundation for Youth</i>	<i>\$ 50,000</i>
• <i>Bartholomew County Humane Society</i>	<i>\$ 10,000</i>
• <i>LCNFC and YES Cinema</i>	<i>\$ 75,000</i>
• <i>Just Friends</i>	<i>\$ 10,000</i>
• <i>Bartholomew County Historical Society</i>	<i>\$ 25,000</i>
• <u><i>KidsCommons</i></u>	<u><i>\$ 22,500</i></u>
○ <i>Total</i>	<i>\$347,500</i>

Commissioner London motioned to Approve the “Not-For-Profit” American Rescue Plan Revenue Replacements as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of a Resolution Establishing the Approval Process for the American Rescue Plan Employee Premium Pay as read by Commissioner London as follows:

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 18**

***A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
“EMPLOYEE PREMIUM PAY”***

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

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

WHEREAS, One of the criteria for utilization of those funds under Section 603 (c) is that units of government may provide **premium pay** for work performed during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency during 2020; and

WHEREAS, Eligible worker is defined in Section 603 (g) as those workers needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors as each chief executive officer or a metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county may designate as critical to protect the health and well-being of the residents of their metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county; and

WHEREAS, The Interim Final Rule defines “essential work” to mean that “(1) is not performed while teleworking from a residence, and (2) involves Regular in-person interactions with patients, the public, or co-workers of the individual that is performing the work, or regular physical handling of items that were handled by, or are to be handled by patients, the public, or coworkers of the individual that is performing the work”; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Bartholomew County, Indiana intends to provide One (1) time Premium Pay to eligible workers who met the criteria listed above as follows: Eligible full-time employees \$1,500.00 and Eligible part-time employees \$750.00, which will be disbursed on Friday, December 17, 2021; and

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

- 1. Expenditures of American Rescue Plan funds shall be made in compliance with regulations concerning the purposes for which said funds may be utilized.*
- 2. Premium pay will be made to those full time and part-time employees of the following departments who were required to report to work, in person, during the period of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency during 2020: Clerk’s Office, Code Enforcement, Commissioners’ Office, E911, Emergency Management, Environmental Health, Highway Department, Information Services, Jail, Maintenance Department, Public Health, Sheriff’s Department, and Weights & Measures*
- 3. No pay will be given to individuals who are no longer employed with the County.*
- 4. This does not apply to Elected Officials.*
- 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.*

Attorney Grant Tucker explained that they have to have an official action in order to pay out the funds. Commissioner London stated that these individuals could not work from home. Examples he gave were nurses that were swabbing people for COVID tests and Jail personnel working with inmates. This is a token of appreciation for those that put themselves in harm’s way. Auditor O’Connor stated that the total amount for this expenditure was \$357,750. Mark Webber asked if the Council had to approve this. Commissioner London stated that they had worked with the Council on this. Commissioner

Kleinhenz stated that they had looked at giving all the employees a stipend, but when they got into the rules, they found that was not allowed. Commissioner London stated that the bill specifically stated that employees are not eligible to receive this if were able to work from home, so they were limited by the law. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that the City has not, as of yet, given any pay from their ARP funds. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Resolution Establishing the Approval Process for the American Rescue Plan Employee Premium Pay as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion.** Jorge Morales stated that the Council had voted for the entire ARP plan as a whole. The Council was not able to modify or edit any of the plan. From a personal point of view, he would have rather have seen more money to the employees over the Not-For-Profits. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Presentation of the Clerk’s Monthly Report for the month of October 2021 as presented by Commissioner Lienhoop. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Clerk’s Monthly Report for October 2021 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Presentation of the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the month October 2021 as presented by Commissioner London. **Commissioner London motioned to Accept the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for October 2021 as presented. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Proposal for the 2021 Year-End Bids as presented by Attorney Grant Tucker as follows:

1. Crushed Stone

- a. *US Aggregates (Indianapolis, IN)*
 - i. *Only bidder*
 - ii. *Met all specifications*

2. Sand & Gravel

- a. *IMI (Irving Materials, Inc.)*
 - i. *Only bidder*
 - ii. *Met all specifications*

3. Culverts & Corrugated Pipe

- a. *E3 Bridge (Bedford, IN)*
 - i. *Met all specifications*
- b. *Civilcon, Inc. (Jeffersonville, IN)*
 - i. *Met all specifications*

Commissioner London motioned to take the bids under advisement until the first meeting in January 2022. Commissioner Lienhoop seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Under Miscellaneous was Proposals/Agreement for Data Cabling for the new Court Services Center as presented by IT Director Scott Mayes as follows:

- 1. ***Forster Electrical Services, Inc. (Columbus, IN)***
 - a. *Proposal for all labor, tools and material to make complete electrical installation* ***\$11,196.00***

- 2. ***BE (Barth Electric Co, Inc.)(Indianapolis, IN)***
 - a. *Proposal for electrical* ***\$ 8,507.00***

- 3. ***Gaylor Electric (Columbus, IN)***
 - a. *Proposal for electrical* ***\$25,237.00***

Note: BE is low bidder but did NOT meet specifications

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the bid from Forster Electrical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$11,196.00. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously. This will be paid for out of Telecommunications funds.

The next Commissioners Meeting will be **Monday, December 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, CHAIRMAN

CARL H. LIENHOOP, MEMBER

TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR