

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 3, 2022
“Organizational Meeting”

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on January 3, 2022, 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 present.

Auditor O'Connor called the meeting to order.

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

The first item was the election of a Chairman. **Commissioner London nominated Commissioner Lienhoop as Chairman. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Chairman Lienhoop took charge of the meeting. He thanked Auditor O'Connor for starting the meeting this morning.

The first item was the 2022 Commissioner's Appointments read by Commissioner London as follows:

Office Holders:

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| • <i>Animal Control Officer</i> | <i>Mark Case</i> |
| • <i>Building and Zoning Director</i> | <i>Brian Thompson</i> |
| • <i>County Attorney</i> | <i>J. Grant Tucker</i> |
| • <i>County Building & Maintenance Supervisor</i> | <i>Rick Trimpe</i> |
| • <i>County Engineer</i> | <i>Danny Hollander</i> |
| • <i>County Highway Superintendent</i> | <i>Dwight Smith</i> |
| • <i>County Highway Assistant Superintendent</i> | <i>Tracy Curry</i> |
| • <i>Physician (Youth Services Center)</i> | <i>OPEN</i> |
| • <i>Veteran's Officer</i> | <i>Larry Garrity</i> |
| • <i>Weights & Measures</i> | <i>Dan Londeree</i> |

Commissioner London motioned to Approve the 2022 Appointments as listed above. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the 2022 Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees read by Commissioner Kleinhenz as follows:

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| • <i>Alcoholic Beverage Commission Board</i> | <i>Susan Whipker</i> | <i>12/31/22</i> |
| • <i>Bartholomew County Convention/Recreation
& Visitor's Promotion Commission</i> | <i>Mary Ann Patterson</i> | <i>12/31/23</i> |
| • <i>Bartholomew County Redevelopment
Commission</i> | <i>DeWayne Hines</i> | <i>12/31/22</i> |
| | <i>Dan Arnholt</i> | <i>12/31/22</i> |
| • <i>Bartholomew County Trustee for
Employee Benefit Trust</i> | <i>Jeff Lucas</i> | <i>12/31/22</i> |
| • <i>Columbus Regional Hospital Board</i> | <i>Kevina Schumaker</i> | <i>12/31/25</i> |
| • <i>Computer & Data Processing Board</i> | <i>Larry Hilken</i> | <i>12/31/22</i> |
| | <i>Mark Gorbett</i> | <i>12/31/22</i> |
| | <i>Dan Greene</i> | <i>12/31/22</i> |
| | <i>Pam Schmelz</i> | <i>12/31/22</i> |
| • <i>County Board of Zoning Appeals</i> | <i>Roger Glick</i> | <i>12/31/25</i> |
| • <i>County Plan Commission</i> | <i>Kathy Thompson</i> | <i>12/21/25</i> |
| • <i>Edinburgh Plan Committee</i> | <i>Keith Sells</i> | <i>12/31/25</i> |
| • <i>Health Board</i> | <i>Ashley Getz</i> | <i>12/31/25</i> |
| • <i>Joint District Board of Zoning Appeals</i> | <i>Tim Douglas</i> | <i>12/31/25</i> |
| • <i>Joint District Plan Commission</i> | <i>Keith Sells</i> | <i>12/31/24</i> |
| | <i>Alvin Balmer</i> | <i>12/31/24</i> |
| • <i>Property Tax Adjustment Board of Appeals</i> | <i>Todd Boilanger</i> | <i>12/31/22</i> |
| | <i>Mary Rigsby</i> | <i>12/31/22</i> |
| • <i>Solid Waste Management District Board</i> | <i>Steve Rucker</i> | <i>12/31/22</i> |
| • <i>Substance Abuse Services Advisory &
Accountability Committee</i> | <i>Charlie Wells</i> | <i>12/31/22</i> |

- Tamerix Lake Regional Sewer District Board
- Dave Fribley 12/31/24
Sheryl Chatham 12/31/24

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the above as read. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of Commissioner Liaison Positions read by Commissioner Lienhoop as follows:

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| • Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission | Carl Lienhoop |
| • Bartholomew County-Town of Edinburgh Joint
District Planning & Zoning | Larry Kleinhenz
Carl Lienhoop |
| • Board of Finance | All Commissioners |
| • Chamber of Commerce | Tony London |
| • Columbus Area Economic Growth Council (CAEGC) | Carl Lienhoop |
| • Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning
Organization (CAMPO) | Tony London |
| • Columbus Central Neighborhood Plan Steering
Committee | Tony London |
| • Community Education Coalition (CEC) | Larry Kleinhenz |
| • Computer & Data Processing Board | All Commissioners |
| • County Commission on Public Records | Larry Kleinhenz |
| • County Plan Commission | Tony London |
| • District 8 Homeland Security | Larry Kleinhenz |
| • Drainage Board | Carl Lienhoop |
| • Economic Development Board | Larry Kleinhenz |
| • Edinburgh/Bartholomew/Columbus Plat
Review Committee | Larry Kleinhenz |
| • Emergency Ambulance Services Board | Carl Lienhoop |
| • Healthy Communities | Carl Lienhoop |

- *Heritage Fund* *Carl Lienhoop*
- *Job Review/Classification Committee* *Larry Kleinhenz*
- *Joint Council of Emergency Dispatch Service*
For Public Safety *Carl Lienhoop*
- *Local Emergency Plan Committee*
(LEPC & Advisory Board) *Tony London*
- *Personnel Administration Committee* *All Commissioners*
- *Region 9 Committee* *Tony London*
- *Solid Waste Management District Board (SWMD)* *All Commissioners*

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Commissioner Liaison Positions as listed. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of a 2022 Agreement with the Humane Society in the amount of \$90,474 (\$7,539.50 monthly). **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the 2022 Agreement with the Humane Society in the amount of \$90,474. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that this contract is for the Humane Society to provide shelter and to assist in sorting out those animals that are picked up by the County Animal Control Officers.

The next item was the Consideration of a 2022 Agreement for Legal Services with Attorney Grant Tucker in the amount of \$69,105 (\$5,758.75 monthly). **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the 2022 Agreement with Attorney Grant Tucker in the amount of \$69,105. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of a 2022 Agreement with Danny Hollander as County Engineer in the amount of \$90,805 (\$3,492.50 bi-weekly). It was noted that the State provides \$40,000 of this amount. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the 2022 Agreement with Danny Hollander in the amount of \$90,805. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of a 2022 Agreement for Legal Services for the Bartholomew County Plan Commission with Attorney Jim Shoaf in the amount of \$18,000 (\$1,500 monthly). These funds come from the Code Enforcement Budget. **Commissioner Lienhoop**

motioned to Approve the 2022 Agreement with the Attorney Jim Shoaf in the amount of \$18,000. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was Consideration of Services with “Not-For-Profit” Agencies read by Commissioner Kleinhenz as follows:

- *Greater Columbus Economic Development Corporation*
 - *Commissioners Seat* \$ 7,500
 - *Council Seat* \$ 7,500
 - *Paid out of CEDIT* \$ 15,000
- *CenterStone, Inc. (set by State)* \$679,948
- *Developmental Services, Inc.* \$100,000
- *Millrace Center (in gasoline usage)* \$ 5,000
- *The ARC of Bartholomew County (1st time)* \$ 15,000

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Not-For-Profit Services Agreements in the amounts listed. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Designation of Newspapers in which Bartholomew County Shall Publish Notices as follows:

- *The Republic*

Commissioner London motioned to Approve “The Republic” as the Designated Newspaper for Bartholomew County Publications. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Approval of minutes of December 27, 2021. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Minutes as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Commissioner Kleinhenz informed the media that they would send them electronic copies of all appointments.

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

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
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12/27/21 to 01/01/22

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\$1,207.00

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The next item was the Weekly Highway Crew Report as presented by Engineer Hollander (via Zoom) as follows: Drove snow routes; worked in the shop; patched roads; and pushed salt.

The next item was the Decisions on Bids for Crushed Stone as follows:

1. Crushed Stone

U.S. Aggregates, Inc.

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Bid from U.S. Aggregates, Inc. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Decision on Bids for Sand & Gravel as follows:

2. Sand & Gravel

Irving Materials, Inc.

Commissioner London motioned to Accept the Bid from Irving Materials. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Decision on Bids for Corrugate Aluminum and Galvanized Steel Pipes as follows:

3. Corrugated Aluminum

& Galvanized Steel Pipes

E3 Bridge & Civilcon, Inc.

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the Bids from E3 Bridge and from Civilcon, Inc. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item, under Miscellaneous, was comments regarding the animal issues that were mentioned last week. Ms. Nancy Ray stated that the allegations that were made last week by Ms. Ziegler were not correct. They will take the high road at this point. They wish to continue to work to improve the lives of animals within the County. In no way does this group condone any illegal or harmful actions. Mr. Steve Schoettmer asked if the Precinct Maps have been approved and are they available. The Commissioners stated that they have been approved and he would need to contact Voter Registration to get a copy. Ms. Elaine DeClue asked if a person sees an animal in distress and calls Animal Control, will Animal Control get back with the caller? Mark Case, Animal Control Director,

stated that they do not call back the caller. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked if we could try to conduct follow up calls with the person that calls in complaints. Commissioner London stated that we need to be careful regarding privacy concerns. His example was if he called something into the Sheriff's Department, he will not get a call back as it is a Sheriff's matter at that point and unless it directly affects him, he has no right to follow up information. Commissioner Kleinhenz would still like to see some type of follow up with the complainant. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that it was a good point and they will see what they can do. Mr. Carl Cameron stated that, as a member of the Change for Bartholomew County Advocacy, he wanted to reiterate Ms. Ray's comments and would like the Commissioners to continue to look into other County Animal Control Ordinances. He would like to see the laws on our books and how animal issues are handled change for the better. He encourages the Commissioners to move along with society as to how animals are seen going forward. He would like to see Bartholomew County and the City of Columbus make the changes that other areas have made. Councilman Jorge Morales noted that the Redevelopment Commission will meet today at 1:30 p.m. It is required to hold an Organizational Meeting on the first day of the year.

The next Commissioners Meeting will be **Monday, January 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** for their Organizational Meeting.

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

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

