

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

February 7, 2022

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on February 7, 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. Auditor Pia O'Connor, Attorney Grant Tucker and County Administrator Tina Douglas were also in attendance.

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

The first item was the Approval of minutes of January 31, 2022. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Minutes as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Approval of Payroll. **Commissioner Kleinhenz 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>
<i>01/31/22 to 02/04/22</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>\$1,049.00</i>	<i>\$456,007</i>

The next item was the Weekly Highway Crew Report as presented by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander (via Zoom) as follows: put up signs; pushed up salt; crack sealed on 475 W & Country Club Road; picked up trash; worked on trucks; plowed and salted roads. Salt, miles and fuel usage were as follows:

<i>Day</i>	<i>Salt</i>	<i>Miles</i>	<i>Fuel</i>
• <i>Thursday</i>	<i>167 tons</i>	<i>1,804</i>	<i>333 gallons</i>
• <i>Friday</i>	<i>530 tons</i>	<i>3,627</i>	<i>1,137 gallons</i>
• <i>Saturday</i>	<i>278 tons</i>	<i>1,881</i>	<i>462 gallons</i>
○ <i>Totals</i>	<i>975 tons</i>	<i>7,312</i>	<i>1,932 gallons</i>

Commissioner Kleinhenz asked if we were sharing space with the City at our salt barn? Engineer Hollander stated that at the end of last year we received a couple of loads that were for the City so they had been in there retrieving it.

The next item was the Decision for the Highway Department 2022 Road Overlay Program as presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

- *For the following 7 roads:*

<i>Route Name</i>	<i>From:</i>	<i>To:</i>
1. <i>N 1050 E</i>	<i>100 N</i>	<i>200 N</i>
2. <i>Baker Hollow Rd</i>	<i>675 W</i>	<i>Wolf Drive</i>
3. <i>Southern Crossing Rd</i>	<i>SR 11</i>	<i>50 W</i>
4. <i>E 750 N</i>	<i>Hope Town Limits</i>	<i>900 E</i>
5. <i>W 400 S</i>	<i>SR 11</i>	<i>Columbus City Limits (50 W)</i>
6. <i>Deaver Rd</i>	<i>SR 11</i>	<i>243 W of Bethel St</i>
7. <i>50 W</i>	<i>Deaver Rd</i>	<i>Columbus City Limits</i>

- ***Milestone Contractors, L.P. (Columbus, IN)***

- ***\$385,496.95 Low Bid***

- ***Robertson Paving, Inc. (Flatrock, IN)***

- *\$507,153.25*

- ***Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. (North Vernon, IN)***

- *\$394,974.50*

- ***All Star Paving, Inc. (Seymour, IN)***

- *\$439,257.27*

- *Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG)*
 - *Award 2021-2 on November 3, 2021*
 - *County match = \$137,210*
 - *This is NOT the Annual 2022 Road Overlay Program*

- *The Annual 2022 Road Overlap Program will be done in the spring.*

Engineer Hollander had reviewed the bids and recommended the low bid by Milestone. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the Low Bid from Milestone in the amount of \$385,496.95 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Commissioner London clarified that this is the last part of the 2021 Overlay Grant being completed in 2022. Engineer Hollander agreed.

The next item was the Consideration of a Contract with Milestone for the 2022 Road Overlay Program as follows:

- *Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG)*

- *Award 2021-2 on November 3, 2021*

- *County Match = \$137,210*

- *Amount County will pay all together including match* *\$248,286.95*

- *Community Crossings Matching Grant amount* *\$137,210.00*

- *Grand Total of Contract with Milestone* *\$385,496.95*

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Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Contract with Milestone for the roads listed in the amount of \$385,496.95. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Engineer Hollander stated that we will not receive the Grant money until the State receives the Contract, so that is why he had it ready to go today. Engineer Hollander stated that with the new Garage Facility, they were able to get all the trucks inside the heated bays in preparation for the winter storm.

The next item was Proposals for Office Chairs for the Jail as presented by Jail Commander John Martoccia (via Zoom) as follows:

- *RCF Group*
 - *30 Office Chairs* *\$24,691.50*
 - *Labor* *\$ 950.00*
 - *Total* *\$25,641.50*

- *Quill.com*
 - *30 Office Chairs* *\$22,920.00*
 - *Total* *\$22,920.00*

- *Staples*
 - *30 Office Chairs* *\$18,981.00*
 - *Surcharge* *\$ 803.38*
 - *Total* *\$19,784.38*

Commander Martoccia stated that the last time they had chairs were 2007 or 2008 and they are used 24/7. He originally had purchased a chair from Staples a couple of months ago and it already has fallen apart. The last chairs were purchased from RCF and they have held up well. Because of this, he asked that the high bid be awarded as they have used the lower priced chairs and they do not hold up well or last long. This will be paid from the Commissary Fund, not tax payer funds. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the high bid, due to the quality of the items, of RCF Group in the amount of \$25,641.50. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of an Agreement with Trugreen for lawn care at the Jail as presented by Commander Martoccia as follows:

- *3-year Agreement with Trugreen for lawn care maintenance at the Jail.*
 - *3-years at \$1,119.28 each year for a total of \$3,357.84*

Commander Martoccia stated this is the same company they have used for years. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Contract with Trugreen for 3-years at the Jail in the amount of \$3,357.84. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of Contractor Agreements for the Health Department – Nursing Division as presented by Director Organist (via Zoom) as follows:

- ***Heidi Hartsell***
 - *Full Time Contractor Agreement*
 - *For RN to primarily assist as school liaison, COVID-19 clinics and other duties as assigned by the Director of Nursing.*
 - *Compensation is \$45.00 per hour.*
 - *Paid out of Grant Funds.*
 - *Specific Dates & Hours worked shall be agreed upon on a weekly basis for the duration of the agreement.*
 - *Term: February 8, 2022 through June 30, 2023.*
 - *Grant Application was approved October 25, 2021 for funds through the Crisis COAG Supplemental Workforce Grant to provide the Local Health Department with a school liaison to schools in the County to Assist with COVID needs.*
 - *Amount requested was \$330,000.*
 - *County Council Approved the use of the funds January 11, 2022.*

Director Organist reiterated that this was Grant Funds. **Commissioner London motioned to Accept the Contractor Agreement with Heidi Hartsell as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** There was discussion of the upcoming 2-year anniversary of COVID and the affects it has had on Public Health. Director Organist stated that the Gravity Testing Site opened today. They are open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary; though pre-registration on-line would make it somewhat easier. The location is at the former Nursing Department as pointed out by Commissioner London at no cost to the County.

The next item was a Proposal for Lock Box Services for the Treasurer’s Office as presented by Treasurer Barb Hackman (via Zoom) as follows:

- ***Lock Box Service***
 - *Bank will receive payments and deposit funds for property taxes that comes to the Treasurer’s PO Box.*

- *This will speed up the processing for the tax payers.*
- *Pre-addressed envelopes are included with the tax bills when they mailed out.*
- *Any payment that does not match the tax bill in any way*
 - *Will be listed as a problem payment and;*
 - *Sent directly to the Treasurer's Office.*
- *Services will be for 2 months around the time of the Spring & Fall Taxes*
 - *May, June, October & November*
- ***First Financial Bank (Low Bid)***

▪ <i>Lock Box Services</i>	<i>\$5,739.30</i>
▪ <i>One time set up fee</i>	<i><u>\$ 200.00</u></i>
• <i>Total</i>	<i>\$5,939.30</i>
- ***German American Bank***

▪ <i>Lock Box Services</i>	<i>\$6,189.99</i>
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Treasurer Hackman added this expense to her 2022 Budget request. This is to help alleviate phone calls from citizens. Communication was lost with Treasurer Hackman. Commissioner London explained the process of the Lock Box. This will cut down the time-frame from mail in checks to the posting of the said payment. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Lock Box Services for the Treasurer's Office with the low bid from First Financial Bank in the amount of \$5,939.30 which includes a one-time setup fee as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item, under Miscellaneous, was a revised Auditor's American Rescue Plan Report as presented by Auditor O'Connor. Auditor O'Connor stated that the report 2 weeks ago was in draft form. While reviewing it with the Auditor's Office Accounting Department, someone noticed that she had inadvertently left off FICA and PERF for the Premium pay. Also while the budget shows \$16,200,000 we have only received \$8,100,000 to date. The other half is due to the County in May of this year. She stated that this is just one piece of the COVID puzzle. Director Organist is spending a new Grant that is available due to COVID. Commissioner London stated that while looking around the room he is seeing over 100 years of government experience and asked if anything like this has ever

happened before. The consensus was no. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Revised Auditor's American Rescue Plan Report as presented in regards to the FICA & PERF amounts. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was an Amended Proposal for Furnishings for the new Bartholomew County Court Services Center as presented by Architect Steve Risting & Court Services Director Brad Barnes as follows:

- *Cost of installation of furniture was omitted – now adding “Off load on site, install furniture and remove trash”*
- *Additional amount is \$2,500.00.*
- *Original Quote awarded last Monday, January 31, 2022 in the amount of \$90,091.04.*
- *Revised total now \$92,591.04*
- *With revised amount, Great Architectural Products Group is still the lowest quote of the 5 quotes that were received.*
- *These costs will all be paid out of the ARP.*

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Revised amount in the total of \$92,591.04 from Greater Architectural Products Group as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Request to update Ordinances regarding sheltering of animals. A limit of 3 minutes was given per speaker. Nancy Ray stated that we need updated County Animal Ordinances with minimum requirements for shelter of outdoor animals. She stated that the Town of Hope and the City of Columbus have already passed improved standards. Updated Ordinances would give the County Animal Control Officers explicit standards to enforce. Jill Nabors asked why they won't update the Ordinances even if they are pointless. She stated that she will, at some point, hire an attorney to start sitting in on these meetings. Commissioner London did not have a comment but he did reach out to the Animal Control Officer regarding what had happened during the recent storm, as did Commissioner Kleinhenz. The AC Director stated that he had received 4 calls which he checked on and found no issues. One of these calls was for the concrete dog statue with the missing leg. Paula Conrad attempted to join but she was unable to unmute her connection. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that the concerns are very valid, yet we do not seem to be having a real issue. Jill Nabors stated that if

she took a camera and started stalking these people, she would have plenty of evidence. She is not doing that because there is not an Ordinance on the books. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that it does not do any good to put Ordinances on the books that cannot be enforced. Ms. Ray stated that the Ordinances are too vague to be enforced. If the Ordinances spelled out the requirements of shelter, then the enforcement officers would have something to refer to. The Commissioners have read the City Ordinances. Ms. Ray does not understand why they won't pass the spelled out Ordinances. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that he disagrees with her reasoning. He stated that they could change the Ordinances to specify the requirements. Currently when a call is received, Animal Control stops and investigates the situation. If there is a problem, then it goes to the next level. Ms. Nabors stated that it is hard to believe that in a civilized society, there is a backwoods, good old boy mentality. Commissioner London asked what the definition of the backwoods, good old boy mentality was. Commissioner Lienhoop ended the public comment period.

The next Commissioners Meeting will be **Monday, February 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR