

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

April 4, 2022

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on April 4, 2022, in the Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Carl H. Lienhoop, Larry S. Kleinhenz and Tony London, County Auditor Pia O'Connor, Attorney Grant Tucker, and County Administrator Tina Douglas were in attendance.

Auditor Pia O'Connor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the Approval of the Minutes of March 28, 2022. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Minutes as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Approval of Payroll. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Payroll as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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

RESOLUTION 2022-07

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 **2650 19th 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 Dalton T Bieker;*
- (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 4th day of April, 2022.

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

Carl H. Lienhoop, Chairman

Larry S. Kleinhenz, Member

Tony London, Member

This makes the 10th 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 Kleinhenz motioned to Adopt Resolution 2022-07 for the sale of CRH property. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next items were the Weekly Permits Report as read by Commissioner Lienhoop:

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
03/28/22 to 04/01/22	20	\$2,198.00	\$2,199,983

The value is based in part on \$1,000,000 for Cummins with Force Construction and \$670,501 for Silverthorne Homes west of Columbus on 46.

The next item was the Weekly Crew Report for County Highway as presented by County Engineer Danny Hollander as follows: ran ditcher in Jackson Township; crack sealed on 500 E, 600 N & Marr Road; put up signs; patched with hotbox; & picked up brush. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked him to look at 500 W towards 46 as the water backs up in that ditch.

The next item was the Decision of Proposals for 2 new 2021 or 2022 trucks for Code Enforcement as presented by Director Michelle Cox and Assistant Director Brian Thompson as follows:

- ***Community Nissan (Bloomington, IN)***
 - *2 – 2022 Ford Rangers @ \$26,590.25 each*
 - *4x2 XLT pickup – Supercab – White*
 - ***Total*** ***\$53,180.50***
- ***Ed Martin (Indianapolis, IN)***
 - *1 – 2022 Nissan KC @ \$39,465.00*
 - *4x2 pickup*
 - *1 – 2021 Nissan KC @ \$37,646.00*
 - *4x2 pickup*
 - ***Total*** ***\$77,112.76***

These quotes were opened last week. Having reviewed the quotes, it was determined that Community Nissan (Bloomington, IN) did not meet the requested specifications and the Ed Martin quotes came in higher than expected so they will reject both quotes. They will re-quote in a couple of weeks with different specifications allowing for a different variety of smaller trucks (2 mid-size trucks). Attorney Tucker stated that the specifications were too specific. **Commissioner London motioned to Reject Both Quotes and Reopen for Quotes. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Ratification of an Expenditure for the Maintenance Department as presented by Director Rick Trimpe (via Zoom) as follows:

Purchase of a Ridgid 48553 Megapress Jaws & Rings Kit

- *Amazon*
 - *Ridgid 48553 Megapress Jaws & Rings Kit* \$2,634.87
- *Test Equipment Depot*
 - *Ridgid 48553 Megapress Jaws & Rings Kit* \$2,741.84
- *Ebay*
 - *Ridgid 48553 Megapress Jaws & Rings Kit* \$2,827.19

Director Trimpe stated that they had the tool but not the clamping mechanism for the 1 ½” to 2” for black pipe for the loop system at the Courthouse. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Ratify the Expenditure with Amazon for a Ridgid 48553 Megapress Jaws & Ring Kit in the amount of \$2,634.87. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of a Proposal for HVAC Units for the GOB IT Office Basement Remodel for the Maintenance Department as presented by Director Trimpe as follows:

- *South Central Company (Columbus, IN)*
 - *3 HVAC Units* \$6,033.86
 - *Equipment* \$3,558.75
 - *Total* \$9,592.61
- *ACWholesalers (out of stock until June)*

- 3 HVAC Units \$4,634.75
- HVAC Direct (out of stock until June)
 - 3 HVAC Units \$6,537.75

These are the Mitsubishi units for the 3 new offices added to the IT Department. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the bid from South Central Company for \$9,592.61 as they are the lower bid for the 3 units and they can get the units quicker. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Commissioner Kleinhenz stated this remodel has been on-going for the last 3 months. It has been an in-house project, saving us labor costs. The next project will be at the Courthouse on the 3rd floor.

The next item was the Consideration of a Proposal for the Courthouse Flower Beds as follows:

- *Mudlarks Garden Club:*
 - *This will be their 53rd year of planning, planting & maintaining the Gardens at the Courthouse.*
 - *They are proposing Perennials/Shrubs & Annuals in the flower beds/gardens.*
 - *Not-to-exceed amount of \$2,500.*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Proposal for purchases not-to-exceed \$2,500 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Director Trimpe stated they are good people to work with.

The next item was a Decision Regarding the Scoring of Broadband Proposals as presented by Consultant Scott Rudd. Mr. Rudd stated that they met on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 and had scored the 2 proposals they had received. They reviewed both proposals with the following results:

	Meridiam	AT&T
Proposed Addresses Submitted	11,845	7,852
Total County Unincorporated Addresses	13,421	13,421
Percentage of Addresses Served	88%	59%
Acreage of Parcels Containing Submitted Proposed	65,489	17,058

The Request for Proposals for the “Installation of County-wide Fiber Broadband Service” were sent out November 29, 2021 and the bids were opened on Monday, December 20, 2021. They were taken under advisement at that time. Based on the scoring, the group is recommending Meridium for the installation of County-wide Fiber Broadband Service. Commissioner London stated that the unincorporated areas of the County are sorely lacking internet access. He was introduced to Mr. Rudd, who was the Director of Indiana Broadband. They performed a survey to come up with the needs. This is a problem due to the lack of homes out in the County. The State and Federal Governments started offering methods to assist Counties with this issue. They sent out RFP’s and received 2 very good project proposals. Stand-alone, either would be a good project. It became apparent that the County did not have the expertise to determine which proposal would be the best. Mr. Rudd was then hired as a consultant to review this. Commissioner London wanted to give a shout out to Jeff Lucas, Bartholomew County GIS Coordinator for his work on this project. Mr. Rudd wanted to thank everyone on the team to help with this review process. The team reviewed the proposals and was able to see what the impact would be throughout the County. The team did score one proposal higher than the other. The team’s recommendation was for the Meridium proposal. This one had a wider impact for the County. Commissioner London stated that there are 13,421 address in the unincorporated portions of Bartholomew County. The AT&T would have served 7,852 of those addresses. The Meridium proposal will serve 11,845. The acreage covered by AT&T covered 17,058 acres. The Meridium proposal calls for 65,489 acres covered. Mr. Rudd stated that the acreage numbers include the parcels that have a location that were shown as served. Commissioner Lienhoop opened the meeting for questions. Mark Webber asked if the committee found any difference in the quality of the 2 proposals. Commissioner London stated that they required Gig speed fiber for the proposals and thus both projects are equal. Commissioner Lienhoop asked how quick 50% of the project would be done. Commissioner London stated the entire project is a 30-month project. They will connect people as they go, not waiting until the network is completed. Recorder Tami Hines asked if we had talked with any other Counties that have used Meridium. Commissioner London stated that Meridium will build, own and maintain the backbone. They are partnering with a local provider called Main Stream Fiber and are owned by people in Columbus and are head quartered in Brown County. Main Stream Fiber will connect the clients. They are currently in 10 Counties and have nothing but wonderful reviews. Sharon

Krieg asked if the \$4,000,000 will cover everything. Commissioner London stated no. Meridiam is investing \$33,000,000 of their own money. Brown County can get Gig speed fiber in the middle of Yellowstone Forest because of Mr. Rudd. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Enter into Negotiations with Meridiam to provide internet service. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Commissioner London stated that they had signed a Contract with Mr. Rudd for \$125 an hour with a not-to-exceed amount. His guess is that he is probably getting more like \$9 based on the amount of work he has put into this. Jorge R. Morales stated that this is one of the best decisions that they have made. Commissioner Lienhoop stated we are stepping in very deep water. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that while he agrees, we are using the ARP money for our portion, limiting our exposure.

The next Commissioners Meeting will be **Monday, April 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR