

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

June 27, 2022

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on June 27, 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. Commissioner Lienhoop opened the meeting.

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

The next item was the Approval of Meeting Minutes of 6-13-2022 and 6-16-2022. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the 6-13-2022 & 6-16-2022 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 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>
06/13/22 to 06/17/22	24	\$2,625.00	\$1,959,060
06/20/22 to 06/24/22	49	\$9,418.00	\$8,916,620

*Of Note: \$884,000 Skaggs Builders at Grandview Lake
23 permits for Arbor Homes ranging from \$250,000 to \$340,000*

The next item was the Weekly Crew Report for County Highway as presented by County Engineer Danny Hollander as follows: added pipes on 1150 E & finished rip rap along 300 S; dura-patched roads; worked on 525 E at Ceraland; picked up trees from German Township; side-winded stone along 1050 E; mowed in Columbus, German and Rockcreek Townships; started spraying weeds in Columbus, Sandcreek & Wayne Townships; Milestone was paving 300 S.

The next item was the Presentation of the May 2022 Crew Monthly Report as presented by Engineer Hollander. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the May 2022 Crew Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Driveway Bond Release number 22B-004. Permit was received but the house will not be built so they have withdrawn their driveway permit. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Release Driveway Bond 22B-004. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of a Letter of Understanding with the Indiana Department of Transportation for the Official Truck Detour due to the Closure of Ramps at SR 46/I-65 as presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

Closure of Ramps at SR 46/I-65

- *Traverse Beam Repairs/Bridge Deck Overlay Project - #R-41489*
- *Ramps are expected to be closed nightly between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., Monday thru Thursday between 8/1/22 until approximately 10/31/22 for a total of 21 nights*
- *The Official Truck Detour will utilize Johnson Boulevard, Merchant Mile & Carr Hill Road to the East of the Interchange and Carlos Folger Drive and N 325 W to the West of the interchange*
- *INDOT will reimburse Bartholomew County for costs related to damage repair on the listed Official Truck Detour.*
- *Reimbursable work must be approved by INDOT prior to completion of any work.*
- *All reimbursable expenses must be documented.*

Commissioner London motioned to Approve and Accept the Letter of Understanding with INDOT. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of Bartholomew County, Indiana, as presented by Planning Director Jeff Bergman as follows:

Rezoning from I1 (Industrial: Light) to I2 (Industrial: General)

- *Property Owner: Jane Roberts*
- *Proposes to rezone an area of 10.84 acres from I1 to I2*
- *Area to be rezoned is at the Western terminus of the short segment of 700 North, West of its intersection with Helfen Park Road*

- *The applicant has indicated that the purpose of the proposed rezoning is to allow the construction of a trucking company office and maintenance shop*
- *Plan Commission had a favorable recommendation 7-0*

Commissioner Lienhoop opened the meeting for a Public Hearing. Hearing no comments, the Public Hearing was closed. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Rezoning of the Proposed Area on First Reading as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Second Reading will be on July 11, 2022.

The next item was a Proposal for Asphalt Replacement as presented by Maintenance Director Rick Trimpe (via Zoom) as follows:

Asphalt – Paid for out of the Commissioners Budget

- ***CASE Construction, Inc. (Edinburgh, IN)***
 - *Governmental Office Building (GOB) back lot* \$44,510.00
 - *New Court Services Center* \$35,900.00
 - ***Total Quote*** ***\$80,410.00***
- ***All Star Paving, Inc. (Seymour, IN)***
 - *Governmental Office Building (GOB) back lot* \$53,983.26
 - *New Court Services Center* \$36,038.20
 - ***Total Quote*** ***\$90,021.46***

Director Trimpe explained that they are looking to replace all the pavement behind the GOB by ripping it up and then replacing the pervious concrete at the new Court Services Center. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Low Bid with CASE Construction in the amount of \$80,410.00 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Ratification of an Expenditure for Maintenance Department as presented Director Trimpe as follows:

- *Two Air Units in the Assessor's Office & Recorder's Office – had to be replaced*
 - *South Central (Columbus, IN)* \$6,429.03

Commissioner London motioned to Ratify the Expenditure as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The install was done in house.

The next item was the Ratification of an Expenditure for the Information Services Department as presented by IT Director Scott Mayes as follows:

- *Hardware & Installation for 15 door strikes/card readers for the new Court Services Center*
 - *Koorsen Fire & Security*
 - *Labor & Materials* \$3,726.46
 - *Dunlap (Columbus, IN)*
 - *Material* \$19,967.00
 - *OH&P 15% +10% subs* \$ 2,995.00
 - *Total Quote* \$22,962.00

Director Mayes stated that when Koorsen installed the electronic system for the doors, it was determined that the strike plates and readers were not included in the bid. Commissioner London asked about the extreme difference in the quotes. Director Mayes stated that the Koorsen system uses a centralized power system while Dunlap would route power to each door, thus requiring more cable and labor. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the Low Bid from Koorsen Fire & Security in the amount of \$3,726.46. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of a Maintenance Renewal Agreement with CentralSquare for Public Safety Software Systems as presented by IT Director Mayes as follows:

- *Agreement with CentralSquare for Public Safety Software*
- *Split between County, City and Columbus Fire Department*
- *County pays 45% (within the IT Budget)*
- *Software for 911 dispatch, sheriff deputies' road software, investigations tools, jail management systems, and system interfaces & utilities that interconnect County & City Public Safety Agencies.*

○ <i>County 45% portion</i>	<i>\$102,923.38</i>
○ <i>City 55% portion</i>	<i>\$124,033.73</i>
○ <i><u>Columbus Fire Department (CFD)</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 6,385.53</u></i>
▪ <i>Grand Total of all entities</i>	<i>\$233,342.64</i>

Commissioner London motioned to Accept the Maintenance Renewal with CentralSquare in the amount of \$102,923.38 (County’s 45% amount) as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Presentation of the Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Comprehensive Community Plan as presented by Rachel Flohr-David as follows:

- *Ms. Flohr-David presented the Substance Abuse Council’s recommendations that were approved by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for allocation from the Bartholomew County Local Drug Free Communities Fund*
- *The counter-measure fees related to alcohol and drug offenses collected totaled \$67,566.22*
- *The Council’s proposal for disbursement is as follows:*

○ <i>Prevention/Education Total</i>	<i>\$17,674.66</i>
○ <i>Treatment/Intervention Total</i>	<i>\$32,000.00</i>
○ <i>Criminal Justice Services Total</i>	<i>\$16,891.56</i>
○ <i><u>Administrative Fees</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 1,000.00</u></i>
▪ <i>Grant Total of Allocations</i>	<i>\$67,566.22</i>

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the Recommendations as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mark Webber of the Republic asked if this was more or less than last year’s amount. Ms. Flohr-David stated that they have much more money to expend this year. We have seen an increase in the fines and charges that were paid. Some counties did see a decrease.

The next item was a Proposal for one 2021 or newer minivan for the Health Department – Nursing Division as presented by Director Amanda Organist (via Zoom) as follows:

One Chrysler Pacifica with tow package:

- ***Sandman Brothers, Inc. (Shelbyville, IN)***

○ <i>One 2022 Pacifica Touring AWD</i>	<i>\$45,000.00</i>
○ <i>Rebate</i>	<i>-\$ 1,000.00</i>
○ <i><u>Tow package</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 808.00</u></i>
▪ <i>Total</i>	<i>\$44,808.00</i>

- ***Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram (Columbus)***

○ <i>One 2022 Pacifica Limited</i>	<i>\$58,470.37</i>
○ <i><u>Tow package</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 1,250.00</u></i>
▪ <i>Total</i>	<i>\$59,720.37</i>

Director Organist stated this is for the mobile clinics. All the rear seats fold down, allowing room for the materials they need to take with them. She sent requests for quotes to 4 dealerships and received back the 2 that are before them today. She stated that both dealers have the vehicles on the lot and that the Sandman Brothers is for a white van while the Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealer of Columbus quote is for a black van. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Award the Low Bid to Sandman Brothers in the amount of \$44,808.00. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Auditor O'Connor noted that this will be paid for out of the ARP Funds. Recorder Tami Hines thanked Amanda and her staff for the great job they do. Commissioner Lienhoop had met the State Health Commissioner, Kris Box, MD, FACOG and was very impressed with her.

The next item was the Consideration of a Contract with King's Trucking and Excavation, Inc. for the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds Sanitary Sewer & Water Improvements Project as presented by Strand Associates as follow:

Contract with Kings Trucking & Excavation, Inc.

- *Awarded May 23, 2022*
- *Project to be completed by December 31, 2022.*

○ <i>Base Bid</i>	<i>\$447,350.00</i>
○ <i><u>Alternate Bid</u></i>	<i><u>\$181,830.00</u></i>
▪ <i>Total Amount Awarded</i>	<i>\$629,180.00</i>

This was bid once with no bids received. After changes to the specifications, it was rebid and they did received bids. **Commissioner London motioned to Accept the Contract with King's Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$629,180.00 as paid out of ARP. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Commissioner London stated that future generations will benefit from the ARP Funds with the help of our Auditor who has been on top of this.

The next item was the Animal Control May 2022 Monthly Report as prepared by Director Mark Case as follows:

May 2022 Monthly Report

<i>Action</i>	<i>Dogs</i>	<i>Cats</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Picked Up</i>	20	4	1	25
<i>Audits</i>	0	0	0	86
<i>Violations</i>	2	0	0	2
<i>Fines</i>	2	0	0	2
<i>Bite Cases</i>	1	0	0	1
<i>Door Hangers</i>	0	0	0	5
<i>Animals Reclaimed</i>	3	1	0	4
<i>Traps Loaned</i>	1	2	0	3
<i>Total Cases</i>	52	13	30	95
<i>Mileage for the month</i>	<i>Van 1 =</i>	<i>1,821</i>	<i>Van 2 =</i>	<i>2,100</i>

Commissioner London motioned to accept the Animal Control Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Veteran's May 2022 Monthly Report as presented VSO Larry Garrity as follows:

May 2022 Monthly Report

<i>Item</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>YTD</i>
<i>In Office Interviews</i>	36	176

<i>Out of Office Interviews</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Walk-ins</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>305</i>
<i>Incoming Phone Calls</i>	<i>217</i>	<i>1,123</i>
<i>Outgoing Phone Calls</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>392</i>
<i>Outgoing Mail</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>Incoming Fax</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Outgoing Fax</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>61</i>
<i>Trips to VA Hospital</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>69</i>
<i>Mileage on Van (Odometer 5,747)</i>	<i>1,455</i>	<i>5,550</i>
<i>New Claims Filed</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>78</i>
<i>Veteran Disability Compensation Claims Filed</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>76</i>
<i>Veteran/Surviving Spouse Pension Claims</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>All Forms Filled Out for Veterans</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>464</i>
<i>Miscellaneous (see below)</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>

5/12 Veteran Court Graduation

5/16 CVO Training

5/19 POW Meeting

5/27 Salute Concert

5/30 Memorial Day Program

Commissioner London motioned to Accept the Veteran's Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Clerk's May 2022 Monthly Report as prepared by Clerk Shari Lentz and presented by Commissioner Kleinhenz. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the Clerks May 2022 Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of a Contractor Agreement for Appraisal Services for the Bartholomew County Assessor's Office. It was withdrawn.

The next item was the Consideration of a Covered Bridge Certification as follow:

- *This is an annual Certification per Indiana Code 8-14-1-10.*
- *Bartholomew County has 1 covered bridge located at Mill Race Park.*
- *The bridge makes the County eligible to receive State Funding*
- *The amount is \$1,850 for maintenance of said bridge.*
- *The Certification is due by July 31, 2022.*

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Covered Bridge Certification as prepared. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There will be no Commissioners Meeting next Monday as ALL County Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, July 4, 2022 in Observance of Independence Day.

The next Commissioner's Meeting will be on July 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Under Miscellaneous, Sandra Bush was present to discuss the issues with animal welfare and animal care. She has spoken with Director Mark Case and the County Administrator Tina Douglas. She is very new to this area and she knows that there are very mixed emotions within the community. She is independent of Bartholomew County for Change. She supports them and understands why this arose. When speaking with Mr. Case, it was her understanding that there was not a covering over the dog on 450 N. Mr. Case put his boots on the ground and assessed that there was no covering over the dog. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that there is no covering over the pen, but there is a dog house and another piece of tin that is within the area. Ms. Bush doesn't want to ruffle any feathers but she wants to help. She has purchased some water containers and tarps to help out and is willing to purchase more in the future. She would like to get educated on this subject. She wants to know how to advocate for the animals as well as for the Commissioners. She wants to get supplies that are needed to those that are putting boots on the ground (*Animal Control*). Commissioner Lienhoop appreciates her passion for this. They can accept the items and give them to Animal Control. She currently has 3 tarps and 3 canisters that she has purchased. She is requesting a list of needed supplies from Mark Case. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that they just discussed this a couple of weeks ago and have a budget

that they have spent money on such items. They will accept these donations, but they have funding to supply Animal Control with solutions to problems they find.

Christopher Rutan (via Zoom) had sent an email requesting that any or all of the Commissioners meet them at the Red Room of the Library for a mediation meeting during an evening of their convenience. He has proposed that Thor's Fund would be willing to foot an emergency bill if it is needed. He would like the Commissioners to reconsider his proposal for a mediation meeting on their schedule. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that they would consider his request.

Ellen Macy (via Zoom) questions if there is a better way to communicate with Animal Control other than dispatch to avoid clogging up the system? Is there a better way to do this, possibly County supplied phones. County Administrator stated that it is through dispatch to maintain records for public requests. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that the Sheriff's Department is an important part of the solution as we have a limited amount of Animal Control Staff. If one is not available, then a Sheriff's Deputy will respond. They also respond to any animal that has been hit. Ms. Macy just hates to have to tie up dispatch but she understands.

Sharon Krieg was curious, with the items that we are able to do now because of the American Rescue Plan, if the Commissioners had thanked Ann Moran and Andre Carson for those funds. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that politics aside, they have been very diligent on how the money has been spent. They looked at getting something like a bookmobile for the Nursing Department but the cost would have been very extreme. They have to be good stewards of the funds so they went with the van.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR