

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 25, 2022

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on July 25, 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 London gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The next item was the Approval of Meeting Minutes of 7-18-2022. **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 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>
07/18/22 to 07/22/22	31	\$3,264.00	\$9,034,330

*Of Note:      \$8,500,000 Shiel Sexton Co., new SIO Medical Building*

The next item was the Weekly Crew Report for County Highway as presented by County Engineer Danny Hollander as follows: bermed roads for overlay in Jackson, Sandcreek & Wayne Townships; replaces pipes on 100 W, 700 S & 800 S; patched with Hot Box; mowed in Harrison, Jackson & Ohio Counties; put up signs; Milestone paved Base Road & 100 N.

The next item was the Recycling Center Report as presented by Jessica Norcross (via Zoom) as follows:

- *Educational Update*
  - *506 students & 28 adults reached*

- *Had to cancel 2 landfill tours, 2 recycling center tours, and 7 classroom programs due to a family medical emergency – estimated 300 more students if not cancelled.*
- *Events Update*
  - *Earth Day was Saturday April 23, 2022 at the Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center from 8:00 to 3:00*
  - *Free document shredding and mulch & compost loading were offered, as well as amnesty on refrigerated appliances, propane tanks, and tires (limits applied).*
  - *A free hot dog roast and various giveaways from partner organizations were offered.*
    - *305 people*
    - *71 appliances collected*
    - *14 propane tanks*
    - *330 tires*
    - *10 toters of documents*
- *Volume Report Highlights – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2022*
  - *Scrap metal average of 24.98 tons*
  - *Landfill cardboard average 8.25 tons*
  - *Commercial cardboard average 107.8 tons*
  - *Yard Waste average 246.9 tons*
    - *Storm did not help with yard waste total*
    - *Weight is also estimated, not weighed*

Tom Heller asked what we are getting per ton for the cardboard. She will find out and get it to the Commissioners.

The next item was the Veteran's June 2022 Monthly Report as presented Commissioner London as follows:

#### **June 2022 Monthly Report**

<i><b>Item</b></i>	<i><b>Monthly</b></i>	<i><b>YTD</b></i>
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<i>In Office Interviews</i>	33	209
<i>Out of Office Interviews</i>	0	3
<i>Walk-ins</i>	53	358
<i>Incoming Phone Calls</i>	185	1,308
<i>Outgoing Phone Calls</i>	56	448
<i>Outgoing Mail</i>	14	62
<i>Incoming Fax</i>	8	26
<i>Outgoing Fax</i>	0	61
<i>Trips to VA Hospital</i>	8	26
<i>Mileage on Van (Odometer 50,443)</i>	802	6,352
<i>New Claims Filed</i>	13	91
<i>Veteran Disability Compensation Claims Filed</i>	11	87
<i>Veteran/Surviving Spouse Pension Claims</i>	3	22
<i>All Forms Filled Out for Veterans</i>	86	550
<i>Miscellaneous (see below)</i>	2	12

1. *June 1 & 2 attended CVSO Convention at Indiana War Memorial*
2. *Recruited 4 new van driver's this month*

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

The next item was the Animal Control June 2022 Monthly Report as prepared by Director Mark Case as read by Commissioner Lienhoop as follows:

#### **June 2022 Monthly Report**

<b><i>Action</i></b>	<b><i>Dogs</i></b>	<b><i>Cats</i></b>	<b><i>Other</i></b>	<b><i>Total</i></b>
<i>Picked Up</i>	37	18	0	55
<i>Audits</i>	0	0	0	103
<i>Violations</i>	6	2	0	8

<i>Fines</i>	2	0	0	2
<i>Bite Cases</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Door Hangers</i>	0	0	0	7
<i>Animals Reclaimed</i>	9	0	0	9
<i>Traps Loaned</i>	0	2	0	2
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>136</b>
<i>Mileage for the month</i>	<i>Van 1 =</i>	<i>2,681</i>	<i>Van 2 =</i>	<i>2,451</i>

**Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Animal Control June 2022 Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Mark Webber stated that they had canceled the spay/neuter program due to COVID so the numbers had just exploded.

The next item was the Treasurer's June 2022 Monthly Report as prepared by Treasurer Barbara Hackman. Commissioner London reviewed the report. **Commissioner London motioned to Accept the Treasurer's June 2022 Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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

The next item was the Presentation of the American Rescue Plan Quarterly Filing as presented by Auditor Pia O'Connor as follows:

**American Rescue Plan**  
Bartholomew County  
Summary of Expenditures  
For the Quarter Ended 6/30/2022

Description	Final Budgeted Projects	3/31/2022 Balance	Q2 2022 Project Revenue	Q2 2022 Project Expense	6/30/2022 Balance	Cumulative Revenue	Cumulative Expense
Countywide Broadband	4,000,000	4,000,000	-	-	4,000,000	-	-
Sewer at Fairgrounds	500,000	441,000		40,370	400,630	-	99,370
Not For Profit revenue replacement	472,500	-			-	-	472,500
Jail HVAC	1,300,589	1,189,559		32,865	1,156,694	-	143,895
County Government Revenue Losses	10,000,000	7,003,830	10,660	42,156	6,972,334	38,042	3,065,708
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,273,089</b>	<b>12,634,389</b>	<b>10,660</b>	<b>115,391</b>	<b>12,529,658</b>	<b>38,042</b>	<b>3,781,473</b>

Auditor Pia O'Connor stated that they had received the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final installment from the Federal Government in the amount of \$8,136,544.50 in May of this year. They have finalized contracts for the Jail HVAC repairs and the Water & Sewer lines at the Fairgrounds. Work on these 2 projects should begin soon. They have also purchased the van for the Nursing Division of the Health Department. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022 ARP Report as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Commissioner London thanked Auditor O'Connor for her incredible leadership and work on this item. He has met with other County Commissioners that have discussed the nightmares they are going through. He appreciates how well she has handled this for Bartholomew County.

The next item was the Consideration of a Master Development Agreement with Hoosier Networks, LLC for County wide broadband as follows:

- *Master Development Agreement with Hoosier Networks, LLC*
  - *Affiliated with Meridiam*
  - *For County Wide Broadband*
  - *Developer will be responsible for all fees relating to licensing to operate in the County, and construction contractor or equipment service providers, and excavation in the County Public Right-of-Ways.*
  - *Developer will achieve substantial completion within 36 months from the construction commencement date.*
  - *\$4,000,000 in county funds will be paid to developer upon developer having passed 82% of premises within the County's Boundary.*

Commissioner London stated that this is the culmination of 18 months of work. There are a lot of citizens within the County that have poor or no access to internet. They had 3 quotes, 2 of which met specifications. They then entered into contract negotiations with Meridiam, which goes by Hoosier Networks, LLC in Indiana. This will provide fiber to many, many homes within the County. Attorney Grant Tucker stated that Commissioner London had explained it well. Commissioner Kleinhenz asked if a tax abatement was addressed in the Contract. Attorney Tucker stated that it is in the contract that we will assist them in getting tax relief. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that was his concern as to whether this would allow the contract to be completed. Commissioner London stated that we are one

of the last states to have personal property taxes. The Indiana Legislature has worked on it but has not passed the removal of personal property tax. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that they have had a lot of calls regarding abatement on this project. Scott Layman of Meridian stated that they have already secured abatements in Shelbyville, Bloomington and the City of Columbus. Commissioner London stated that these taxes are something we would never see because no one is willing to take this on. He stated that utility assessments for this are State Distributable taxes that are collected by the State and then disbursed to us. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated he thought they had found out this morning that was not the case. **Commissioner London motioned to enter into the Agreement with Hoosier Networks, LLC as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Tom Heller asked about whether there were conduits within the County. Commissioner London stated we have no infrastructure in place. Mr. Heller asked about the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph stating they would meet the United Nations goals. Mr. Layman stated they work around the globe and they want to meet the highest standards. This standard is one his company believes is a very good one to adhere to. Mark Webber asked what the purpose of the agreement was. Commissioner London stated it is a contract to provide internet to the County and it provides for service levels throughout the County. Granting of R/W through standard permitting procedures. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated there will still be many that will not receive it due to the distance and number of homes served. Mr. Layman stated that there are materials, permitting and other procedures that have to happen prior to starting the installation of the infrastructure so he wanted to caution people that this will not happen overnight.

Commissioner Kleinhenz wanted to express his concern that gasoline on West 46 is running about \$0.90 more than the same companies selling it in Taylorsville. It is not right that you can drive to Taylorsville and save that much for a gallon of gasoline that is being sold by the same company.

**The next Commissioner's Meeting will be on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

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LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

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TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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PIA O'CONNOR