

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 15, 2022

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on August 15, 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, County Auditor Pia O'Connor, and County Administrator Tina Douglas were in attendance. Attorney Grant Tucker was not present.

Commissioner Lienhoop opened the meeting.

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

The next item was the Approval of Meeting Minutes of 8-8-2022. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Minutes as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Approval of Claims. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Claims 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>
08/08/22 to 08/12/22	26	\$2,705.00	\$1,891,541

Of note: \$600,000 MAC Property Group – New Dwelling at 2870 W 940 S
\$600,000 MAC Property Group – New Dwelling at 13531 W Bellsville Pike

The next item was the Weekly Crew Report for County Highway as presented by County Engineer Danny Hollander as follows: replaced culvert pipes on 450 S & 600 S; started ditching Baldwin Addition; patched with hot box & dura-patcher; put up signs; hauled dirt to 600 S & 700 N; mowed in Clifty & Hawcreek Townships; Milestone paved 650 S & 400 S.

The next item was the Ratification of an Expenditure for the Highway Department as presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

- ***Wash Bay Rolling Door***

- *Accidentally damaged*
- *Overhead Door of South Central Indiana*
 - *Material* *\$11,700.00*
 - *Labor* *\$ 1,900.00*
 - *Total Ratification* *\$13,600.00*
- *Overhead Door is who the original door was bid & purchased through*

Engineer Hollander stated that insurance will be paying \$3,600 of this bill. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Ratify the Expenditure for the Highway Department with Overhead Door of South Central Indiana in the amount of \$13,600 as presented. 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 (INDOT) for an Unofficial Detour as presented by Engineer Hollander as follows:

- ***SR 58, 1.95 miles West of I-65***
 - *Will be closed between 8/30/22 and 11/30/22*
 - *Will be closed for a total of 75 days*
 - *For a small structure (culvert) replacement (Contract #B-40407)*
 - *Unofficial Local Detour Route will utilize:*
 - *County Road 500 W, West Deaver Road & County Road 400 W*
 - *Official Detour will utilize:*
 - *SR 11, I-65, SR 58 & SR 258*
 - *INDOT will set up and maintain the necessary traffic control for the Official State Detour Route*
 - *INDOT agrees to reimburse Bartholomew County for costs related to damage repair on the listed Unofficial Local Detour Route*
 - *Reimbursable work must be approved by INDOT prior to the completion of work*

Commissioner London motioned to Accept the Letter of Understanding with INDOT as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mark Webber, of the Republic, asked for clarification on the dates. Engineer Hollander will send the

agreement/letter to Mr. Webber. Commissioner London asked if they Highway Department blows grass into the roadways when they mow the ditches. Engineer Hollander stated that they mow in only one direction which puts the majority of the debris in the ditch. What was on social media was done by a private citizen.

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

The next item was the Consideration of Right-of-Way Dedication as presented by Ashley Beckort of the Planning Department (via Zoom) as follows:

1. *MI/P-2022-009: Bryant Minor Subdivision*
 - a. *Request by William G & Lisa D Bryant*
 - b. *Create 1 new lot (4.33 acres) and Parent Tract Remainder*
 - c. *Totaling 10.15+/- acres*
 - d. *Located at 13550 W 170 S*
 - e. *In Harrison Township*
 - f. *Requires 25' of Right-of-Way*
 - g. *Dedicating 0.24 acres on 170 S*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the Right-of-Way Dedication for the Bryant Minor Subdivision as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of Right-of-Way Dedication as presented by Ashley Beckort of the Planning Department (via Zoom) as follows:

1. *MI/P-2022-010: Elliott 500 North Minor Subdivision*
 - a. *Request by Katelyn Elliott*
 - b. *Convert an existing Agriculture Tract into a buildable lot*
 - c. *Creating 1 new lot (4.6+/- acres) for a total of 1 lot*
 - d. *Totaling 4.6+/- acres*

- e. *Located at 9350 E 500 N*
- f. *In Flatrock Township*
- g. *Requires 25' of Right-of-Way*
- h. *Dedicating 0.386 acres on 500 N*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the Right-of-Way Dedication for the Elliott 500 North Minor Subdivision as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioner Lienhoop asked what restaurant was being built in front of the old Kroger's location. It is a Zaxby's. Tom Heller asked what made up a Minor Subdivision. Ms. Beckort stated that an Administrative Subdivision involves no new lots; a Minor Subdivision is a small amount of lots and no public improvements; and a Major Subdivision is more than 4 lots OR public improvements.

The next item was the Presentation of the Form 144's by Auditor Pia O'Connor. These are the 2023 Salary Requests for All Departments. The offices requested 5% increases for the most part. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Form 144's as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Commissioner Kleinhenz asked why the Auditor thought the statutes have her present them to the Commissioners. Auditor O'Connor suspects that it is due to the fact that it affects the Health Insurance as well as the taxes that are paid based on the salaries.

The next item was the July 2022 Clerk's Monthly Report. Commissioner London reviewed the report. **Commissioner London made a motion to Accept the July 2022 Clerk's Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Lienhoop mentioned two articles in the paper over the weekend regarding the retirement of his pastor, Mark Tieke, and the passing of Frank Anderson.

Commissioner London discussed the County-wide Broadband. He stated that the County Council had declared, on First Reading, the entire County as an ERA at their last meeting. They must pass this on Second Reading in their next meeting and then vote on the Tax Abatement itself. If everything is passed, then the project will have the green light. Mark Webber asked if it takes one or two votes for the Tax Abatement to be passed. Commissioner London stated that the abatement itself only requires one vote.

The next Commissioner's Meeting will be on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR