

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

September 19, 2022

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on September 19, 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, County Administrator Tina Douglas and Attorney Grant Tucker were in attendance.

Commissioner Lienhoop opened the meeting.

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

The first item was the Approval of Minutes of 09-12-2022. **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 the 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>
09/12/22 to 09/16/22	27	\$8,607.00	\$30,317,140

*Of note:*        \$27,181,200 – NexusPark City of Columbus (Force Construction)  
                      \$ 2,000,000 – Single Family Dwelling (Grandview Lake)

The next item was the Weekly Crew Report for County Highway as presented by County Engineer Danny Hollander as follows: chip-n-sealed in German & Harrison Townships; extended 2 culverts on 650 S & 1175 E; ditched on Raintree, Country Club & 525 W; ditched in Baldwin Addition; replaced pipe on Lake Road; took out the last curb at Ceraland in preparation for overlay; mowed in Sandcreek Township; and Milestone paved 600 S, 700 S, 800 S & 930 S. They are now half way through the list. Commissioner London asked about 500 E and 900 S. Engineer Hollander stated it is run off water that is following the waterline and creating sink holes. He met with the lady on 900 S but there is nowhere to drain it unless she works with a neighbor or farmer. It is not a road issue.

The next item was the Consideration of Proposals for the Sheriff's Department as presented by Captain Brandon Slate as follows:

- *One 2022 Midsize Tacoma Truck for the Sheriff's Department*
- *Dealerships are having a hard time getting new vehicles in*
- *Found this one on a lot*
  - *Carver Toyota (Columbus, IN)*
    - *One new 2022 Toyota Tacoma SR truck*
    - *Silver*
  - *\$35,071.25*
  - *Carver Toyota (Columbus, IN)*
    - *One used 2020 Toyota Tacoma SR truck*
    - *4WD*
    - *Double cab*
    - *21,139 miles*
  - *\$36,500.00*
  - *Toyota of Terre Haute (Terre Haute, IN)*
    - *One new 2022 Toyota SR truck*
    - *V6*
  - *\$36,615.00*
  - *Andy Mohr Toyota (Avon, IN)*
    - *One new 2022 Toyota Tacoma SR truck*
    - *V6*
    - *4WD*
    - *Double cab*
  - *\$41,871.00*

Captain Slate stated that he lucked into finding one in stock at Carver's Toyota. **Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Approve the Low Bid from Carver Toyota in the amount of \$35,071.25 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of Annual Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resource Investigation as presented by EMA Director Shannan Cooke as follows:

- *Annual Joint Funding Agreement*
- *With US Department of the Interior – USGS*
- *For Water Resource Investigations*
- *Term: October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023*
- *Operation & Maintenance of 2 Haw Creek Streamflow Gauges*
  - *One near Clifford*
  - *One near Hope*
- *Part of the Early Flood Warning System*
- *Breakdown of costs:*
  - *USGS pays:   \$ 9,900.00*
  - *EMA pays:     \$16,000.00*
  - ***Total:           \$25,900.00***

Director Cooke explained the Joint Funding Annual Agreement with USGS for the maintenance & upkeep of these 2 gauges. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Agreement with USGS for Funding for Stream Gauges as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of a Grant Application for EMA for 2022 Salary Reimbursement as presented by EMA Director Cooke as follows:

- *Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)*
- *50% Salary Reimbursement of EMA Office Salaries*
- *For Director & Deputy Director*
- *Federal money as administered by the State*
- *County Match Grant*
- *Term: September 1, 2022 to August 30, 2023*
- *Amount of request:                   **\$49,152.03***

**Commissioner London motioned to Approve the EMPG Grant Application in the amount of \$49,152.03 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of Consultant Contracts for the County Assessor's Office as presented by County Assessor Ginny Whipple as follows:

- *Three contracts for the County Assessor's Office for Consultant Work*
- *Where the County needs a Level III Indiana Assessor/Appraiser Certification to perform certain duties*
- *Subject to County Council Approval*
  - ***Dean Layman***
    - *For Consultant Work*
    - *Rate of \$46.85 per hour*
    - *Either Party can terminate the contract with a written 30 day notice*
    - *Previous agreement signed November 19, 2018 for \$36.50 per hour*
  - ***Phil Griggs***
    - *For Consultant Work*
    - *Rate of \$46.85 per hour*
    - *Either Party can terminate the contract with a written 30 day notice*
    - *Previous agreement signed November 19, 2018 for \$36.50 per hour*
  - ***Lew Wilson***
    - *For Consultant Work*
    - *Rate of \$46.85 per hour*
    - *Either Party can terminate the contract with a written 30 day notice*

Assessor Whipple stated that she currently has 2 of these contractors in her office and for Lew Wilson that just retired. The contract amount has increased. Mr. Wilson will continue to do special projects. All the positions require a Level III Certification. Auditor O'Connor stated that this has not been

approved by the County Council. Assessor Whipple stated that it was approved in the Budget Hearings for next year. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Accept the 3 Consultant Contracts as presented pending Approval by the County Council regarding the Rate of Pay for next year. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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

**The next Commissioner's Meeting will be Monday, September 26, 2022.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 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