

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

November 7, 2022

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on November 7, 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, Auditor Pia O'Connor, County Administrator Tina Douglas and Attorney Grant Tucker were in attendance.

Due to technical difficulties, the meeting was started at 10:14 a.m.

Commissioner Lienhoop opened the meeting.

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

The first 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 and Julie Stamper (via Zoom) as follows:

RESOLUTION 2022-11

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 **1634 Gladstone Avenue** 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 Blackburn Properties, LLC;*
(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 7th day of November, 2022.

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

Carl H. Lienhoop, Chairman

Larry S. Kleinhenz, Member

Tony London, Member

This makes the 12th home to be sold due to a change in future planning that will see no further expansion at this location. The 3 required items were listed in the Resolution. **Commissioner**

London motioned to Adopt Resolution 2022-11. Commissioner Kleinhenz 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>
<i>10/31/22 to 11/04/22</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>\$4,655.00</i>	<i>\$8,668,571</i>

Of note: \$1,550,000 – New Commercial building on Washington Street
\$4,883,077 – Columbus East High School new bldg/athletic field improvements
\$1,715,000 – BCSC – lighting for baseball/softball fields

The next item was the Approval of Minutes of October 31, 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 Claims. **Commissioner London motioned to Approve the Claims as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Weekly Crew Report for County Highway as presented by County Engineer Danny Hollander for last week as follows: installed gabions & hauled dirt to 900 E; side-winded stone along 600 S, 700 S & 1000 E; fixed a school bus turnaround on 450 W; put up signs; pushed up salt; dura-patched; and mowed in Ohio & Wayne Townships.

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

The next item was the Ratification of an Expenditure for the Highway Department as presented by Engineer Hollander. This is with Hoosier Energy REC, Inc. for the relocation of a tap line at Bridge #188 & #189 (Ogilville Project # PD80104100) in the amount of \$58,538.85. The original cost was estimated to be \$169,360 with the final cost being \$227,900. This Ratification is for the overrun. **Commissioner London motioned to Ratify the Expenditure by the Highway Department in the amount of \$58,538.85 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed**

unanimously. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that had these lines that were moved been in the Right-of-Way, this would have been at Hoosier Energy's cost, not the County's. There were costs over \$310,000 in items not related to the bridge itself. The bridges are bad, are not very wide and are part of a main thoroughfare.

The next item was Signatures on a Title Sheet for Bridge #44 as presented by Engineer Hollander. He stated that he will be back next week to request a Notice to Bidders. This week he just needs their signatures on the title sheet. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Sign the Title Sheet for Bridge #44. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Consideration of Right-of-Way Dedication as presented by Ashley Beckort and Kyra Behrman of the Planning Department as follows:

1. *MI/P-2022-011: Wooded Meadows Minor Subdivision*
 - a. *Request by Larry Kleinhenz*
 - b. *Create 4 lots with a Parent Tract Remainder*
 - c. *Totaling 16.72 acres*
 - d. *Located on the East side of Mt. Healthy Road approximately 4,000' from the intersection of Mt. Healthy Road & 800 W*
 - e. *Jackson Township*
 - f. *Requires 25' of Right-of-Way*
 - g. *Dedicating 1.17 acres on Mt. Healthy*

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Right-of-Way Dedication for the Wooded Meadows Minor Subdivision as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed 2-0 with Commissioner Kleinhenz abstaining.

County Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 8, 2022 for the General Election.

County Offices will be closed Friday, November 11, 2022 in observance of Veteran's Day.

Under miscellaneous, Mike Lovelace had noticed that the Commissioners have to approve the sale of properties by the hospital. He suggested that the hospital should use that money to clean up

their property on West SR 46. Commissioner Lienhoop stated the Commissioners had discussed this last week and will meet with the Hospital Board in early December.

Linda Ziegler, via Zoom, had questions regarding the article in the paper about the Humane Society. She asked if the meeting would be open to the public. Attorney Tucker stated that if the meeting occurs, it will be open to the public. County Administrator Tina Douglas stated that it is currently scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Ziegler asked if the Humane Society has to show the details of how the money is spent. Commissioner London stated that they are a vendor for the County. They are a private organization and he is uncertain if or when they provide that information. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that there are standards in the Contract that must be met. If they are not met, then there are ways to get involved through the Contract. Ms. Zeigler would like a copy of the last contract. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that they have always been very supportive of the function of the Humane Society. He believes if the financial support from the Commissioners was pulled, they would have to make some very substantial cuts. He stated that they are not the Humane Society, nor do they want to be. Sandra Bush, in the audience, asked if the County did not have the Humane Society, what options would they have. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated we could contract with the City, CARE, build our own, contract with another county, or with a private kennel. They have looked at joining with the City, but their concern is what would happen to the Humane Society with the loss of their funding. Sandra Bush stated that if we could be the City that would be amazing. Attorney Tucker stated we would not be the City with their standards and all. We are simply looking for a place to take animals and if the Humane Society is not willing then we would have to find another location. Commissioner London stated that they perform their due diligence and look at the most cost effective way to handle this.

The next Commissioner's Meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2022.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR