

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

December 19, 2022

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on December 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 Administrator Tina Douglas, and Attorney Grant Tucker were in attendance. Auditor Pia O'Connor was not 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 December 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 Claims. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Claims as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Recognition of Sheriff Matt Myers. Commissioner London stated that Sheriff Myer has been a great public servant. The Commissioners presented Sheriff Myers with a plaque in appreciation of his 8 years of service as Sheriff. Sheriff Myers thanked the Commissioners for their support. He accepted the plaque on behalf of the men and women of the Sheriff's Office. They built upon what Mark Gorbett had done and he believes Chris Lane will be a wonderful Sheriff. Sheriff Myers presented lapel pins to the Commissioners. He thanked the Commissioners and the Council for their work together. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that there have been times when the Commissioners have not agreed with the Sheriff but at the end of the day, they still remain friends. He thanked Matt Myers and Mark Gorbett.

Commissioner Lienhoop stated that they were going to go through the meeting quickly as he has to leave at 10:50 for a procedure at the hospital. The group discussing the animals will get their 15 minutes and he hopes he is here for it.

The next item was the Weekly Permits Report as read by Commissioner Lienhoop:

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
<i>12/12/22 to 12/09/22</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>\$3,334.00</i>	<i>\$731,061</i>

Of Note:

The next item was the Weekly Crew Report for County Highway as presented by Assistant Engineer Stacy Gross for last week as follows: crack sealed in Hawcreek Township; hauled concrete to river; hauled millings & stone to 170 S; cut trees; and ran snow routes.

The next item was Proposals for Crushed Stone for the Highway Department as follows:

- *US Aggregates (Indianapolis, IN)*

	2022 \$	2023 \$
○ #73	\$ 9.00	\$10.00
○ Riprap	\$12.10	\$13.75
○ #11 (chip n seal)	\$13.50	\$16.50
- *Ward Stone*
 - *No Bid Received*

Commissioner London motioned to Approve the bids from US Aggregate as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was Proposals for Removal of Trees on 400 N for the Highway Department as follows:

- *Removal of dead trees on 400 N, East of Hartsville along the South side of the road*
- *Both quotes include cleanup and disposal*
 - *Frank's Tree Care (Columbus, IN)*
 - *59 priority trees (white paint)*
 - *Includes cleanup & disposal*
 - *4 work days to complete*
 - *Requires road closure*
 - *\$23,500*
 - *43 low priority trees (pink paint)*

- *Includes cleanup & disposal*
- *3.5 work days to complete*
- *Requires road closure*
 - *\$20,562*
- *Total Frank's Tree Service for 102 trees \$39,656*

- *Vertical Landscaping (Hartsville, IN)*
 - *64 priority trees (white paint)*
 - *Includes cleanup & disposal*
 - *\$46,360*
 - *34 low priority trees (pink pain)*
 - *Includes cleanup and disposal*
 - *\$28,255*
- *Total Vertical Landscaping for 98 trees \$74,615*

Commissioner London motioned to Approve the low bid with Frank's Tree Service in the total amount of \$39,656 as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Consideration of an Agreement between Milestone and Bartholomew County for Bridge #44 for the Highway Department as presented by Assistant Engineer Gross as follows:

- *County Road 425 N over Duck Creek*
- *Bids opened December 5, 2022*
- *Milestone Contractors, LP (Columbus, IN)* *\$1,032,000.00*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the Agreement with Milestone Contractors for Bridge #44 in the amount of \$1,032,000 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Proposal for the Purchase of a 2023 Passenger Van for the Youth Services Center as presented by Rob Gaskill as follows:

- *Requesting one 2023 passenger van*
- *Was approved for funding at the December 13, 2022 Council Meeting*
 - *Larkwood Greene Enterprises (Connersville, IN)*
 - *\$45,092.96*
 - *Sandman Brother's (Shelbyville, IN)*
 - *\$45,566.00*
 - *Ford of Columbus (Columbus, IN)*
 - *\$53,630.00*

Due to technical difficulties, Commissioner London explained the request. Mr. Gaskill contacted the 3 bidders about to delivery times. Larkwood Greene Enterprises stated they cannot provide what was quoted. Sandman Brothers will be a 4 to 6 month delivery time while Ford of Columbus would require 4 to 8 months for delivery. **Commissioner London motioned to Accept the bid from Sandman Brothers in the amount of \$45,566.00 due to Larkwood Greene Enterprises not being able to deliver the quoted van. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Proposal/Agreement for the State of Indiana Savin Program for the Sheriff's Department as presented by Detective Chris Roberts as follows:

- *State of Indiana Savin Program (Victim Notification System)*
- *This will be replacing the current Vine System*
- *Central Square will make and maintain software for the Sheriff's Department*
- *State of Indiana will pay development, implementation & maintenance fees*
 - *Product Name*
 - *One Solution Export for Indiana License Fee* *\$ 7,625.00*
 - *Services include*
 - *Public Safety Project Management Services (fixed fee)* *\$ 585.00*
 - *Public Safety Technical Services (fixed fee)* *\$ 1,950.00*

▪ *Total Cost*

\$10,160.00

Detective Roberts stated that the State will maintain all costs after the install. **Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to Approve the State of Indiana Savin Program in the amount of \$10,160 as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the Veteran's November 2022 Monthly Report as presented Veteran's Service Officer Larry Garrity (via Zoom) as follows:

November 2022 Monthly Report

<i>Item</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>YTD</i>
<i>In Office Interviews</i>	23	376
<i>Out of Office Interviews</i>	0	0
<i>Walk-ins</i>	72	662
<i>Incoming Phone Calls</i>	176	2,321
<i>Outgoing Phone Calls</i>	54	811
<i>Outgoing Mail</i>	6	95
<i>Incoming Fax</i>	2	29
<i>Outgoing Fax</i>	7	88
<i>Trips to VA Hospital</i>	11	84
<i>Mileage on Van</i>	986	11,633
<i>New Claims Filed</i>	11	174
<i>Veteran Disability Compensation Claims Filed</i>	10	154
<i>Veteran/Surviving Spouse Pension Claims</i>	3	39
<i>All Forms Filled Out for Veterans</i>	63	1,030
<i>Miscellaneous (see below)</i>	5	21

11-8-22 Closed for General Election

11-11-22 Closed for Veteran's Day

11-17-22 POW Plaza Meeting

11-24-22 Closed for Thanksgiving Day

11-25-22 *Closed for Thanksgiving*

11-30-22 *Oil Change/Maintenance on van at County Garage*

Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to Accept the Veteran's November 2022 Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner London seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

The next item was Proposals for the Lighting System for the Softball & Baseball Complex at Dun Stadium for the Bartholomew County Parks Department as presented by Parks Director Rich Day as follows:

- *Custer Electric, Inc. Sports Lighting (Rushville, IN)*
 - *\$936,000*
- *Hellas Construction, Inc. (Seguin, TX)*
 - *\$726,170*

Director Rich Day stated he had reached out to several companies. They are requesting LED lighting. The current lighting is 34 years old on wooden posts. **Commissioner London motioned to under advisement. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

ALL County Offices will be CLOSED Friday, December 23, 2022 and Monday, December 26, 2022 in Observance of CHRISTMAS.

ALL County Offices will be CLOSED Friday, December 30, 2022 and Monday, January 2, 2023 in Observance of NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The next Commissioner's Meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2023.

The next item, under Miscellaneous, was a presentation by Ellen Macy, Sandy Bush & Nancy Ray comparing other Animal Control Ordinances as well as a petition to update the County

Ordinance to mirror the City Ordinance. Sandy Bush spoke. She is speaking about domesticated companion animals. She has sat at several meetings and heard Engineer Hollander speak. Imagine building a bridge without specifications. She began the discussion with tethering. As an Animal Control Officer, what rules do you use to determine if this is an acceptable position for the animals? She has presented them with several sample ordinances. She turned her discussion to weather. What tools do you use to assess the situation? Are the ordinances enforceable? She played a recording from an Indianapolis news station regarding Indianapolis Animal Control during a high temperature day. Extreme cold is just as deadly. Most discuss 40 degrees and then at 20 degrees. All breeds are susceptible to frost bite. She included a Newsweek article from FIDO (Friends of Indianapolis Dogs Outside) in the handouts. She also included a Republic Editorial from 2021. It highlights the need for clear rules. Again, how do we build a bridge without great specifications? Good, clear ordinances is good for everybody, except the bad pet owners. It is reckless to not have good ordinances. Please raise the bar in 2023. Commissioner Lienhoop stated they are continually told that the Ordinance is from the 80's, but it was last updated in 2021. Commissioner London thanked her for the report. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that we have a cold weather event coming up the end of this week. Ms. Ray asked how the Animal Control Officers are preparing for the cold weather. Commissioner Lienhoop stated the vehicles have access to doghouses, heated water bowls, blankets and other items in each van.

Jorge Morale and Mark Gorbett wished the Commissioners a Merry Christmas from the County Council.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

TONY LONDON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR