

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

September 3, 2020

The Bartholomew County Commissioners met on September 3, 2020, in the Information Technology Conference Room of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Commissioners Carl Lienhoop, Rick Flohr and Larry Kleinhenz were present. Attorney Grant Tucker was present. Auditor Pia O'Connor was present through Zoom meeting.

Commissioner Lienhoop called the meeting to order.

In addition to the above listed people, the following were present at the meeting:

County Administrator Tina Douglas	Information Technology Director Scott Mayes

In attendance via Zoom were:

County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander	County Assessor Ginny Whipple
Sergeant Jim Stevens, Sheriff's Department	Chief Deputy Chris Lane, Sheriff's Department
Tax Administrator Chris West, Auditor's Office	Mark Webber, The Republic
John Clark, White River Broadcasting	Tony London

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

The first order of business was the approval of the August 24, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Flohr 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 Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the weekly permit report as read by Commissioner Lienhoop:

<i>Time frame</i>	<i>New permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Value</i>
8/24/20 to 8/28/20	25	\$3,185	\$3,479,100

The next item was the ratification of the approval of claims. Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to ratify the approval of claims. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the County Highway Weekly Crew Report presented by Engineer Danny Hollander. The following work had been done: replaced culverts on 450 N, 400 E and Helfen Road; added chip to some bleeding roads; hauled millings to new garage site; dura-patched potholes; picked up trash; replaced signs; and mowed in German, Harrison, Flatrock, Columbus and Hawcreek.

The next item was the Consideration of a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners Approving the Sale of Real Estate. This is for the sale of real estate at 2530 16th Street as requested by the Columbus Regional Hospital Board of Trustees as presented by their General Counsel Cindy Boll and Dave Lenard. This property is no longer necessary for hospital purposes and should be sold. This act requires the three following actions:

1. *Appraisal of the property by 3 disinterested owners of taxable real estate property in Bartholomew County;*
2. *Publication by CRH of a Notice of the Sale one time at least 7 days before the date of the sale and;*
3. *Approval of the sale by the Board of Commissioners of the County*

Attorney Boll stated that they have received the required appraisal of the property and have negotiated the sale of the property with Russel N Barr & Lindsey J Cundiff and request approval of the Commissioners. The appraisals came in at \$164,000, \$164,000 and \$169,900. Commissioner Flohr motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion. County Assessor Whipple asked why they would sell a property that appears to be in the center of property they own as opposed to a piece along the edge. Dave Lenard stated that they are looking at selling the surrounding properties but are not at the same stage yet with them. Mark Webber asked if these were purchased as rental properties. Dave Lenard stated they were not. John Clark asked if they already have a buyer. Dave Lenard stated that they do have an individual buyer for this particular property. It is no longer needed in the future planning for CRH. They will be bringing through several more of these in the future. The vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item was the decision regarding the car & body camera bids as presented by Sergeant Jim Stevens and Chief Deputy Chris Lane. Sergeant Stevens recommended they go with Axon

Enterprise, Inc. Axon offers free replacement cameras at two and a half years. WatchGuard Video would do replacement cameras at 3 years but it was at an additional cost to the County. Though WatchGuard Video was the lower bidder initially, Sergeant Stevens stated that when the options are added between the two bidders, Axon is the low bidder by about \$3,000 at \$732,006.80 versus WatchGuard at \$735,176.00. The following items were noted:

1. *Axon did allow a trial with a camera, while WatchGuard did not have a camera available.*
2. *Axon has a CAD/RMS integration already in place that will work with our Central Square system. WatchGuard is in talks with Central Square and advised that they are almost ready to go into the development stage for the CAD/RMS integration with Central Square systems.*
3. *Axon will deliver in 30 to 45 days while WatchGuard will deliver in 90 days.*
4. *Axon came on site and worked with our IT Department and our IT Department is comfortable that the Axon system will work with our laptops. WatchGuard had an IT person talk with our IT via the phone and advised their system would work with our laptops, however in the same conversation advised they were having issues with another agency's Net Motion configuration, which we use. IT Director Mayes stated that all round from the technical perspective, he supports going with Axon.*
5. *Axon is also the system used by the Columbus Police Department and we will have the ability to seamlessly share videos with them which is crucial as we work many investigations together and deal with the same suspects on different cases. The Prosecutor's Office already has access to Axon due to CPD having it, so it will be easy for them to start viewing our videos. WatchGuard is still developing their Prosecutor's portal.*

Commissioner Kleinhenz motioned to award the contract to Axon for \$732,006.80 subject to approval by Attorney Tucker. Commissioner Flohr seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mark Webber asked how this would be paid for. Auditor O'Connor stated that the 2020 payment would be from the Commissioners for \$224,238.80. The following years would be paid for out of the Riverboat Fund at about \$127,000 per year. Sergeant Stevens thanked the Commissioners, Auditor and the IT Department for their work on this project. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that he had spoken with Chief Deputy Lane last week regarding the situation in the country at this time. Chief Deputy Lane stated that they have daily trainings and reminders to all personnel regarding how to handle situations

they encounter. Mark Webber stated that he has had several people that have asked why the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department and the Columbus Police Department can diffuse these situations while other departments across the nation cannot. Chief Deputy Lane stated that he believes training is key as well as their relationship with the community.

Next, under Miscellaneous they needed to ratify a couple of Maintenance expenses. The Maintenance Department had rented a man lift to inspect the Courthouse roof. While doing so, they had found an issues. They maintained the lift until the repairs had been completed. The cost for the lift was \$6,047.25 with Macallister Rentals. Commissioner Lienhoop motioned to ratify the expenditure. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was the Ratification of the expenditure to fix the roofing issue found above. This is with HRC Roofing and Sheet Metal Company, Inc. of Columbus and is for \$1,696.81. Commissioner Flohr motioned to Ratify the amount of \$1,696.81 with HRC Roofing. Commissioner Kleinhenz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that they had found an issue with the attachment of a section of the South tower roof/wall that had come loose and could have come off the building with a big gust of wind. The cost of the lift was less than it would have been to construct scaffolding and the manpower to review the roof. The lift was utilized by HRC to make the repair.

Monday, September 7, 2020 is Labor Day and all County Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. The Commissioners will meet again on **Monday, September 14, 2020 at 10 a.m.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

CARL H. LIENHOOP, CHAIRMAN

LARRY S. KLEINHENZ, MEMBER

RICHARD A. FLOHR, MEMBER

ATTEST:

PIA O'CONNOR