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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
July 21, 2015

Name:	Representing:	Title:	Present:
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large	President	Present
Bill Lentz	At Large	Pro-Tem	Present
Jim Reed	At Large		Present
Chris Ogle	District 1		Present
Laura DeDomenic	District 2		Present
Mark E Gorbett	District 3		Present
Jorge Morales	District 4		Present
Chris Monroe	- -	Attorney	Present
Barb Hackman	Auditor	Secretary	Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on July 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. This meeting was originally scheduled for July, 14, 2015 but was postponed due to a power outage at this building.

President Pence called the meeting to order.

Chris Ogle gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the meeting minutes of June 9, 2015. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Additional Appropriations for Cornerstone Perpetuation (015) in the amount of one-thousand six-hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) as presented by County Surveyor E.R. Gray. Surveyor Gray stated that this is to repair the piece that sits on top of the tripod he had brought in. It is the only GPS

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piece of equipment they own. He asked the company that will be repairing it what was wrong with it. Their simple answer was that the keypad was worn out. Laura DeDomenic asked how old this piece of equipment was and what was its life expectancy. Surveyor Gray stated it is three (3) years old and probably has another two (2) years of life. A new one is between fifteen-thousand and twenty-thousand dollars (\$15,000 - \$20,000). They had used a similar piece of equipment they had in 2008 to gather high water marks during the flood. Jim Reed asked how accurate is it? Surveyor Gray stated that is within millimeters. President Pence asked how long it would take for the repair. They had estimated a couple of weeks. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriations for Cornerstone Perpetuation (015) in the amount of one-thousand six-hundred dollars (\$1,600) as requested. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds for the Health Trust Fund (507) in the amount of three-thousand six-hundred dollars (\$3,600) as presented by Director of Health Collis Mayfield and Assistant Director of Nursing Amanda Organist. Assistant Director Organist stated that this transfer will pay for the remaining dental services they need this year. There was a major increase in the number of children being treated. Director Mayfield believes the increase may be about thirty percent (30%) or more. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds for the Health Trust Fund (507) in the amount of three-thousand six-hundred**

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dollars (\$3,600) as requested. Jim Reed seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation and 2015 Salary Ordinance Amendment for the STOP Grant (516) in the amount of thirty-five-thousand dollars (\$35,000) as presented by the Prosecutor's Office Manager Brenda. Manager Mijares stated that this is the Grant that pays for Rachel Clark's (*Investigator/Translator*) salary. She is requesting a Salary change as well from twenty-eight-thousand eighty dollars (\$28,080.00) to thirty-one-thousand four-hundred dollars and seventy-five cents (\$31,400.75). The Grant was four-thousand five-hundred-twenty-one dollars (\$4,521) more than last time. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriations and 2015 Salary Ordinance Amendment for the STOP Grant (516) in the amount of thirty-five-thousand dollars (\$35,000) as requested. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Auditor Hackman clarified that the Salary Ordinance Amendment was included in the motion, as they have done them separately in the past. Jorge Morales confirmed it was included in his motion.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds from the Telecommunications Non-Reverting Fund (530) in the amount of three-hundred-thousand dollars (\$300,000) and the CEDIT Fund (590) in the amount of three-hundred-thousand dollars (\$300,000) to the Rainy Day Fund (014). Auditor Hackman stated that there is a Resolution to be signed, depending upon the vote. Jorge Morales asked if the Commissioners have approved the transfer of these funds at this time. Auditor Hackman

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stated that the Commissioners were in agreement with this. Jorge Morales stated that by his calculation there should be about six-hundred-thousand dollars (\$600,000) left in the Telecommunication Fund. Auditor Hackman agreed. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve Request for Transfer of Funds from the Telecommunications Non-Reverting Fund (530) in the amount of three-hundred-thousand dollars (\$300,000) and the CEDIT Fund (590) in the amount of three-hundred-thousand dollars (\$300,000) to the Rainy Day Fund (014). Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a request for a Transfer of Funds in the amount of two-million six-hundred-thousand dollars (\$2,600,000) from the Rainy Day Fund (014) to the State Street Annex Project Fund (850) as presented by Auditor Hackman. This amount includes the six-hundred-thousand dollars (\$600,000) that was just transferred into this Fund (014) as well as two-million dollars (\$2,000,000) that already existed in this Fund (014). Mark Gorbett asked if this would clear things up for the upcoming 2016 Budget session. Auditor Hackman stated it would make things easier to understand during the budget process. Chris Ogle asked how much more money would we be going into this fund. Auditor Hackman stated that the Commissioners would have another seven-hundred twenty-five-thousand dollars (\$725,000) to contribute. She stated that we continue to be reimbursed by Cummins for the Architect bills we are paying as the bills come in. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of two-million six-hundred-thousand dollars (\$2,600,000) from the**

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Rainy Day Fund (014) to the State Street Annex Project Fund (850) as requested. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation in the amount of two-million six-hundred-thousand dollars (\$2,600,000) in the State Street Annex Project Fund (850) as presented by Auditor Hackman. This will allow expenditures from this fund as the bills come in. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation in the amount of two-million six-hundred-thousand dollars (\$2,600,000) in the State Street Annex Project Fund (850) as requested. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Under Miscellaneous on the Agenda, County Commissioners Larry Kleinhenz and Rick Flohr were present to request permission from the Council to fill the IT Director's position. It will be open as of mid-August as Director Hartsook has taken a new position with CRH. Mark Gorbett stated that we need to look at the pay. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that they had mentioned this at the last Data Board and John Rondot and Magistrate Joe Meek were going to gather some information from other Counties to review regarding the salary base. Bill Lentz stated that they had bumped up the amount a few years ago and he feels that we are where we need to be as far as an entry level salary. Auditor Hackman stated that it is hard to compare other IT Directors to our County and attempt to compare apples to apples. The consensus of the Council was to allow them to pursue filling the position.

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County Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that they had approved an additional five (5) to six (6) miles of overlay as they are behind in the Annex Project and will put those CREDIT Funds to use this year.

County Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that they are also going to be asking for a full-time position in the Veteran's Office in their 2016 Budget request. There are currently three (3) part-time positions in this office. They will be asking to eliminate two (2) part-time positions and hire one (1) full-time position. Mark Gorbett asked if one (1) of the current employees will be told they don't have a job. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that will be up to the Veteran's Service Officer. The Veteran's Service has increased the benefits that they are sending to Bartholomew County Veteran's from twenty-three-million dollars (\$23,000,000) to twenty-eight-million dollars (\$28,000,000) just since the change in the overall operation of the office a couple of years ago. This employee change will be a proposal for 2016, and will not change anything in 2015. Auditor Hackman stated that she has talked with Commissioner Kleinhenz and they will start this procedure through the Job Review Classification Committee. Auditor Hackman believes that the Sheriff's Department will also need to come to the meeting with some items.

Mark Gorbett asked if Commissioner Flohr had heard any more regarding the re-banding issue with the Public Safety radios. He had not.

Jorge Morales asked if they had lowered the cost through the architect of the new State Street Annex building. Commissioner Flohr stated they had asked about using

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different building materials to lower the cost of the building. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated it was more of addressing some cosmetic things. Chris Ogle asked how close they were to going out for bids. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated they were not close. Jorge Morales asked if VIM (*Volunteers in Medicine*) was aware of the possible changes to the new Annex building. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that they are working with VIM as they want the buildings to have a similar look. He also stated that the architect will be here next week for a meeting. They hope to go to bid late fall of 2015 so that construction can begin in early 2016. The current building will be torn down this year with a projected start date of September 1, 2015. They have started moving the current offices out of the building and will have that completed prior to the tear-down.

Auditor Hackman stated that we did receive the letter from the Columbus Redevelopment Commission that states they will not be turning back any Assessed Value regarding the TIF areas in Columbus. It was received timely, prior to July 15. Jim Reed asked if there had been any talk from the soon to be new Administration at City Hall regarding the TIF funds. Auditor Hackman stated she had heard nothing, but it is something that could be brought up next year.

The next items on the agenda were updates by the Council members regarding their respective Board and Commission appointments as follows:

Jim Reed:

Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd – They hired 2 new deputies - 1 in Academy,

1 not required to go to the Academy. They have changed the hours around and

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the deputies are not very happy. They lost thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) in the retirement fund due to getting into Commodities. He is not certain why they got into Commodities. He believes it was seven-point-five percent (7.5%) return for the last year. Mark Gorbett stated that thirty-six-thousand dollars (\$36,000) is peanuts when you look at the overall fund.

Job Review/Classification Committee – Nothing to Report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – Nothing to Report

Mark Gorbett:

County Extension Bd – Nothing to report

Emergency Management Bd – Nothing to report

Emergency Dispatch Services – Nothing to report

Liaison to Work Release Center Bd – Nothing to report

Jorge Morales:

County Plan Commission – There will be a Joint Meeting this Wednesday with City Plan.

Liaison to City Plan Commission – City approved a 3 lot subdivision.

Personnel Admin Committee – Nothing to report

Cols Economic Development Bd – Nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – They are to meet next Tuesday, but it will most likely be cancelled.

President Pence:

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County Parks & Recreation Bd – They are trying to work within their budget. They have had complaints from parents of the Girls Softball Teams and are working on those issues.

Job Review/Classification Committee – Nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – Nothing to report

JDAI – They are still working with the Youth Services Center.

Bill Lentz:

Job Review/Classification Committee – Nothing to report

Personnel Administrative Committee – Nothing to report

Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – Nothing to report

Bill Lentz asked about a Job Review Classification meeting prior to the next Work Session. Auditor Hackman will set it up as there are several changes in the Sheriff's Budget for 2016 as well as the proposed Veteran's Office changes. It was determined to hold the meeting at 4:30 on August 3, 2015, prior to the 6:00 p.m. Work Session. Mark Gorbett asked if the Work Session was going to be long. Auditor Hackman stated that it was going to be a lengthy meeting and would include an update from Financial Consultant Dan Eggermann. It was suggested to have Mr. Eggermann appear first.

Laura DeDomenic:

Computer & Data Processing Bd – Had a meeting with 2016 Budget information and the fact that Jim Hartsook, IT Director, is leaving in August.

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Columbus Economic Development Bd – Nothing to report

Liaison to Health Bd – Met but nothing to report

Chris Ogle:

Solid Waste Management District Bd – Nothing to report

Jorge Morales noted that he, Chris Ogle and Bill Lentz assisted in Hope on their Cleanup day.

Hearing no other business, Chris Ogle made a motion to adjourn. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, President

By: _____
Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

By: _____
Chris Ogle, Member

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Laura DeDomenic, Member

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Jorge Morales, Member

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Mark E. Gorbett, Member

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Jim Reed, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County