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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
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Name:	Representing:	Title:	Present:
Matt Miller	At Large		Present
Bill Lentz	At Large		Not - Present
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large		Present
Chris Ogle	District 1	Pro-Tem	Present
Laura DeDomenic	District 2		Present
Mark Gorbett	District 3	President	Present
Jorge Morales	District 4		Present
Chris Monroe	- -	Attorney	Present
Barb Hackman	Auditor	Secretary	Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on June 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Mark Gorbett called the meeting to order.

Attorney Chris Monroe gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of meeting minutes of May 9, 2018.

Chris Ogle made a motion to table the approval of the meeting minutes as they have not been presented at this time. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).

(Bill Lentz joined the meeting)

The next item on the agenda was a Request for a 2018 Salary Ordinance Amendment for the SWMD as presented by Director Heather Siesel. They are requesting to move money from a part-time scale operator position to a part-time recycling center

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position. They are going to take a full-time position and move that person part of the time to the scale house. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for a 2018 Salary Ordinance Amendment for the Sheriff's Department as presented by Auditor Hackman. Auditor Hackman stated that Sheriff's Contract amount is based on the Prosecutor's salary that is based on the Judges salary as set by the State and runs July 1 to June 30. The Judges did receive a two-point-one percent (2.1%) increase which relates to a two-point-one percent (2.1%) increase for the Sheriff effective July 1, 2018. The bi-weekly amount for the Sheriff will go from four-thousand four-hundred-thirty-five dollars (\$4,435) to four-thousand five-hundred-twenty-eight dollars and twelve cents (\$4,528.12) with the resulting yearly amount being one-hundred-seventeen-thousand seven-hundred-thirty-one dollars and twenty cents (\$117,731.20). **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request as it is required by the State. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for the County General/Superior Court I (001-37) in the amount of forty-seven-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$47,500) as presented Judge James Worton and Office Manager Teresa Million. Judge Worton stated that they are requesting forty-thousand (\$40,000) in the Professional Services and seven-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$7,500) in Other Services. Last year they had only one (1) jury trial. Next week they start their forth for the year.

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They have to pay for translator services as well as competency evaluations of the defendants' mental status. The amount they budgeted was based on last year's numbers. He explained that the Other Services additional money is for transcription services, trainings and conferences. They would have been fine if not for the number of appeals and the number of jury trials this year. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if they could transfer this amount from any other funds. They cannot. The Jury Supplemental Fund is only for Juries, not these other costs. **Bill Lentz motioned to approve the request for an Additional Appropriation in the amount of forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000). Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0). Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation in the amount of seven-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$7,500). Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).** They had ten (10) appeals for all of last year and this year they have already had nineteen (19) appeals.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for County General/Park Board as presented by Dennis Pierce for the amount of eight-thousand four-hundred dollars (\$8,400). This will be used to allow the contracted personnel to hire two (2) additional people as they are barely keeping up with the maintenance of the parks. The additional people will not only make it possible to catch up but will also allow the completion of some additional projects. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence wanted to compliment the Park Board on the work they have done as some of the Council took a tour of the parks last week. **Chris Ogle motioned to approve the request as**

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presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0). Chris Ogle made a motion to approve a Salary Ordinance Amendment not to exceed eight-thousand four-hundred dollars (\$8,400). Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Addition Appropriation for County General/Commissioners in the amount of ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) as presented by Commissioner Rick Flohr and Auditor Hackman. This is not County General but rather the Rental Fund (351). Last month they had asked for ninety-two-thousand dollars (\$92,000) but the Council only agreed to a portion of the amount, tabling the remainder for additional information. Commissioner Flohr explained that all the tenants out there have to pay a portion for parking lot repairs. The amount is in the account but it has not been appropriated. They are asking at this meeting for the appropriation of ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000). Chris Ogle asked where the money came from. Auditor Hackman explained it is from rent for a portion of the building that the County receives as owner of the building. This is just the approval to spend the money that is in the fund. **Bill Lentz motioned to approve the request for ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000). Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation for Community Corrections Grant (016) in the amount of one-million four-hundred-sixty-two-thousand five-hundred-sixty-nine dollars (\$1,462,569) as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes, Residential Work Release Director Rob Gaskill and Youth Services

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Center Director Anita Biehle. Director Gaskill explained the Grant they have received. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation for Probation Pre-Trial (036) in the amount of one-hundred-thirty-three-thousand dollars (\$133,000) as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes, Residential Work Release Director Rob Gaskill and Youth Services Center Director Anita Biehle. Director Gaskill explained the Grant they have received is split between one-hundred-twenty-three-thousand dollars (\$123,000) for salaries and ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) for contractual services. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Matt Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation for Project Income (022) in the amount of six-hundred-thousand four-hundred-six dollars and forty-eight cents (\$600,406.48) as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes, Residential Work Release Director Rob Gaskill and Youth Services Center Director Anita Biehle. Director Gaskill explained that this is through user fees that have been collected. President Gorbett asked if the collections were getting better. Director Gaskill stated they are doing much better with the collections. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation for Juvenile Community Corrections (028) in the amount of sixty-three-thousand six-hundred-thirty-

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one dollars (\$63,631) as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes, Residential Work Release Director Rob Gaskill and Youth Services Center Director Anita Biehle. Director Biehle explained that they have received this Grant for years. This is for the Day Treatment Program Coordinator salary and benefits. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation for JCC Discretionary Grant in the amount of seven-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$7,500) as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes, Residential Work Release Director Rob Gaskill and Youth Services Center Director Anita Biehle. Director Biehle explained that five-hundred dollars (\$500) is for attendance by the Board and the remaining seven-thousand dollars (\$7,000) is for training and travel of the Day Treatment staff. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation for Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Grant (720) in the amount of seventy-five-thousand nine-hundred-thirty-six dollars (\$75,936) as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes, Residential Work Release Director Rob Gaskill and Youth Services Center Director Anita Biehle. Director Barnes explained that this is through the Indiana Supreme Court for our Case Manager position. Chris Ogle stated that the Case Manager does an excellent job.

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Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).

The next item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation for PSC (*Problem Solving Court for VTC*) Grant (725) in the amount of ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes, Residential Work Release Director Rob Gaskill and Youth Services Center Director Anita Biehle. Director Barnes explained that this is through the Indiana Supreme Court for attending trainings and travel to the trainings. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Matt Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation for Pretrial II-PD Grant (726) in the amount of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes, Residential Work Release Director Rob Gaskill, Youth Services Center Director Anita Biehle and Judge Kelly Benjamin. Director Barnes explained that this is for the Public Defender for first appearance Pretrial cases. They have asked for less as they have been allowed to use remaining money that was in the fund. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).** Chris Ogle complimented them on their skills for getting Grants. They may be in front of the Council soon as they go before the ASAP Funding Board to request funding. They received one Grant and were denied another one they had applied for. Once that Board approves all or part, then the City Council and County Council would have hearings on their portion. This is a new

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process so they are trying to give everyone a heads up. There was more discussion regarding the possible programs and amounts.

Jorge Morales introduced his brother and sister-in-law that were in the audience. They are visiting from Florida.

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of the 2019 Budget Calendar. Auditor Hackman stated that since putting this together she has received the Budget Workshop dates from Wayne Hudson of DLGF. President Gorbett believes they should advertise an additional two days of Monday and Tuesday, August 27 and August 28 just in case they run over. Jorge Morales asked if they will still be approving the Clifford Budget. Auditor Hackman stated that it is Flatrock Township and yes they will as they still have two volunteer fire fighters on their board. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the 2019 Budget Calendar as presented with the additional two days. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item under Miscellaneous was a discussion regarding an analysis of the LIT. Jason Semler of Umbaugh has worked up different scenarios regarding changing the funding of the Public Safety LIT. The County can modify or increase the LIT by utilizing a percentage prior to the distribution of the LIT funds. There are specific items that this amount can be used for. Jason will be at the next work session to help explain the options and answer any questions. It is a concern that if they do this, they could possibly lose any future Inter-Local Agreements with the City. There are concerns that if there is a major cost down the road, would the City and County continue to work as well together as they

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are currently. There is a committee for the Inter-Local Agreement. Commissioner Flohr stated that he is uncertain if taking the percentage off the top would end the Inter-Local Agreement. It was determined that they need to wait for Jason to attend and explain the process. The percentage is not of the money the County it is receiving; it is a percentage of the total amount collected prior to any distributions. Laura DeDomenic asked if Jason could do a version that evenly distributed the amount out of all the funds to equally reduce the funds. President Gorbett stated that this decision has to be made by August 1, 2018. Auditor Hackman will also see that the Commissioners have the scenarios so they can review them at their work sessions. There are also some very important dates that Jason will explain. It is believed that October 1st is actually the first deadline.

The next item under Miscellaneous was a discussion regarding a Special Distribution of LIT. The County's portion was sixty-five-thousand seven-hundred-twenty-three dollars (\$65,723) in Certified Shares, Public Safety of fifteen-thousand two-hundred-ninety-two dollars (\$15,292) and Economic Development of thirteen-thousand six-hundred-eighty-five dollars (\$13,685). We did not get the Supplemental which was caused by an error in the calculation by the State.

The next items on the agenda were updates by the Council members regarding Boards and Commissions as follows:

Matt Miller:

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

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Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Laura DeDomenic:

Liaison to Health Bd – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Columbus Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

ASAP – funding meeting tomorrow

Jorge Morales:

County Plan Commission – nothing to report

Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Cols Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Mark Gorbett:

Emergency Management Bd – nothing to report

Emergency Dispatch Services – nothing to report

Community Corrections Bd – nothing to report

Data Board – nothing to report

Drug Epidemic Committee – nothing to report

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Chris Ogle:

County Extension Bd – nothing to report

Solid Waste Management District Bd – nothing to report

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

County Parks & Recreation Bd – approved Master Plan for \$20,000 which is funded by a Grant from the Heritage Fund.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – nothing to report

JDAI – nothing to report

Affordable Housing Meeting – nothing to report

Bill Lentz:

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – nothing to report

Chris Ogle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill Lentz and passed unanimously at 7:15.

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By: _____
Mark Gorbett, President

By: _____
Chris Ogle, Pro-Tem

By: _____
Bill Lentz, Member

By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

By: _____
Jorge Morales, Member

By: _____
Laura DeDomenic, Member

By: _____
Matt Miller, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County