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**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
July 10, 2018**

Name:	Representing:	Title:	Present:
Matt Miller	At Large		Present
Bill Lentz	At Large		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	Not Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on July 10, 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.

Chris Ogle 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 and June 12, 2018. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriations of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the Cell Tower Lease Fund (810) as presented by E911 Director Todd Noblitt and Deputy Director Julie Pierce. Director Noblitt stated that the 911 Building was built in 2001 and has not been remodeled since then. He has

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spoken with the Commissioners and Maintenance Director Trimpe regarding updating the building. This money is from the rent that has been collected for the cell tower and it will leave at least forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000) in the fund. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The VOCA Grant request was withdrawn by Prosecutor's Office Manager Brenda Mijares. They will bring it through later this year as the deadline is not until October.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation of forty-seven-thousand two-hundred-twenty-two dollars and thirty cents (\$47,222.30) for the STOP Grant (516) as presented by Prosecutor Office Manager Brenda Mijares. The Grant is for the same amount as last year. The total amount includes moving five-hundred-eighty-four dollars and thirty cents (\$584.30) that was left over from last year. Manager Mijares explained the breakdown of the funding. **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 a Request for an Additional Appropriation of two-hundred-eighty-one-thousand seven-hundred-sixty-eight dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$281,768.57) for Adult Protective Services (524) as presented by Prosecutor Office Manager Brenda Mijares. This is a two (2) year grant. This amount does not include any money from other Counties. She has received one check from Brown County and will be back before Council when the other Counties have submitted their funding. Manager

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Mijares explained the breakdown of the funding. The salaries include four (4) investigators and a receptionist. **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 a Request for an Additional Appropriation of sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the Health Fund (007) as presented by Director of Nursing Amanda Organist. This is for the purchase of vaccines that should last the remainder of this year. **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 Transfer of Funds of thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000) for Highway (002) as presented by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. This is moving money from their stone account to overtime. They have been unable to hire summer mowers at the wages of \$8.00 to \$10.00 per hour. They are supplementing the mowing with full time employees working additional hours. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the request as presented. Matt Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

(Auditor Hackman joined the meeting)

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds of thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000) for Alcohol/Drug (010) as presented by Court Services Director Brad Barnes. He would like to transfer from Salaries (100) to Other Services

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(300). 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 a discussion regarding Bonding for a County Highway Garage. County Commissioners Larry Kleinhenz, Carl Lienhoop and Rick Flohr were in attendance. Chairman Kleinhenz handed out a paper showing the costs that had been spent by Harrison County for a new highway facility four (4) years ago. In last week's presentation to the Council they were requesting to bond for about eight-million dollars (\$8,000,000). After the meeting, they took all the comments into account and tonight they are asking for the Council's agreement to allow a bond for six-million dollars (\$6,000,000) for a new garage. President Gorbett appreciates this as they know there may be some additional figures down the road but they have to start somewhere. Chris Ogle likes that they are moving the facility off of State Street. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that if they receive approval tonight, they would start the process and hope to be in the new building by early 2020. They have enough money to pay the bond payments without raising taxes. President Gorbett stated that if the bid comes in lower than the six-million dollars (\$6,000,000), then the Council would like to look at helping to fund some of this so they would not have to bond the entire amount. Every repave job that Highway does requires grant applications and there is no more room for all the paperwork. The mechanics bays were built for single axle dump trucks with snow plows. We have tandem axle trucks with snow plows and he envisions that we could have tri-axle trucks at some time in the near future. They cannot lift the trucks either.

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Commissioner Kleinhenz pointed out that we are a very lean Highway Department when it comes to employees; we have almost half the number of employees of some of our surrounding counties. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that they met with David Doup and he recommended that they look at relocating. They lost frontage due to the State Street renovation and then more footage at the back due to the salt barn. The current site is now just a little over five (5) acres. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Commissioners going forward with a six-million dollar (\$6,000,000) bond. He appreciates that they are moving the facility and they are willing to work in the amount allowed. Jorge Morales seconded the motion.** Matt Miller stated that when they first started talking about this last year the amount was much higher and he appreciates them getting it down to this new figure. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that he would have fought against a bond years ago but the times have changed. Chris Ogle stated that when they get the final numbers he would hope that the Council could put some money into it to make the amount that they have to bond for even less. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item was under Miscellaneous and was discussion of moving the LIT funding around in the buckets. The proposal was sent to DLGF for review and also copied to the Council members for their review. The Public Hearing would be September 11, 2018. It must be advertised by August 30, 2018. Tonight is just for Council discussion regarding the amount as the actual vote will happen on the night of the Public Hearing. They are not increasing tax rates; they are just moving the rates

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around. Their discussion last week was to go with a point-two-percent (0.20%). Laura DeDomenic asked why we were doing it in September, not August. Auditor Hackman explained that the window for it taking effect January 1, 2019 is September 1 through October 31. If it is done in August, then it would take effect October 1, 2018. **Jorge Morales made a motion move forward with a proposed point-two-percent rate. Chris Ogle seconded the motion.** J.T. Doane, Hope Town Manager, asked how the Council came to the point-two-percent (0.2%). Chris Ogle explained that do to the increase in jail needs and the lack of funding from the State, the State now allows the Council to take this point-two-percent (0.2%) off the top to pay these additional costs. President Gorbett stated that last year they created the revenue stream then the State Legislatures realized that ten-percent (10%) of the inmates are now being forced down to the County jails without any additional funding provided. Laura DeDomenic stated that if this had been an available option last year, then she believes they would have done this from the beginning. Auditor Hackman stated that they have an estimate that Hope would lose twenty-six-thousand seven-hundred-ten dollars (\$26,710), receiving six-thousand six-hundred-eighty dollars (\$6,680). **The vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).**

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

Matt Miller:

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Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

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 – annual meeting coming up.

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 – the County Commissioners have a desire to purchase the property for the new garage from the SWMD.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

County Parks & Recreation Bd – nothing to report

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 6:51.

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Mark Gorbett, President

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Chris Ogle, Pro-Tem

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Bill Lentz, Member

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By: _____
Jorge Morales, Member

By: _____
Laura DeDomenic, Member

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Matt Miller, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County