

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
August 14, 2018

Name:	Representing:	Title:	Present:
Matt Miller	At Large		Not - 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	Not Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on August 14, 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 July 10, 2018.

Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (5-0).

The next item on the agenda was a Request for a Tax Abatement for George Utz as presented by Jason Hester. The request is for Personal Property and will allow them to increase their employment by seven (7) employees. The investment is for two-million nine-hundred-thousand dollars (\$2,900,000). Auditor Hackman explained the handout showing the differing options regarding the number of years and the estimated savings to

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Georg Utz. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion. Tom Heller stated that with the recent changes to the Federal Taxes, it may be time to start reviewing changes to the Abatements that are granted. The vote was called for and passed unanimously (5-0).** This will start when they file their first tax assessment.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for a Transfer of Funds in the amount of six-thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) for the General Fund (001-36) as presented by Judge Kelly Benjamin. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (5-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation of thirty-six-thousand one-hundred-nineteen dollars (\$36,119) for a JDAI Grant. Jorge Morales asked for more clarification regarding this plan. This is the fifth year that Bartholomew County has been utilizing the JDAI Grant. This is an evidence based grant. They have set aside as follows: four-hundred dollars (\$400) for a computer program, one-thousand eight-hundred dollars (\$1,800) for collaborative meetings, three-thousand four-hundred dollars (\$3,400) for travel and training, six-hundred dollars (\$600) for miscellaneous supplies, three-thousand eight-hundred dollars (\$3,800) for special events, one-thousand seven-hundred dollars (\$1,700) for incentives for the youth such as gift cards, five-thousand one-hundred-twenty-five dollars (\$5,125) for electronic monitoring, three-thousand three-hundred-eighty-four dollars (\$3,384) for any repairs that are found to be needed by an upcoming review, six-thousand two-hundred dollars (\$6,200) for various

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programs (one of these is the Wi-Fi training), one-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the Columbus Police Department Youth Academy, and three-thousand five-hundred-sixty dollars (\$3,560) for the Teen Rehab Support Program. This Grant runs from July 1 to June 30 and started this year. Judge Benjamin stated that this is a very good program. **Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (5-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for a Transfer of eighteen-thousand dollars (\$18,000) for the LIT Public Safety/Youth Services (117-34) as presented by Youth Services Director Anita Biehl. This is for the replacement of furniture. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously (5-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds of eight-thousand dollars (\$8,000) total for the VOCA Grant as presented by Prosecutor Office Manager Brenda Mijares. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request for Transfer of three-thousand dollars (\$3,000) from the benefits to the 02-10. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (5-0).**

Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request for Transfer of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the benefits to the 03-90. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (5-0).

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The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation of eleven-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$11,500) for Adult Protective Services (APS) as presented by Prosecutor Office Manager Brenda Mijares. This consists of eight-thousand dollars (\$8,000) received from Jackson County, one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) received from Brown County and two-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$2,500) received from Decatur County. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (5-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a discussion regarding the Security System Replacement Funding for the Jail as presented by IT Director Scott Mayes, Jail Commander John Martoccia and County Commissioner Carl Lienhoop. Director Mayes stated that the lowest bidder originally came in at one-million four-hundred-twenty-two-thousand dollars (\$1,422,000). After discussion last week they had a couple of options that they wanted to explore. Option number 2 was to utilize a slightly different storage system. This is a server based storage system that the IT Department is feels very comfortable with. Using this option dropped the low bid to one-million seventy-two-thousand seven-hundred-fifty dollars (\$1,072,750). It was recommended that they set aside ten-percent for any equipment replacements that they may find as they complete the project. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that they had been hitting the CEDIT Fund pretty hard, but the Commissioners did agree to set the ten-percent (10%) or one-hundred seven-thousand dollars (\$107,000) in their CEDIT Fund. The Commissioners approved the contract with SAS with the Commissioners paying fifty-percent (50%) and the Council paying fifty-

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percent (50%). President Gorbett praised IT Director Mayes for his review and finding four-hundred-thousand dollars (\$400,000). Jorge Morales asked if they were comfortable that the low bidder would be able to provide the service we would need. They are very confident in this company. Chris Ogle asked for a time-line. It will be done in about eight (8) months. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the expenditure up to five-hundred-ninety-thousand twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$590,012.50) from the County General Fund to support fifty-percent (50%) of the project including fifty-percent (50%) of the possible equipment replacement needs.** This will be paid in increments. Auditor Hackman stated that they may want to pay this out of the Public Safety Fund depending upon what they do next month with Public Safety. **Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (5-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for Approval of the 2019 Budget Schedule. All starting times are 12:30 for house cleaning and then followed by Department meetings starting at 1:00. The consensus was the presented schedule was fine.

Auditor Hackman stated that the receipts and disbursement report of the Commissary Fund was in the packet to the Council. SBOA stated at the last audit that this report needs to be turned in to the Council twice a year. She wanted to thank Jail Commander Martoccia for completing this report. This is a report for information to the Council only. **Jorge Morales made a motion to accept the Commissary Report. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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The next item on the agenda was Discussion of LIT Modifications. Auditor Hackman stated that the DLGF had reviewed the modifications and agreed that they were in order. The total rate is 1.75 with the new break down as follows: 1.25 Certified Shares, 0.05 Public Safety, 0.25 for Economic Development and 0.20 for Correctional Facility. The total rate remains the same as last year at 1.75. President Gorbett asked if we are on the track to meet the dates. Auditor Hackman noted that they will advertise on August 30th with the public hearing on September 11th at the regularly scheduled monthly Council meeting. Action would be taken on the 11th as it only requires one reading. There is a new estimate on the LIT amounts for 2019. She had Jason Semler of Umbaugh create an update based on the new numbers. That is included in their packets.

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

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Laura DeDomenic:

Liaison to Health Bd – met Thursday

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Columbus Economic Development Bd – meeting was today.

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ASAP – nothing to report – meeting the 20th

Jorge Morales:

County Plan Commission – updated legislation regarding billboards

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

Chris Ogle:

County Extension Bd – nothing to report

Solid Waste Management District Bd –

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

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County Parks & Recreation Bd – Cummins is donating 4 to 5 people several days to do work at Heflin Park. They provided a list of projects completed with the new part-time people. Master Plan should be completed by the end of the year.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – Jackson County closed their Youth Detention Center.

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 Laura DeDomenic and passed unanimously.

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By: _____
Mark Gorbett, President

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Chris Ogle, Pro-Tem

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Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

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Jorge Morales, Member

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Laura DeDomenic, Member

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Matt Miller, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County