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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
September 11, 2018

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 September 11, 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 August 14, 2018. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with corrections.**

Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds for Adult Protective Services (524) in the amount of five-thousand four-hundred-eighty-seven dollars and eighty-two cents (\$5,487.82) as presented by Prosecutor Office Manager Brenda Mijares. This is a fiscal year fund and this amount was left over at the end of the last fiscal year. This is money from other Counties. **Chris Ogle made a motion to**

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approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation of eighty-five-thousand nine-hundred-seventy-eight dollars (\$85,978) for ICJI (*Indiana Criminal Justice Incentive*) RSAT Grant Fund (*REALM = Recovery Enabled A Life for Men*) (032) as presented by Residential Services Director Rob Gaskill. Director Gaskill stated that they had found almost fifty-five percent (55%) of drug screens that are positive. They were for Methamphetamine, Opioids and Heroin. There were thirty (30) overdose deaths in 2017 with seventeen (17) males and thirteen (13) females. The Court filings from 2015 to 2016 grew from two-hundred-ninety-eight (298) to six-hundred-fourteen (614) and then in 2017 there were five-hundred-forty-four (544) filings all related to drug abuse. This proves that there continues to be a need for residential treatment for drugs. They submitted a request to the Public Funding Board of ASAP was for two-hundred-forty-one-thousand three-hundred-sixty-five dollars (\$241,365) which includes forty-eight-thousand seven-hundred-fifty dollars (\$48,750) for the balance of this year. Calendar year 2019 would be one-hundred-ninety-two-thousand six-hundred-fifteen dollars (\$192,615). They did receive a Federal Grant, which is the same money they receive for the WRAP Grant, for eighty-five-thousand nine-hundred-seventy-eight dollars (\$85,978). There is a seventy-five dollars (\$75) participation fee that provides for their sheets, blankets, hygiene items and manuals to start the program. After that there is no additional cost to the participant in the residential portion of the program. President Gorbett asked what happens if they cannot

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afford the initial fee. Director Gaskill stated that it is not due up front; they will get them in the program. Once they are done with the residential portion, then there is a ten dollar (\$10) a day for day reporting for the monitoring equipment and a twenty dollar a day (\$20) a day for those that are in Work Release. The recommendation was in support of funding the REALM program based on the need is very present, there are high hopes for success based on the track record with the WRAP program, promotes fatherhood and responsibility, promotes productive behavior and there is no other program that is currently available. The first four (4) to six (6) months of the program would be in residential treatment and after that would be monitoring or Work Release depending on the situation. Eighty-eight percent (88%) of the women in the WRAP program completed the residential portion and seventy-eight percent (78%) of the women in the program have completed the entire year program. It has proven to be seventy-three percent (73%) successful. The Bartholomew County WRAP program has earned accolades from the State and Federal levels. There is an Indiana Risk Assessment system that is evaluated with each person. Once it is shown that they meet the IRA, then the Program Coordinator would perform a clinical assessment to prove there is a substance abuse issue. Matt Miller asked about the percentage of relapse once they are out of the WRAP Program. Director Gaskill stated that the ones that complete the program and make it the first year, the percentage drops a little bit from seventy-five percent (75%) but after making it a second year, the percentages are around eighty-five percent (85%) that they do not see again. This is above the national average. They plan to use four (4) different curriculums during the residential stage five

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(5) times a week for two (2) hours each time. They have an interactive journal they do outside of the meeting time. They do a lot of work in changing how they think about drug abuse and criminal behavior. There is a program to help them understand how important it is to be a good father to their children. They map out their life from their birth to the day they enter the program and then map how they want their life to be after the program.

(There were ongoing issues with the sound system so during the presentation, IT Director Scott Mayes was working on the system so some parts of the presentation were missed on the recording)

As far as the time-line, the City has already voted to join in with a 50/50 match with the County. If the County approves it, they would post the needed position and hope to hire as soon as possible. Judge Benjamin hopes that the County will support this endeavor. Jorge Morales asked how many men and women can be in the program. Director Gaskill stated they can have up to fifteen (15) in the residential program for the WRAP. The goal for the REALM would be to serve forty (40) people in the first year. Director Barnes stated they had a “moving on” session for the WRAP program yesterday. There were six ladies that had completed it and their disposition was amazing. They are all employed and doing well. He believes the REALM will be as successful with the men in the community. Jeff Jones, leader of the ASAP Initiative in the community. He was first introduced to the WRAP program a few years ago. He has become very impressed with the results of the program and stated that they need a similar program for the men. Most treatments are twenty-eight (28) days long and then you are on your own. The length of this with the curriculum that

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is being used is what he believes makes it so successful. (*Bill Lentz had joined the meeting during the presentation.*) **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request for the eighty-five-thousand nine-hundred-seventy-eight dollars (\$85,978) as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0). Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the forty-eight-thousand seven-hundred-fifty dollars (\$48,750) as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).** The Council members thanked the departments for their outstanding work that has received much praise from the State and others. They also thanked Jeff Jones for stepping up with the ASAP to get it moving.

The next item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation Request for the Supplemental Jury Fund (310) for twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000) as presented by Auditor Hackman. This had been discussed last week at the Work Session. This is to cover the five (5) jury trials they have coming up. **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 for the County Commissioners for the Care of Patients and Inmates (001-30) in the amount of fifteen-thousand dollars (\$15,000) as presented by Auditor Hackman. Most are for the care of prisoners for mental care but they have started receiving invoices for medical care for Bartholomew County prisoners housed at other facilities. **Laura DeDomenic made a**

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

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of an Ordinance Modifying the Local Income Tax Rates Imposed in Bartholomew County. This is the Public Hearing meeting as well as the vote for the amendment. Auditor Hackman read the Ordinance into the record. The current LIT Rates are as follows: 1.25% Certified Shares, 0.25% Public Safety and 0.25% Economic Development. Proposed changes are as follows: 1.25% Certified Shares (same), 0.05% Public Safety (reduced), 0.25% Economic Development (same) and 0.20% Correctional Facility (new). President Gorbett clarified that it only required one reading. The meeting was open for the public hearing. A member of the audience asked how the new fund would be spent. President Gorbett stated that it would be used for the Jail. It can only be used for the construction and operation of the Jail. There being no further public discussion, the public hearing was closed. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Amended LIT rates/funds as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

They skipped down the agenda to the Solid Waste Management District 2019 Budget First Reading as Director Heather Siesel had been sitting in the audience since the beginning of the meeting. She presented the budget which had an overall total of three-million nine-hundred-forty-thousand one-hundred-thirty dollars (\$3,940,131) as follows: 100's were one-million sixty-five-thousand six-hundred-ninety-four dollars (\$1,065,694), 200's were eighty-three-thousand one-hundred-thirty-seven dollars (\$83,637), 300's were

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one-million nine-hundred-seventy-one-thousand five-hundred (\$1,971,500) and the 400's were eight-hundred-nineteen-thousand three-hundred dollars (\$819,300). Their tax rate has been pretty much flat from 2017 to current. They are doing their best to keep it low. They are guessing that 2022 would be the earliest for a new cell. The meeting was opened to the public for comment. None being heard this portion was closed.

The next item on the agenda was the First Reading of the 2019 Bartholomew County Budget. Auditor Hackman stated that the Jail budget will be paid out of the new LIT Correctional Facility that was just previously approved. Auditor Hackman read the 2019 Budget as follows:

2019 County General

Fund #	Office Name	2019 Requested
001-01	Clerk	\$432,591
001-02	Auditor	\$450,840
001-03	Treasurer	\$224,971
001-04	Recorder	\$163,903
001-05	Sheriff	\$4,245,184
001-06	Surveyor	\$360,299
001-07	Coroner	\$121,371
001-08	Prosecutor	\$676,274
001-09	Assessor	\$287,541
001-11	Code Enforcement	\$522,767
001-18	Emergency Management (EMA)	\$194,353

001-19	Drainage Board	\$9,200
001-22	Voter's Registration	\$83,676
001-23	Cooperative Extension	\$223,136
001-25	Park Board	\$210,981
001-27	Veteran's Service	\$129,429
001-28	Weights & Measures	\$51,593
001-29	County Council	\$116,284
001-30	Commissioners	\$4,807,214
001-31	Maintenance	\$1,127,462
001-32	Jail	\$0
001-33	E911 Emergency Operations Cntr (EOC)	\$26,000
001-34	Youth Services Center	\$1,639,515
001-35	Court Services	\$539,428
001-36	Circuit Court	\$641,353
001-37	Superior Court I	\$411,349
001-38	Superior Court II	\$521,693
001-39	Circuit Court IV-D	\$70,370
001-40	Prosecutor IV-D	\$604,749
001-41	Information Technology	\$1,881,482
001-42	ASAP	\$773,175
001-43	Drug Court	\$0
Total Of COUNTY GENERAL Funds:		\$21,548,184

2019 Other Funds

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Fund #	Office Name	2019 Approved
002	Highway	\$4,064,649
003	Local Roads & Streets	\$816,489
004	Cumulative Bridge	\$1,600,000
007	Health Department	\$1,677,742
008	Election Board	\$212,320
009	Public Health Preparedness	\$17,940
010	Alcohol/Drug Program	\$138,362
011	Court Services Adult Probation User	\$324,539
012	Supplemental Juvenile Probation	\$6,947
013	Debt Service	\$1,809,000
015	Cornerstone Perpetuation	\$44,215
017	Convention, Recreation & Visitors	\$1,443,100
019	Local Health Maintenance	\$48,859
026	Misdemeanant	\$0
112	Commissioner's CEDIT	\$3,008,000
117	LIT (Local Income Tax) - Public Safety	\$523,979
122	Statewide 911	\$2,143,527
312	Pretrial Diversion	\$97,076
314	Court Services Inf Adj/Juvenile Probation	\$0
320	Local Emergency Planning Com (LEPC)	\$15,018
329	Public Defender Superior II	\$44,834
501	Elected Officials Training	\$11,500
503	Clerk's Perpetuation Fund	\$75,538
504	Recorder's Perpetuation	\$43,000
507	Indiana Local Health Department Trust Fund	\$34,636

509	Security Protection	\$15,000
530	Telecommunications	\$0
594	Riverboat	\$0
681	Prosecutor IV-D Incentive	\$29,943
682	Clerk IV-D Incentive	\$33,135
684	2017 Reassessment	\$525,349
860	Employee Trust Account	\$5,576,521
861	VOCA Grant	\$84,487
	LIT – Correctional Rehabilitation Facilities	\$4,311,018
	TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:	\$24,381,218

TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND:	\$21,548,184
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS:	\$45,929,401

The meeting was opened for the Public Hearing portion. Being none, the Council was asked for questions. Matt Miller had a question regarding the School Resource Officer. He was wanting the feel of the Council as far as the amount for those. President Gorbett stated he thought it was the will of the Council that FHSC would review the process and work with them with a forty-five-thousand dollars (\$45,000) supplement from FHSC. If this works, then great but if it doesn't during the year long process then it may go away. Matt Miller is concerned that if another school comes through with a request, then what do we do for them. Jorge Morales stated that we would look at a case by case basis. Chris Ogle stated that we have to do the same for another school based on the forty-five-thousand

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dollars (\$45,000). It is a trial for both ways. It concerns him that we are setting different prices for different school systems. Bill Lentz stated that he does raise a very good point. He had a Hope Town Board member contact him that there might be some room for them to have a conversation to see about some additional funds for the SRO to help out the County. Matt Miller stated that the Council had said no for the forty-five-thousand dollars (\$45,000). He is just concerned that we are doing a trial and will figure it out later. Sheriff Matt Myers stated they are working on the MOU with FHSC. The difference between BCSC and FHSC is that BCSC is a full-time 365 days a year officer while FHSC is only for when school is in session. Matt Miller feels we should prorate it based on the BCSC amount. President Gorbett stated that if the Sheriff wants to put a SRO in every school, then he will answer to the public. President Gorbett called for a motion to continue the process that they are pursuing. Matt Miller stated he is fully supportive of SRO's but he believes we need to establish a guideline so that it is fair to everyone. There was a discussion regarding private school funding. Chris Ogle stated that we need to take the vote as he believes that we already had a consensus of what we were going to do for 2019. Auditor Hackman stated that they needed to verify what the motion was. **Chris Ogle stated that his motion is to go forward with an SRO for FHSC at forty-five-thousand dollars (\$45,000) for a one-year probation trial which at the next year budget period the Council will set what the fee will be for anybody coming forward.** Sheriff Matt Myers stated that the SRO MOU will also need the Sheriff to agree that it is working. Chris Ogle stated that this is new to the County while CPD has done this for 5 years or more.

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Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion. Bill Lentz will vote no because he wants the Hope Town Council to help with this. He wants FHSC to have the SRO, but he wants to continue the conversation with the Town of Hope. It was stated that comparing BCSC to FHSC is like comparing apples to oranges. BCSC has eleven-thousand (11,000) students compared to FHSC at nine-hundred (900) students. They approached the Hope Town Council that told them not to come to the meeting, they weren't going to get the vote. His concern is the education and safety of the students as FHSC. That is when they contacted the Sheriff. Now, if he needs to go to the Hope Town Council during this trial period and work with them, he is more than willing to do that. Another person in the audience stated that the teachers do not make the same pay either. **The vote was called for and passed five to two (5-2) with Matt Miller and Bill Lentz being the dissenting votes.**

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

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Columbus Economic Development Bd – meeting was today.

ASAP – nothing to report – meeting the 20th

Jorge Morales:

County Plan Commission – cancelled for tomorrow

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 – wanted to thank Cummins for the walk they built at Heflin Park.

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 Jorge Morales and passed unanimously.

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By: _____
Mark Gorbett, President

By: _____
Chris Ogle, Pro-Tem

By: _____
Bill Lentz, Member

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By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

By: _____
Jorge Morales, Member

By: _____
Laura DeDomenic, Member

By: _____
Matt Miller, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County