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**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
October 9, 2018**

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

The Bartholomew County Council met on October 9, 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 September 11, 2018. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with noted 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 the VOCA Grant (861) in the amount of one-thousand five-hundred-sixty-two dollars (\$1,562) as presented by Prosecutor Office Manager Brenda Mijares. They are requesting to move this money from Office Supplies to VOCA Grant. **Laura DeDomenic 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 the Transfer of Funds in the amount of sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000) to move from the Jail Salaries to Food as presented by Sheriff Matt Myers. This is due to the high population. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).** Sheriff Myers stated that they will probably be back next month as they will be short in medical costs for inmates. It may be around thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000). They are hoping to find the money in other line items.

The next item on the agenda to the Solid Waste Management District 2019 Budget Second Reading by Director Heather Siesel. 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 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). The meeting was opened to the public for comment. None being heard this portion was closed. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the 2019 Solid Waste Budget as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

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The next item on the agenda was the Second 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	\$733,175
		\$0
Total Of COUNTY GENERAL Funds:		\$21,508,184

2019 Other Funds

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

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	LIT – Correctional Rehabilitation Facilities	\$4,311,018
	TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:	\$24,381,218
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND:		\$21,548,184
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS:		\$45,889,401

The meeting was opened for the Public Hearing portion. Being none, the Council was asked for questions. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the 2019 County Budget and 2019 Salary Ordinance as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion.** Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence is concerned that she has not seen a job description for the part-time Human Resources position that was added to the 2019 Budget. President Gorbett asked if they could amend the motion to state that the job description had to be in place prior to the filling of the position. Treasurer Pia O'Connor stated that once she knew she had approval then she had planned to contact Waggoner, Irwin & Sheeley to create the job description. A member of the audience wasn't clear if the position had been approved. It was clarified that it had been approved but they had not paid the consultant to create the description as they had not been approved for the position as of yet. **The motion was amended to include that the part-time HR position in the Auditor's Office had to have a job description in place prior to hiring for the position. The vote was called for and passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a discussion regarding the Highway Garage Bond. The Council had asked for numbers from Umbaugh regarding a bond for six-million dollars

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(\$6,000,000) as well as a bond for five-million dollars (\$5,000,000). They do not have to decide the six or five tonight, just the maximum amount so that it can be advertised for November's meeting. Chris Ogle stated that they had raised taxes to make things happen. The lower we bond the lower interest we pay. He believes if we have the cash then we use it and save the money on the interest. It adds up to about two-hundred sixty-thousand dollars (\$260,000). President Gorbett stated that looking back to 2008/2009 when we ran out of cash. He does not want to get to that position again. Laura DeDomenic is concerned with other issues such as the accident last night that killed two people at a railroad crossing. Bill Lentz suggested paying two-million dollars (\$2,000,000) and only bond four-million dollars (\$4,000,000). Chris Ogle stated that with the additional money and the rainy day fund, in 2019 we will have close to seven-million dollars (\$7,000,000) in cash. Jorge Morales stated that for the next twenty (20) years we will have the funding for the Correctional Facility. At the end of the twenty (20) years, the State will have to come up with a new plan for all the Counties that are using the funding to pay for the Jails. Laura DeDomenic stated that the plan is fine if you are not concerned with possible future expenses. President Gorbett stated that the concern tonight is to set the maximum amount they are willing to bond for the new Highway Garage. He stated that there is a healthy balance there but they will have to have many discussions with Umbaugh and others to determine the actual amount to bond. Jorge Morales believes that what Chris is saying is reasonable. Auditor Hackman stated that they have not even determined how much the project will cost at this point. If it is less than the six-million dollars (\$6,000,000). **Jorge**

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Morales made a motion that for the purposes of advertising, they go with up to a six-million dollars (\$6,000,000) maximum bond. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion.

A member of the audience discussed which method was better to go with. He believes they should be good stewards of the money and not pay any more interest than they need to. The Rainy Day Fund is for emergencies. He does not want to see government setting on a large nest egg that is funded by his taxpayers. President Gorbett stated that a consultant several years ago stated that for our size, we should have five-million dollars (\$5,000,000) in the checking account at the end of the year to allow operation in the beginning of the next year. It also helps to keep a good bond rating. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if they have been given an estimate of how much money they can get out of the old garage and land. That has not been figured out yet. The City has offered to purchase it but they believe they can get more money than the City is willing to pay. **The vote was called for and passed five to one (5-1) with Bill Lentz being the dissenting vote.**

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

Matt Miller:

Personnel Administrative Committee – not present

Job Review/Classification Committee – not present

Laura DeDomenic:

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Liaison to Health Bd – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Columbus Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

ASAP – funding meeting 10/15.

Jorge Morales:

County Plan Commission – cancelled for tomorrow

Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd – discussed the budget regarding the deputies and the jail.

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 – Rob Gaskill had a change to his job title.

Data Board – nothing to report

Drug Epidemic Committee – nothing to report

Chris Ogle:

County Extension Bd – nothing to report

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Solid Waste Management District Bd – nothing to report

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

County Parks & Recreation Bd – Wayne Park being cleaned up by volunteer group, Ed Curtain is doing a 5-year master plan and will be having public meetings on 10/29 at 5:30 here, 10/30 at 5:30 at the Conversation Club at the Fair Grounds, and one 11/5 at Mount Healthy. A lady is interested in purchasing land in Lowell Addition and giving it to the Park Board but the Commissioners are holding off at this time.

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

Sheriff Matt Myers thanked Chris Ogle for his work on his last budget. He also thanked the Council for passing the budget and their work to spend the money wisely.

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Jorge Morales made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Laura DeDomenic and passed unanimously.

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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