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**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL  
November 13, 2018**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Present:</b>
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	Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on November 13, 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 October 9, 2018. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with the noted corrections. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of Additional Appropriation Ordinance Appropriating the Proceeds of the County's Local Income Tax Revenue Bonds. There were no comments by the Council. The meeting was opened for public comment. Hearing no comments, the public comment time was closed. **Jorge Morale made a**

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**motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion.** Bill Lentz asked if we are going to insure the bonds. They are not at that point in the process to make that decision. Caitlyn Chief of Umbaugh explained that they would wait and see what the rating was for the bond. It is very uncommon to insure the bonds especially with property tax backup. Bartholomew County is a strong county and should have a good rating. Once they get the rating, they will market the bonds and then make the decision as to what the best offer is for the County. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of an *“Ordinance of Bartholomew County, Indiana, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the County for the purpose of providing funds to be applied on the cost of the acquisition, construction and equipping of new County Highway Garage facilities, together with all necessary appurtenances, related improvements and equipment, and the incidental expense in connection therewith and on account of the issuance of bonds therefore.”*

**Laura DeDomenic made a motion to accept the Ordinance as read. Jorge Morales seconded the motion.** Mark Webber, from the Republic, asked for the amount. It was stated that at this time, the bond is for up to six-million dollars (\$6,000,000). We do not have the figures from the Commissioners which will determine what we end up bonding and whether we use some of the existing cash. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).**

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The next item on the agenda was a Presentation on the Proposed ASAP Plan and ASAP Hub as presented by Jeff Jones, Director of ASAP and Mary Ferndon, City of Columbus. Ms. Ferndon stated that the County and City had earlier approved the REALM project funding. This was the first item brought by the ASAP group. The next request will be the request for ASAP funding and Hub funding. In 2016 ASAP was formed to be an alliance between the City, CRH and the County. The ASAP Board has added seats since then for the school system, United Way, law enforcement, the court system, local employers, community members and faith based community members. It is currently a not-for-profit but they are seeking 501c3 status. Jeff Jones will present what will come before the County Council at their next meeting. The Substance Abuse Public Funding Board of ASAP is made up of Columbus City Mayor Lienhoop, Bartholomew County Council Member Laura DeDomenic (*Chair*), CRH CEO Jim Bickel, Columbus City Council Member Frank Miller and Bartholomew County Commissioner Carl Lienhoop. This Board has unanimously recommended that the City and County fund ASAP and the Hub in the future in the amount of about five-hundred-thousand dollars (\$500,000). The City Council approved on first reading the request in the amount of two-hundred-fifty-thousand dollars (\$250,000). Mr. Jones introduced himself. About forty-percent (40%) of the request is to continue the current work and the remaining percentage is for the Hub. The opioid crisis continues to have a devastating impact on the entire country. The Kelly School of Business of Indiana University did a study that showed the adverse impact on the State of Indiana was about forty-three-billion dollars (\$43,000,000,000). Of that,

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Bartholomew County's impact was about two-hundred-forty-million dollars (\$240,000,000). It also impacts the first responders, the courts, the jails but especially the individuals with the addictions. In the past three (3) years, Bartholomew County has lost fifty (50) people due to drug overdoses. They have learned the following four (4) things:

- 1) Meth is still a huge part of the problem as well as the opioids.
- 2) There are many gaps in our local capabilities for services and resources for those needing treatment.
- 3) There is a general lack of knowledge of the risks associated with opioid medication.
- 4) This is an incredibly complex problem with no easy solutions and will be with us for many years.

Mr. Jones went through the creation of the ASAP group and what they have done since that time. *(This presentation was presented on PowerPoint)* In 2019, they will continue the existing work as well as ramping up the communications as well as becoming a 501c3. President Gorbett asked when they would have their budget projections. That will be accomplished prior to the budget times of the County and City. They are asking for two (2) staff for continuing the current work and three (3) staff for the Hub. They are going to be located in the United Way building where United Way was located before their move across the street to the old fire station. The lease they signed is one-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$1,500) per month. He explained the three (3) paid positions they would be seeking as well as the expenses breakdown of the funds. There would be an inter-local agreement that they would bill the City and County quarterly for the funds. The County Council approved the appropriation during the 2019 Budget process so they are set to pay bills starting in 2019. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to Appropriate one-thousand**

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**five-hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the Hub for 2018. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).** Ms. Ferndon explained that the estimates for 2019 total around one-million one-hundred-thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) for all the planned programs. That would break down to the City and County each paying around five-hundred-fifty-thousand dollars (\$550,000). The inter-local agreement needs to be in place in December prior to 2019 for any payments or breakdowns as the agreement will spell out everything. Council Attorney was questioned regarding the need for a motion today. He stated that he sees nothing that needs to be done as they have already approved the funding for 2019. Ms. Ferndon is concerned that the City needs something proving the County is willing to share the costs. Jorge Morales stated that the Council has already set aside the funding for next year and agreed to the REALM split with the City. Attorney Monroe stated they did not need to do anything tonight. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that Ms. Ferndon could go back to the City Council and explain that it is the will of this Council that they will provide fifty-percent (50%) of the funding for the plan. Matt Miller asked Jeff Jones how do we gauge the effectiveness of this program? Mr. Jones stated that potential ways to measure the performance are multiple. Overdose counts is just one part and one way to see changes. He agrees that there has to be performance measures to account for this program. Ms. Ferndon stated that it is an excellent question as it is public money. They are in the process of trying to establish these evaluation measures. Mark Webber, from the Republic, asked again about the City having a confirmation that the County Council is in agreement. It was reiterated that the funds were set aside in the 2019

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budget process and each member of the Council has again tonight voiced their support of this program.

President Gorbett next went to an Additional Appropriation of funds for 2018 REALM RSAT Grant (040) as presented by Court Services Director Brad Barnes as he had been here with the ASAP presentation. Director Barnes stated they have three (3) positions to discuss. The first position is Position 17 which is the Case Manager for the REALM RSAT Grant. The person that was hired actually needs to be paid higher than the amount that was put into the budget. It is currently under Project Income. **Jorge Morales made a motion for the Additional Appropriation of six-thousand two-hundred-one dollars (\$6,201) as presented for Position #17. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item Director Barnes had was to add the two (2) positions for the residential staff in the 2018 Salary Ordinance for REALM. They need this adjustment in fund 001-42 for 2018. **Jorge Morales made a motion to add two (2) REALM RSAT residential staff positions for 2018 to the 2018 Salary Ordinance. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0, as Laura DeDomenic had stepped out of the room for a moment).**

The last item Director Barnes had was a request for a Salary Ordinance Amendment for Community Corrections (016) for Position 31. The change he is requesting is a job title change only, moving from Residential Director to Director of Community Corrections.

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**Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the job title change. Matt Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

Auditor Hackman stated that they still needed to do a 2018 Salary Ordinance Amendment for Position 17 in the REALM RSAT Grant. The money was set aside but the Salary Ordinance was not adjusted. **Jorge Morales made a motion to amend the 2018 Salary Ordinance for Position 17. Matt Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

As they were working with the Salary Ordinance, President Gorbett moved down on the agenda to the request for a Salary Ordinance Amendment for County General/IT (001-41) as presented by Auditor Hackman. This is to make the 2018 Salary Ordinance to reflect an increase in one position in the amount of six-hundred-fifty-seven dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$657.69) for the remainder of the year.

President Gorbett paused the current topic as he wanted an update from Judge Kelly Benjamin regarding the Drug Court and possible costs before she left the room. They did receive a Grant for almost one-hundred-twenty-five-thousand dollars (\$125,000) a year for four (4) years. It will cover the Probation Officer and half of a Public Defender. They will still need a Prosecutor. They may need another half-time for a drug tester. They are looking into options for that with IUPUC. This is a Federal Implementation Grant that will go away after the four (4) years. Chris Ogle asked if this is going to work like the Veteran's Court. Director Barnes said it will be very similar to the Veteran's Court.

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The discussion returned to IT Salary Ordinance Amendment. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the IT Salary Ordinance Amendment as requested. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation of funds for County General/Coroner (001-07) in the amount of nineteen-thousand dollars (\$19,000) as requested by Auditor Hackman. He requested the funds due to the number of autopsy's as well as toxicology and radiology tests. He hopes this will get him through the end of the year. He also needs to transfer funds from his 400's and 300's. This is a request of four-thousand five-hundred-twenty-three dollars (\$4,523). **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation Request for nineteen-thousand dollars (\$19,000). Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

**Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Request for Transfer of four-thousand five-hundred-twenty-three dollars (\$4,523). Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation of funds for the Health Trust Fund (507) as presented by Auditor Hackman. This is unspent carry over money that they are asking to be appropriated for the end of the year. The amount is for thirty-three-thousand five-hundred-sixty dollars (\$33,560). **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**



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The next item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation of funds for the Health Maintenance Fund (019) as presented by Auditor Hackman. This is unspent carry over money that they are asking to be appropriated for the end of the year. The amount is for twenty-eight-thousand nine-hundred-ten dollars (\$28,910). **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation and/or Transfer of funds for E911 Emergency Operations Center (122) in the amount of two-thousand three-hundred-five dollars and ninety-four cents (\$2,305.94) as presented by Auditor Hackman. This was for overtime funding for the Mill Race Marathon. They were reimbursed so this is to appropriate that money. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

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 – nothing to report

**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

**Chris Ogle:**

County Extension Bd – nothing to report

Solid Waste Management District Bd – nothing to report

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**Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:**

County Parks & Recreation Bd – Heflin Park brought in about \$20,000.

They have a new Board member. A couple of Council members are going to meet with the Commissioners to discuss a possible Park Director Position.

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

Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that the Commissioners would be back next month for a transfer of funds.

Chris Ogle 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