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**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
December 11, 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	Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on December 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.

As this was Pro-Tem Chris Ogle's last meeting, President Gorbett turned the meeting over to him to run.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of meeting minutes of November 13, 2018. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with the noted corrections. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of a Resolution for Transfer of Funds presented by Prosecutor Bill Nash and Office Manager Brenda Mijares. This is for

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the VOCA Grant. They were told to ask for more funding and they did so they have two full time employees and one part-time employee. The Grant originator found out that we are self-insured; they will not cover the insurance. He is here to ask for forty-two-thousand dollars (\$42,000). Auditor Hackman explained that it is a reimbursable Grant so the money has already been spent, but it is not going to be reimburse. They hope that going forward they can use other salaries to make the match. They were doing everything that they were told to do. If they cannot figure out how to match the funds, then they may have to reduce staff as they are not going to put the County in this position. They need to approve the Resolution that states that we need to transfer funds to be in agreement with the VOCA Grant from the Rainy Day for forty-one-thousand six-hundred-sixty-seven dollars and eight cents (\$41,667.08) and that these funds are transferred to the VOCA Grant Fund (861). If they were to use County General Funds, it would not be able to be approved until 2019. **Mark Gorbett 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 the Consideration of a Request of Transfer of Funds for County General/Jail (001-32) in the amount of eighty-thousand dollars (\$80,000) as presented by Sheriff Matt Myers. This request is to move funds from Jail Part-time to cover medical expenses in the amount of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) and another from Jail Part-time to Jail Operations for thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000).

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Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds for County General/Maintenance (001-31) in the amount of thirteen-thousand dollars (\$13,000) as presented by Maintenance Director Rick Trimpe. This request is for the use of all the funds from 001-11 ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) and 001-19 three-thousand dollars (\$3,000) to utilities. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds for LIT Public Safety/Youth Services Center (117-34) in the amount of fifty-four-thousand one-hundred-sixty-one dollars (\$54,161) as presented by YSC Director Anita Biehle. She wants to transfer the funds from 001-34-01-18 in the form of fifty-two-thousand one-hundred-sixty-one dollars (\$52,161) to 001-34-04-40 Machinery & Equipment and two-thousand dollars (\$2,000) to 001-34-03-10 Professional Services. **Mark Gorbett 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 Transfer of Funds for County General/Court Services (001-35) in the amount of twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000) as presented by Auditor Hackman. These funds are from their 100's to their 400's. This is for two laptops with docks (\$4,000), an interactive board (\$5,500), a printer/copier (\$1,800) and office furniture (\$8,700). **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the**

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request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds for County General/Commissioners (001-30) in the amount of fifteen-thousand dollars (\$15,000) as presented by Commissioner Rick Flohr. This is to move money from Social Security to the gasoline line. They believe this will cover them until the end of the year. They have extra money in the Social Security Fund due to open positions throughout the year. **Laura DeDomenic 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 for County General/Information Technologies (001-41) in the amount of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) as presented by Auditor Hackman. IT Director Scott Mayes is asking to transfer from his 100's to his 300's to hire a student intern to assist with the entry level Help Desk. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented. Matt Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for Community Corrections Project Income (022) in the amount of six-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$6,500) as presented by Auditor Hackman. This is to upgrade and replace his existing hand guns. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

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The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for Veterans Court Collections (038) in the amount of nine-hundred dollars (\$900) as presented by Auditor Hackman. This is for supplies. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).** They have asked mentor Chris Ogle to stay on with the Veteran's Court even though he is leaving County Government.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for County General/Jail (001-32) in the amount of three-hundred-six-thousand eighty dollars (\$306,080) as presented by Auditor Hackman. This is for the Jail Security System Replacement. It was agreed to pay fifty-percent from the Sheriff and fifty-percent from the Commissioners. They have received an invoice in 2018 that was not budgeted for. This is only for the first invoice as the work will not be completed until 2019. It is to be paid from County General and the 400's in the Jail. Sheriff Myers explained that they have started putting cameras in and should be completely done by May of 2019. This includes the new and the old jail portion. When the other invoice arrives they will have to do another additional. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion.** Mark Webber asked where it was being paid from. It is County General and the Commissioner's portion is coming from LIT. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of 2019 Contracts.

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- Sheriff Matt Myers, with his attorney Jeff Beck – 2.5% increase from last year and a 1 year contract ending December 31, 2019. The contract states that if the raise to the judges is more than 2.5% it is the greater of the two percentages. The contract is based on 80% of the State Judges salaries. There is an issue of fiscal calendar versus an annual calendar. State Statute says an elected officials pay cannot be changed during the year once it has been set. The Prosecutor and County Judges are paid by the State on a fiscal year while all other elected officials are paid on a calendar basis. Matt Miller asked if it should be 1.25% for 12 months as it was raised in July of 2018. Attorney Monroe stated that the Council is not the contracting entity for the County, the Commissioners are. The Council sets the dollar amount for the salary. The Sheriff's salary is different as he has two options. He can go with a lower salary then collect money on warrants and meals. That could give him more money in the year, but it would not count toward his pension. The statute allows you to pay a salary but it is set at a minimum based on County size. The amount for Bartholomew County is set at 80% of the State Judges as a minimum. Jorge Morales asked if since the Contract has already been signed. Commissioner Rick Flohr stated that they approved the contract Monday subject to the Council's funding approval. Attorney Monroe stated that Sheriff Myers point is well taken. He is saying that by setting his salary

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on an annual calendar budget, if the amount is raised in July then they would be in compliance with it. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence did not see an issue with it when they raised it in July. It did create an issue with the Auditor's Office as one Statute says it cannot be done. Scott Bonnell asked if they could just set his salary to change in July. Attorney Monroe stated that would put the County in conflict with the State Statutes. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to accept the contract as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion.** Mark Webber asked how it would affect his pension. That is not part of this contract. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).**

- County Attorney Chris Monroe – during budget time his base was increased by 3% and the hourly rate stayed the same. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of the 2019 County Council Schedule. There was discussion regarding the January 2, 2019 work session. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the schedule except the January 2 Work Session meeting. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of County Council Appointments, Commissions and Liaisons and Boards and Commission Appointments. **Jorge Morales made a motion to waive the Level II requirement for the PTABOA**

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member. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Appointments, Commissions, Liaisons, Boards and Commissions as presented. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).

The Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission will meet on January 2, 2019 at 1:30 for their organizational meeting.

Auditor Hackman stated that newly elected officials training is going on this week.

Mark Gorbett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Laura DeDomenic and passed unanimously.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL

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

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By: _____
Matt Miller, Member

ATTEST: _____
Pia O'Connor, Auditor
Bartholomew County