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**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**May 15, 2012**

The Bartholomew County Council met for a Special Meeting on May 15, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Members present were: Larry Fisher, Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Bill Lentz, and Jorge Morales. Auditor Barbara J. Hackman, Second Deputy Auditor Carey Nusbaum, and County Council Attorney Rod McGillivray were also in attendance. County Council members: Chris Ogle, Ryan Lauer, and Rob Kittle were absent from the meeting, but a quorum was reached with four (4) members present.

Council President Bill Lentz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m and gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Bartholomew County Clerk Tami Hines came before the County Council and apologized for having a special early morning meeting. Ms. Hines said that she forgot the pay for the Precinct Board members was a part of the Salary Ordinance. In 2011 during the City Primary Election, the Election Board had a lot of trouble finding enough pole workers to work the thirty-seven (37) precincts. The County General Election has sixty-seven (67) precincts to cover. Therefore, the Election Board met and discussed ways of reducing the number of pole workers needed. The Election Board looked at the voting precinct locations where there were multiple precincts in one (1) building (i.e. Donner Center, Hamilton Center, fire stations, etc.). The Election Board determined that it would be feasible to use one (1) Board in these locations in place of

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two (2) to three (3) boards. Ultimately, this will help both parties in reducing the number of pole workers needed. Concurrently, reducing forty (40) pole worker positions also reduced the cost by \$5,720.

It has been very difficult to get the pole workers to come to the pole worker instructional training meeting on Saturday morning, so the Election Board decided to increase the pay from \$10.00 to \$20.00 to attend this Saturday meeting because they do not get paid well anyway. This pay increase will let them know how important this instructional training meeting is. Ms. Hines is not asking the Council for any additional money, but rather to amend the 2012 Salary Ordinance to increase the pay from \$10.00 to \$20.00 for attending instructional meetings.

Ms. Hines said the pole workers do not get paid well because they work at least fourteen (14) hours on Election Day. They have to be at their precinct locations at 5:00 a.m., and the inspectors and Democratic judges work to 7:00 p.m. because they have to bring the equipment back to the Courthouse. Plus, they also attend the two (2) hour instructional training meeting on Saturday, as well as the time needed to setup the voting precincts the night before Election Day.

Auditor Barb Hackman also mentioned that on the 2012 Salary Ordinance the Inspector Pick Up/Delivery Supplies at \$15.00 should have the word "each" after it because they earn \$15.00 for the pick-up of supplies and \$15.00 for the delivery of the supplies back to the Courthouse for a total of \$30.00. Currently, the Inspectors are paid \$30.00, but the wording in the Salary Ordinance needs to be changed to reflect this.

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Larry Fisher made a motion to increase the pay from \$10.00 to \$20.00 and to amend the 2012 Salary Ordinance to reflect this increase for attending the instructional meetings. Jorge Morales seconded the motion. President Lentz mentioned that his wife was involved with finding volunteers to be pole workers, but found it very difficult. In fact, the day before the election Mr. Lentz said they had seven (7) to eight (8) extra pole workers, but on Election Day they were short five (5) to six (6) people due to illnesses. Larry Fisher mentioned that the average age of his pole workers is 79. One (1) of his pole workers is 89 years old. Mr. Lentz mentioned that is very tough find volunteers to work the poles.

Ms. Hines said she called the State and asked if she could open the poles if they are short one (1) to two (2) pole workers. The State said yes, but you must continue to look for replacements, and there needs to be at least three (3) people to open the poles. One (1) person needs to be the judge and two (2) people need to be inspectors. Jorge Morales asked if the vote centers would alleviate this problem. Ms. Hines said the vote centers will still need pole workers, but it will depend on how vote centers are set up by the County. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence said some people just do not want to work the poles. Ms. Hines said she sent out an email to the entire County for help with the poles, but there were very few County employees that volunteered. Ms. Hines asked why the County has this off as a holiday if they are not going to volunteer to work the poles. Ms. Pence agreed and said the original intention was to have the County employees volunteering to work the poles.

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President Lentz asked for a vote on the motion made by Larry Fisher to amend the 2012 Salary Ordinance to reflect the pay increase for pole workers to attend the instructional meetings from \$10.00 to \$20.00. The motion passed unanimously on a vote of 4:0. President Lentz thanked Ms. Hines for the great job that she does for the County.

President Lentz mentioned that the State and National Association of Counties has a new program from NACo that is a Prescription Discount Card Program that is available for all County employees even if you do not have the County insurance. Every time this prescription discount card is used, one dollar (\$1.00) is put back into the General Fund for the County. Mr. Lentz said NACo would like to come to a County Council Work Session to give a presentation on the Prescription Discount Card Program. Auditor Hackman mentioned that this program does require a membership fee, but did not have any further information on this program.

Jorge Morales also added that Emergency Operations E911 Director Ed Reuter and Emergency Management Director Dennis Moats would like to present and discuss a City and County Reverse 911 Proposal at the County Council Work Session on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Morales said there were four (4) companies that were interviewed, and he was privileged to be in this interview process. This will be a joint venture between the City and the County. The City will cover \$11,000 and the County will cover \$8,000 of the reverse 911 cost. This cost is based on population from the 2010 Census and will cost less than \$1.00 per year per County employee. A siren pole costs \$30,000 to install; plus, a ten percent (10%) yearly maintenance fee. There is no way to notify Bartholomew

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County residents of severe weather conditions, etc. However, with this alert system, you could sign up to receive text messages, receive a phone call, etc. to be notified of inclement weather. A Bartholomew County resident can also set preferences on this system to receive updates about emergency situations at the school their child attends, etc. More information on this system will be presented at the June 4<sup>th</sup> County Council Work Session.

Auditor Hackman mentioned that Court Services Director Brad Barnes will also be presenting the 2012-2013 Department of Correction Grant, that will begin on July 1, 2012 and run through June 30, 2012, at the June 4<sup>th</sup> County Council Work Session. This will make up part of the Community Corrections Budget. The remainder of the budget will be presented to the Council at budget time in August. Larry Fisher asked that Republican County Commissioner Candidate Rick Flohr, as well as the Democratic and Independent County Commissioner Candidates be invited to this work session. Jorge Morales also asked that Payroll Administrator Barbara Stamper be invited too since this pertains to her work for the County.

Auditor Hackman asked when NACo wanted to come and present the Prescription Discount Card Program. After some discussion, the County Council members decided to have NACo come to the Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> County Council Work Session at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditor's Office Conference Center. A discussion on the Redevelopment Commission with the County Commissioners is also scheduled for this work session.

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There being no other business, Larry Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 a.m. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion that passed unanimously on a vote of 4:0. The next County Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Lentz, President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jorge Morales, Pro-Tem

By: ABSENT  
Chris Ogle, Member

By: ABSENT  
Rob Kittle, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

By: ABSENT  
Ryan Lauer, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Fisher, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor  
Bartholomew County