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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
March 12, 2013

The Bartholomew County Council met on February 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Members present were: President Jorge Morales, Pro-Tem Ryan Lauer, Jim Reed, Bill Lentz, Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Rob Kittle, & Chris Ogle. Also in attendance was Auditor Barbara J Hackman. Council Attorney Rod McGillivray was not present.

Ryan Lauer led the pledge and gave the invocation.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the meeting minutes of February 12, 2013. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence had the following corrections: page 8, 1st line “**it would**” should be “**we could**”; page 9, 2nd line add “**them**” between “**give insurance**”, 3rd line add “**is**” between “**he concerned**”, 4th line add “**issue**” after “**people**”, 11th line add “**of**” after “**regardless**”; page 12, 14th line add “**large**” between “**very financial**”, 13th line capitalize the T in “trust”; page 17, 18th line remove the word “**it**” in “**keep it costs**”. Ryan Lauer noted that the last name of the attorney is inconsistent.

Rob Kittle motioned to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Resolution for the previously approved abatement for George Utz, Inc in German Township. Being that Attorney McGillivray had the resolution and was not present, this item was tabled.

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The next item on the agenda was a request by the Sheriff for an amendment to the Salary Ordinance. Sheriff Mark Gorbett requested a change from 23 patrolman and 2 detectives to 22 patrolman and 3 detectives. There will be no additional money needed. Chris Ogle asked why they needed a Salary Ordinance Amendment. It was explained that the Ordinance lays out the number of the paid positions and that is what he is requesting to change. Ryan Lauer asked what is the role of this new position and how would it affect patrolmen on the street. Sheriff Gorbett explained that this person was hired right out of college and has been doing the detectives work since then. It was oversight on his (*the Sheriff's*) part. This will not impact the number of patrolmen. Sheriff Gorbett also informed the Council that they had totaled a car and he was using the insurance money and left over money from last year to purchase a replacement. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked what was the year of the wrecked car? Sheriff Gorbett stated it was a 2010. There is no needed action by the Council regarding the car.

Jim Reed made a motion to approve the requested Salary Ordinance Amendment. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of a Council member to the CAMPO Board. Jim Reed made a motion to appoint Jorge Morales to the CAMPO Board. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion. The motion was modified to read as appointing the President of the Council to the CAMPO Board. The motion passed unanimously.

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President Morales asked if there were any miscellaneous items. Auditor Hackman wanted to remind the members of the Personnel Review/Classification Committee of the upcoming meeting on March 28, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers. There are currently only two departments at this time that are requesting part-time employees being moved to full-time. One department is the Prosecutor's Office involving Brenda Deffler, a grant employee. The other will be the Youth Services Center for two part-time employees to full-time employees. The Commissioners will have a Resolution at their next meeting and it appears they are leaning towards twenty-eight (28) hours as the maximum hours per week for part-time employees. Rob Kittle suggested the prior departments that had requested changes due to this issue should be asked to attend the work session next month. Jorge Morales asked if the person that presides over that meeting could then present to the Council as well as having those department heads attend for any questions that might arise. Ryan Lauer asked if the Personnel Review/Classification Committee was a public meeting. Auditor Hackman stated that it is not.

Auditor Hackman also stated that we had received our Budget Order for 2013. A timeline has been put together to keep the Auditor and Treasurer's Office on track for on time tax billing. Jim Reed asked if the total assessment had changed much as he knew we did not have the rates yet. Auditor Hackman stated that we had Certified the Net Assessed Value earlier and had just received the rates. Chris West, Real Estate and Tax Billing Administrator in the Auditor's Office, stated that the County portion of the tax

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rates had increased by \$0.0052. There are actually nine (9) taxing unit totals that have gone down from last year. The first publication of the tax rates will appear in the paper either March 21st or March 28th.

Jorge Morales has been thinking that each Council member should be assigned a group of elected officials so that they could be better educated regarding those offices. They would still have that official come in at budget time, but this would give the Council member important information. There was discussion regarding this idea.

Tom Heller, an audience member, asked if the proposals were written, oral or how they were presented. It was explained that they are a combination and it is up to the department head as to how they present their budgets.

The next item was the update by Council members of their Commissions and Boards. Jim Reed had nothing to report. Ryan Lauer had attended a Data Board meeting the day before and noted that there was a new Interlocal Agreement for the GIS between the County, City and City Utilities. There will be an update to the GIS. There is a query search for archives and a new calendar search for the Courts. Bill Lentz had nothing to report. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence had attended a Park Board meeting. They are lining up softball teams and someone from Atterbury will be helping paint at Dunn Stadium. Several people are mowing some of the parks free of charge. Rob Kittle had nothing to report. Chris Ogle reported that the Solid Waste Board is in the process of rebidding the landfill. They are also working on getting curbside recycling. They did review the income and expenses of the Solid Waste District. Jorge Morales stated that the County

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Plan Commission had not met this year and the City Plan Commission meets tomorrow so he has nothing to report.

Chris Ogle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rob Kittle seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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By: _____
Jorge Morales, President

By: _____
Ryan Lauer, Pro-Tem

By: _____
Chris Ogle, Member

By: _____
Rob Kittle, Member

By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

By: _____
Bill Lentz, Member

By: _____
Jim Reed, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County