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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
December 10, 2013

The Bartholomew County Council met on December 10, 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 and Rob Kittle. Chris Ogle was absent. Also in attendance were Auditor Barbara J Hackman and Council Attorney Chris Monroe.

President Morales called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the meeting minutes of November 12, 2013. Rob Kittle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Reed seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation for one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the Transportation and Communication Fund of Coop Extension as presented by Erika Bonnett. This line item had been cut in last year's budget by about four-thousand three-hundred dollars (\$4,300). They did request one-thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) in the 2014 budget. Rob Kittle made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation request for one-thousand dollars (\$1,000). Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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The next item on the agenda was a request for Additional Appropriations for forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000) for their Repairs & Maintenance and Consulting line items as presented by Commissioner Chairman Lienhoop. Rob Kittle asked if the Consulting line item was a specific item or just in general. Chairman Lienhoop stated it was just in general. They utilized Waggoner, Irwin & Sheele more this year and they hired DLZ for the Courthouse ramp project. They had also included in that line item the cost of the attorney from Indianapolis for the ADA compliancy issues. The Courthouse ramp should have been completed by now, but it is still ongoing. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if DLZ had given them a quote prior to the work. Chairman Lienhoop stated that they had an idea but it was probably about ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) more than they had anticipated. They also hope that the ramp project will clear up the bleeding walls in the basement in that area. Jim Reed asked if there was a performance time frame in the contract with Repp & Mundt. Chairman Lienhoop stated that they are negotiating with them regarding the rental cost of the temporary ramp. They are not concerned with the restroom work taking longer than expected, but the ramp is costing the County money for the rental. Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation request for forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000). Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation for twelve-thousand seven-hundred thirty-five dollars and ninety-one cents (\$12,735.91) for the Jail in the 03-90 as presented by Major Todd Noblitt. These are

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meal monies from July, August and September as paid by Court Services. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for twelve-thousand seven-hundred thirty-five dollars and ninety-one cents (\$12,735.91). Ryan Lauer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation for six-thousand nine-hundred forty-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$6,947.79) for the 01-20 fund of the Sheriff's Department as presented by Major Todd Noblitt. This is for overtime for the security services from the Marathon event that were reimbursed by Cummins. Ryan Lauer wanted to thank Cummins for supporting the law enforcement of the Marathon. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for six-thousand nine-hundred forty-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$6,947.79). Jim Reed seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation for eight-thousand and fifty dollars (\$8,050) for 03-92 account the Sheriff's Department as presented by Major Todd Noblitt. This is from the sale of the old mobile radios that were sold to the Bloomington Police Department. The money will be used for the build of the three (3) additional cars that were approved. Ryan Lauer made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for eight-thousand and fifty dollars (\$8,050). Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation for two-hundred fifty-five-thousand dollars (\$255,000) from the Rainy Day Fund for a need

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regarding the insurance benefit trust as presented by Auditor Hackman. This is due to a decrease in the reserve funds because of three (3) major claims against the insurance. Jim Reed asked if this had occurred in the last three (3) months. Auditor Hackman stated that it had started about three (3) months ago when they started seeing these large claims. In October, they had advanced all the funds they had in the line item to the insurance benefit trust fund and in November it appeared they might be okay, but it was determined that was not the case. President Morales stated that the Republic had done a nice job on the article in the paper. Ryan Lauer asked when the last time that a large appropriation was needed to help the reserves. Chairman Lienhoop stated it occurred when Nancy McKinney was Auditor so it was six (6) or seven (7) years ago. Ryan Lauer stated that in the future they need to look at taking items like this from the operating balance as had been discussed at the last work session. They did, however, feel it was best to take it from the Rainy Day Fund at this time. Jim Reed made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for two-hundred fifty-five-thousand dollars (\$255,000). Rob Kittle seconded the motion which passed unanimously. President Morales stated that they had already advertised this from the Rainy Day Fund so they did this so as not to delay the payments.

The next item on the agenda was a request for a Transfer of Funds within the CAGIT for one-hundred twenty-two-thousand four-hundred and eighty-four dollars (\$122,484) as presented by Auditor Hackman to cover the PERF payments. This came about because they had paid these quarterly in the past, but now are paying them every

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pay period. This amount is around eighty-seven thousand dollars (\$87,000) and the other thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) is for the gasoline fund. Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for one-hundred twenty-two thousand four-hundred eighty-four dollars (\$122,484). Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

President Morales reiterated which funds were additional funds that had not been requested whereas the Sheriff's requests were money that had been reimbursed.

The next item on the agenda was a request for a Transfer of Funds from Reassessment for four-thousand dollars (\$4,000) as presented by Assessor Wilson. He had put in nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000) for a vehicle. It was requested of him that he purchase a car along the lines of the cars purchased by other departments as this vehicle may be reassigned at a later time. The total possible cost of the car would then be twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000). It will be transferred from the Professional Services to Equipment. Jim Reed made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for four-thousand dollars (\$4,000). Rob Kittle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the 2014 County Council Meeting and Advertising Schedule. Ryan Lauer made a motion to approve the 2014 Schedules as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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The next item on the agenda was miscellaneous. Bill Lentz will give the Invocation and lead the Pledge in January.

The next item on the agenda was updates by Council Members of Boards and Commissions as follows:

Jim Reed stated that the Health Board had met.

Ryan Lauer had nothing to report.

Bill Lentz had nothing to report.

Jorge Morales stated that there had been a presentation at the Commissioner's Meeting on Monday regarding the Annex Building. The Council needs to be prepared as the Commissioners will be coming with a plan. As far as the Plan Commission Meetings, they had one last month that was regarding a development near Ogilville. He had also attended a CAMPO meeting at which they had reassigned two projects.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence stated the Park Board has 40 commitments to use Dunn Stadium next year. Collis Mayfield did get with Mr. Hawes of the Park Board and they will be working with him in regards to the restroom facilities at Dunn Stadium.

Rob Kittle had nothing to report from the Economic Development Board. The LEPC has been busy due to the inclement weather we have recently endured.

Auditor Hackman stated that the 2013 Fall Settlement had been turned into the State Auditor's Office and she is awaiting their approval. She is very pleased with the support we have received from GUTS, the new tax software company that was installed

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this year. Auditor Hackman also stated that we had certified our NAV's (*Net Assessed Values*) in November for 2013pay2014.

Attorney Monroe had nothing to report. President Morales hoped that he will stay with the Council.

Tom Heller (*in the audience*) spoke regarding the DLZ presentation concerning the Annex. He had a suggestion regarding the new Annex and it's funding. He believes the Redevelopment Commission is receiving about twice the amount of money that they require. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if he thought the TIF could pay for a portion of it. Mr. Heller stated that because it lies outside, they could not pay for it, however, they could turn back some assessed value that would increase the amount received by other taxing units. He thinks this might be a remedy for this issue. Auditor Hackman stated that the State is looking at the issue of TIFs across the State having excess money that they are collecting. President Morales hopes that the Commissioners will look to the City for a portion of the cost of the Annex. He knows that they had asked Mayor Armstrong for some TIF money when they were expanding the Jail and they were turned down. Mr. Heller stated that the City has a plan for revitalization of the State Street Corridor and hopes that this Annex can play a part in this.

Rob Kittle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Reed seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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By: _____
Jorge Morales, President

By: _____
Ryan Lauer, Pro-Tem

By: ABSENT
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