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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
January 13, 2015

Name:	Representing:	Title:	Present:
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large	President	Present
Bill Lentz	At Large	Pro-Tem	Present
Jim Reed	At Large		Present
Chris Ogle	District 1		Present
Laura DeDomenic	District 2		Not Present
Mark Gorbett	District 3		Present
Jorge Morales	District 4		Present
Chris Monroe	- -	Attorney	Present
Barb Hackman	Auditor	Secretary	Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on January 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

Auditor Hackman called the meeting to order.

Chris Ogle gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the election of the 2015 Officers of the County Council. Auditor Hackman opened the floor for nominations. Jorge Morales nominated Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence as President and Bill Lentz as Pro-Tem. Mark Gorbett motioned to close the nominations. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of a 2015 Agreement for Legal Services. The proposed Agreement is with Attorney Chris Monroe for seven-thousand twenty dollars (\$7,020) for the year (*or \$585 monthly*) and one-hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per hour for any work required beyond the standard contract. **Jorge**

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Morales made a motion to approve Agreement for Legal Services with Attorney Chris Monroe. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of a 2015 Agreement for Services with the Columbus Economic Development Board. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Agreement for Services with the Columbus Economic Development Board. Jim Reed seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was the Formal Approval of the 2015 Contract with the Sheriff. Jorge Morales noted that at the Work Session last week, they had basically approved the four (4) year contract so that payroll could be done. **Jorge Morales made a motion to Formally Approve the Sheriff's Contract, which also includes the Commissioners. The contract starts at \$108,000 in 2015 and increases yearly by \$2,000. Jim Reed seconded the motion.** Attorney Monroe explained to the audience the formula for the computation of the Sheriff's Salary as spelled out in the Indiana Statutes. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of County Council Members as Members/Liaisons to Boards, Commissions & Committees as follows:

Appointments by County Commissioners:

Title	Member	For	End Date
Community Corrections Advisory Board	TBD	4 yr	12/31/2018
Computer & Data Processing Board	Laura DeDomenic	1 yr	12/31/2015

Appointments of County Council Members by County Council:

Title	Member	For	End Date
County Plan Commission	Jorge Morales	*4 yr	12/31/2018
County Extension Board	Mark Gorbett	1 yr	12/31/2015
Parks & Recreation Board	Evelyn S Pence	*4 yr	12/31/2018
Emergency Management Board	Mark Gorbett	1 yr	12/31/2015
Job Review/Classification Committee	Bill Lentz	1 yr	12/31/2015
	Jim Reed	1 yr	12/31/2015
	Evelyn S Pence	1 yr	12/31/2015
Personnel Administrative Committee	Jorge Morales	1 yr	12/31/2015
	Bill Lentz	1 yr	12/31/2015
Solid Waste Management District	Chris Ogle	1 yr	12/31/2015
Youth Services Center Advisory Cmt	Evelyn S Pence	1 yr	12/31/2015
Columbus Economic Development Bd	Jorge Morales	1 yr	12/31/2015
	Laura DeDomenic (proxy)	1 yr	12/31/2015
County Redevelopment Commission	Jorge Morales	1 yr	12/31/2015
	Jim Reed	1 yr	12/31/2015
Jt Council Emergency Dispatch Srvcs	Mark Gorbett	1 yr	12/31/2015
Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Org	Bill Lentz	1 yr	12/31/2015
Liaison to City Plan Commission		?	

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Liaison to Health Board	Laura DeDomenic	1 yr	12/31/2015
Liaison to Sheriff Merit Board	Jim Reed	1 yr	12/31/2015
Liaison to Work Release Center	Mark Gorbett	1 yr	12/31/2015

(* denotes existing appointment)

Appointments of members of the public by County Council:

Title	Member	For	End Date
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	Phyllis Apple	1 yr	12/31/2015
County Board of Zoning Appeals	Gil Palmer	*4 yr	12/31/2016
Columbus Economic Development Commission	Richard Lovelace	1 yr	12/31/2015
Library Board	Brenda Tallent	*4 yr	4/18/2016
	Gary Gron	*4 yr	4/18/2017
Parks & Recreation Board	Jim Mahoney	*4 yr	12/31/2016
	Nancy Hoeltke	*4 yr	12/31/2015
Property Tax Adjustment Board of Appeals	Chris West	1 yr	12/31/2015

(* denotes existing appointment)

Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Boards, Commissions and Committees as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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The next item on the agenda was the approval of the meeting minutes of December 9, 2014. **Chris Ogle 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 Consideration of the 2015 Substance Abuse Council Grant for the Drug Free Fund (024) in the amount of fifty-eight-thousand two-hundred-sixty-nine dollars (\$58,269.00) as presented by Larry Perkinson of the Bartholomew County School Corporation. Mr. Perkinson explained that the Substance Abuse Council is a volunteer organization and they invest the County Drug Free Fund. This year they had twelve (12) applicants. No group received one-hundred percent (100%) of what they asked for. There are ten (10) to twenty (20) people on this Council made up by a wide variety of people with differing backgrounds from throughout the community. To vote, they must attend at least sixty percent (60%) of the meetings. President Pence asked about page 2 which shows two categories for Tobacco. Mr. Perkinson stated they are similar, but not the same. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the 2015 Substance Abuse Grant Funds as presented for the amount of fifty-eight-thousand two-hundred-sixty-nine dollars (\$58,269.00) as requested. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Approval of the WRAP (*Women Recovering with A Purpose*) Grant Funding in the amount of one-hundred-thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) as presented by Brad Barnes, Chief Probation Officer/Director of Community Services and Rob Gaskill, Director of Work Release. Director Gaskill

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stated that until this year they had received funding from the Criminal Justice Institute. Due to declining funds, they wrote a grant request from a new source of funding. They have been awarded one-hundred-thousand dollars (\$100,000). This will allow them to continue to fund the WRAP Grant. Director Barnes stated that this is a new pot of money and it must be advertised for next month's Council meeting. They are asking for pre-approval of this grant due to personnel currently paid with these funds. Jim Reed asked if this specific employee is only for this program. Director Gaskill stated that this employee has other duties as well as the duties for this grant. Jorge Morales asked if the one-hundred-thousand dollars (\$100,000) will cover everything. Director Gaskill stated that it will cover all but about fifty-six-thousand dollars (\$56,000) of the project. Jorge Morales stated that he is concerned about the amount of items being funded by grants if the grants are being reduced. He does not have a problem funding the position for a month or two but not if we are going to be short a third of the amount needed for full funding. Director Barnes stated that the shortage would be for the insurance benefits and they should be able to fund it from their projects money. They do have the approval letter for the one-hundred-thousand dollars (\$100,000). Director Gaskill stated that we were one of three (3) programs in the United States to be named as a Host Site due to what they have accomplished. Jorge Morales stated that he supports the program, but if the funding goes away, so would the program and he is concerned that the grants may continue to lose funding. Chris Ogle asked how they had paid the one-hundred-thousand fifty-six (\$156,000) last year by utilizing only ninety-three-thousand (\$93,000). Director

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Gaskill stated that due to the timing, they had used other funds from Project Income User Fees and another grant. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Request for the Approval of the WRAP Grant funding in the amount of one-hundred-thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) as requested with a final approval in the February meeting. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was another Request by Director Brad Barnes. They still have an employee that is on Military Leave as well as hiring another person that was hired in at a lessor rate. They will continue this position until the funds are exhausted but they believe there will be User Fee Funds available at that time. The purpose of this request is to move money from one fund to another. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the requested Salary Ordinance Amendment for Position # 1. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

(Jorge Morales left the meeting at this time.)

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation in the amount of three-million one-hundred-five-thousand dollars (\$3,105,000.00) as requested by Auditor Barb Hackman. This money will go back into County General under the Commissioners line items and will allow the CAGIT Funds to pay the Insurance Trust Fund. The Employee Benefit Trust will be receiving monthly set payments for a total of five-million seven-hundred-thousand dollars (\$5,700,000). To assist with the three-million one-hundred-five-thousand dollars (\$3,105,000), any contributions that would have normally gone to the Trust will now go back into the County General. We should

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receive about two-million dollars (\$2,000,000) which will still leave us about one-million dollars (\$1,000,000) short. (*Jorge Morales rejoined the meeting*). Chris Ogle asked if we are getting monthly reports. Auditor Hackman stated that we are and Greg Fox is willing to come in at any time to give further information. She also spoke with Financial Consultant Dan Eggermann regarding this issue. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation Request in the amount of three-million one-hundred-five-thousand dollars (\$3,105,000.00) as requested. Jim Reed seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was the Ratification of the Transfer of Funds for the Park Board in the amount of six-hundred-twenty dollars and forty-eight cents (\$620.48) as presented by Auditor Hackman. The Park Board had transferred all of their funds in their Part-time category in December. Someone had worked hours and turned in a time sheet after the transfer. This is to ratify a Transfer of Funds so that they could pay the employee. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the Request for Transfer in the amount of six-hundred-twenty dollars and forty-eight cents (\$620.48) as requested. Chris Ogle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next items on the agenda were updates by the Council members regarding Boards and Commissions as follows:

Jim Reed – Health Board had a meeting but nothing to report.

Mark Gorbett – Had nothing to report.

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President Pence – Park Board had met last week and the officers for 2015 year are: Bob Harden, President; Jim Mahoney, Vice-President; Nancy Hoeltke, Secretary; David Apple, Treasurer. Also, Dunn Stadium had brought in three-thousand-five-hundred-seventy dollars and sixty-four cents (\$3,570.64) from concessions and rentals while Heflin Park had brought in twenty-three-thousand-one-hundred-forty-three dollars (\$23,143) from camp site rentals.

Jorge Morales – County Plan Commission met in December and approved a subdivision. There will be a meeting tomorrow morning at 8:30 at the Cal Brand Meeting room in City Hall to review the Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission Economic Development Area Plan.

Chris Ogle – Had nothing to report.

There was nothing under miscellaneous.

Hearing no other business, Jim Reed made a motion to adjourn. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, President

By: ABSENT
Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

By: _____
Chris Ogle, Member

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By: ABSENT
Laura DeDomenic, Member

By: _____
Jorge Morales, Member

By: _____
Mark Gorbett, Member

By: _____
Jim Reed, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County