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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
March 8, 2016

Name:	Representing:	Title:	Present:
Bill Lentz	At Large	President	Present
Jim Reed	At Large	Pro-Tem	Present
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large		Present
Chris Ogle	District 1		Present
Laura DeDomenic	District 2		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 March 8, 2016 at 6:04 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Lentz called the meeting to order.

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

President Lentz introduced Boy Scout Chase Richardson and his father Jamie Richardson. They were in the audience this evening. They are with Troop #509. Chase Richardson is working on his Environmental Science Badge.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of minutes from February 9, 2016.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected.

Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation for County General Sheriff (001-05) for fifteen-thousand dollars (\$15,000) as presented by

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Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Chris Lane. Chief Deputy Lane stated this was for the tactical training they had tried to encumber at the end of 2015 but were unable to do as they could not get signed up for the classes at that time. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for County General Sheriff (001-05) for fifteen-thousand dollars (\$15,000) as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).** Chief Deputy Lane also noted that four (4) Reserve Deputies had recently retired.

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation for Jury Supplemental Fund (310) for five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) as presented by Janet Ketron of Superior Court II. They had reduced the line item for the 2016 budget as they had not had that many jury trials in 2015. Unfortunately, they have already spent the money in the line item this year due to an increase in jury trials. **Jim Reed made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for Jury Supplemental Fund (310) for five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation for the Public Defender Circuit Court Fund (327) for one-thousand fifty-one dollars and sixty-five cents (\$1,051.65) as presented by Circuit Court Judge Steve Heimann. This is money that has been paid back by people that were granted a Public Defender. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for the Public Defender Circuit Court Fund (327) for one-thousand fifty-one dollars and sixty-five**

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cents (\$1,051.65) as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked how long this money would last. It was stated that it might last through one trial. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Year End Report for the Youth Services Center as presented by Director Anita Biehle, Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes, Circuit Court Judge Steve Heimann and Judge Mollo. Director Biehle presented a power point presentation of the 2015 Youth Services Year End Report. Chris Ogle asked for more detail regarding what jobs the kids do. Director Biehle stated it is mostly picking up trash along the road ways and they also work at the habitat center. Jorge Morales asked for the definition of a “parent project”. Director Biehle explained it is classes for parents with at risk kids. Mark Gorbett asked if we could start recouping from other Counties. Director Biehle stated they have actually started receiving funds from other Counties. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence stated that it appears they have several high risk kids that are involved with drugs. Director Barnes stated that just last week they had a very high risk kid which was involved in an incident at the facility and he was able to see how the staff handled that situation shortly after it had occurred. He was very impressed. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if the Intake Officer had more responsibility with the recent changes. Director Biehle stated they have more resources available to them. Jorge Morales asked what kind of treatment the kids that are on drugs receive. Director Biehle stated that they are not a treatment facility but the kids outside counselors are able to treat them while they are in the facility. Judge Mollo stated that if

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they get into the Court System then they can order treatment. The Courts had been able to order youth to Fairbanks and that had worked out very well, but because of State contracts, they are no longer able to use Fairbanks. Jim Reed asked if the kids that come in on drugs, doesn't being confined and kept away from the drugs start the detox process. If it does, can they send them out for treatment. The Center does work with the family and they also will get the Court involved as it is not a simple thing to come off of drugs. Mark Gorbett asked if they are still seeing fifty-percent (50%) returning. Director Biehle stated they have fifty-percent (50%) that they do not see again. President Lentz stated that he has heard only good about the Juvenile Magistrate we have (*Judge Mollo*). Judge Heimann stated that she is actually about to receive another statewide award. Mark Gorbett asked Director Barnes about the funding breakdown. The total cost paid by the County is miniscule compared to the Grants that are received.

Jorge Morales stated that a member of the public had noted that the Emergency Evacuation Maps in this room are outdated. It was stated that they had been created in 1990 and had not been updated since. Jeff Lucas, GIS Director, should have the original files and might be able to make the updates.

The next item on the agenda was an update of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan as presented by EMA Director Shannan Hinton and Assistant Director Susan Armstrong. Director Hinton introduced herself and gave a brief detail of her background in Emergency Management. She presented the updated Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan which requires several signatures, including the County

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Council. There are “annexes” within the Plan such as “Winter Weather”, etc. The Salvation Army was added to the plan this year. Mark Gorbett asked if the plan was available in electronic format. Director Hinton stated it is, but it is too big for e-mail. They have Grant money and have purchased thumb-drives that they will be placing this and all their other plans on. They will then give the thumb drives to the stakeholders. Jorge Morales asked if she had had a chance to look at the software application he had mentioned. Director Hinton stated she could not find that specific application but they have one they have been working with that deals with traffic and road conditions.

President Lentz opened the meeting for any public comments. Lisa Deaton asked about the article that was in the paper Sunday regarding the additional funding that may come to the County. There is some confusion as to the amount the County could receive but that is due in part to the fact that there are three versions out there at this time. The Senate version does not include the Townships and states that seventy-five percent (75%) has to go to the Rainy Day Fund. The House bill includes the Townships and has no restrictions. There is also a version that the Governor is pushing for. The money is in a Trust Fund that was started because the State had overpaid the units several years ago. The amount withheld is currently at fifty-percent (50%) and all three versions have that percentage moving to fifteen-percent (15%). The six-million dollars (\$6,000,000) mentioned in the article was a total for all units within Bartholomew County. The Counties portion would be around two-million dollars (\$2,000,000).

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

Jim Reed:

Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Mark Gorbett:

Emergency Management Bd – nothing to report

Emergency Dispatch Services – nothing to report

Community Corrections Bd – nothing to report

Liaison to Work Release Center Bd – nothing to report

Jorge Morales:

County Plan Commission – they held the first hearing on CAFO for two and a half hours a while back. The majority of the people that were heard were against the CAFO. They will continue tomorrow at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Personnel Admin Committee – nothing to report

Cols Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

President Bill Lentz:

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Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd – discussion was the drug problem in the community. They are having meetings of the agencies involved.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – nothing to report

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

County Parks & Recreation Bd – they will open Heflin Park at the end of April. Two part-time employees are sprucing up the parks at this time. Purdue will be brainstorming regarding Anderson Falls.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – attended a meeting at Center Stone which discussed the drug problem in the County.

JDAI – nothing to report

Laura DeDomenic:

Computer & Data Processing Bd – there were a few ratification items. There was discussion regarding personal e-mails. Some employees receive work related items through personal e-mails so they are investigating other options including blocking only the attachments.

Columbus Economic Development Bd – the City is increasing their contribution to the Board so they can diversify to reach more industries rather than just focusing on the automotive industry as they have been doing.

Chris Ogle:

Liaison to Health Bd – nothing to report

County Extension Bd – nothing to report

Solid Waste Management District Bd – nothing to report

Laura DeDomenic updated the Council on the Financial Plan. There are three people on the committee including people from CRH and Cummins. Packets were distributed to the Council members. They have received the questionnaires back and will be dividing up the departments to conduct interviews.

Auditor Hackman stated that she is on the Legislative Committee for the Auditor's Association and the Association of Indiana Counties. She had to testify regarding a bill regarding the Veteran's Deductions. The bill wanted to increase the percentage from a required ten-percent (10%) service connected disability to a twenty-percent (20%) service connected disability to be able to receive the benefit. This would have caused many Veterans' to lose a benefit they are currently receiving. They have since amended this bill to maintain the percentage at ten-percent (10%). Of the one hundred plus bills moving forward, about half of them will impact the Auditor's Office.

Mark Gorbett asked the amount of the Health Trust Fund. That information had been handed out at the last work session. The Commissioners have a meeting with the insurance company. Greg Fox is now working for Dunn and Associates. Commissioner Chairman Rick Flohr stated that they decided not to hire anyone at this time.

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President Bill Lentz stated that it was brought to his attention that a motion regarding acceptance of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan would be good for the record. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan as presented. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

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

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By: _____
Bill Lentz, President

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Jim Reed, Pro-Tem

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Mark Gorbett, Member

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Jorge Morales, Member

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Laura DeDomenic, Member

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Chris Ogle, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor

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