

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**January 10, 2017**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Present:</b>
Laura DeDomenic	District 2	President	Present
Bill Lentz	At Large	Pro-Tem	Present
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large		Present
Chris Ogle	District 1		Present
Mark Gorbett	District 3		Present
Jorge Morales	District 4		Present
Matt Miller	At Large		Present
Chris Monroe	- -	Attorney	Present
Barb Hackman	Auditor	Secretary	Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on January 10, 2017 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.

Attorney Chris Monroe gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Auditor Hackman called for nominations for President. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to nominate Laura DeDomenic as President. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the nomination.** Jorge Morales asked Chris Ogle why he was no longer interested in the position. Chris Ogle simply stated that he was not interested. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to close the nominations for President. Chris Ogle seconded the motion. Auditor Hackman called for the vote for Laura DeDomenic as President. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).**

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Auditor Hackman called for nominations for President Pro-Tem. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to nominate Bill Lentz with the understanding that he is not interested in the President's position next year. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion. Chris Ogle made a motion to close the nominations. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion. Auditor Hackman called for the vote for Bill Lentz as Pro-Tem. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).**

President DeDomenic took control of the meeting.

The first item on the agenda was the Consideration of the 2017 Agreement for Legal Services with Attorney Chris Monroe. The Agreement is the same as 2016. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Agreement, retaining Chris Monroe as the Council Attorney. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Consideration of the 2017 Agreement for Services with the Economic Development Board. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Agreement.** Auditor Hackman pointed out that it is for Jorge Morales to serve as the County Council member with Laura DeDomenic as proxy. **Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the County Council Appointment to the County Board of Zoning Appeals. **Jorge Morales made a motion to appoint Eric Scheidt to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion**

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**which passed unanimously (7-0).** Auditor Hackman will send out the letters of notification with the President's signature.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds in County General Information Technology (001-41) in the amount of sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000) as presented by IT Director Scott Mayes and County Commissioner Carl Lienhoop. They requested moving money from 41-01-02 and 41-01-04 in the amount of thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000) each to 03-10 to pay Sharp for the next 3 months for contractual employee services. They have talked with Sharp and there may be some room for tweaking the contract as things continue to evolve. Matt Miller asked about the discussion regarding work orders. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that we are currently covered until the 28<sup>th</sup> of January. This was the only real item of dissatisfaction that they did bring up. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion.** Pam Clark (*in the audience*) noted that the County website is not up to date as of today. IT Director Mayes stated that those changes are in the process and should be seen in the next week or so. **The vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the Agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation in the Public Health Preparedness Grant (009) in the amount of twenty-four-thousand three-hundred-eight dollars (\$24,308) as requested by Link Fulp, Environmental Health Director. Director Fulp is asking to use the grant money to aid in purchasing new office equipment for the recently renovated office. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve**

**the Request for an Additional Appropriation as requested. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).** Auditor Hackman stated that they also needed to do a Salary Ordinance Amendment for five-thousand dollars (\$5,000). **Mark Gorbett so moved to approve a Salary Ordinance Amendment to include the increase of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000). Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation in the amount of two-hundred-thousand dollars (\$200,000) based on an increase in the Community Corrections Grant (016) as presented by Residential Work Release Director Rob Gaskill. Director Gaskill explained that the Department of Corrections (DOC) had an additional two-million dollars (\$2,000,000) due to another County not moving forward with a facility. They have redistributed the money resulting in an additional two-hundred-thousand dollars (\$200,000) for Bartholomew County. Part of this additional is for salaries (100's) and the other part is to be used to purchase equipment. The salary amount is to fund another Residential Work Release Officer including all benefits. Ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) is for training to improve the department so they can better meet the needs of the clients they serve. Part of the money will be used to purchase bar codes to be placed on the client's homes to allow case notes to be entered while in the field. This item also increases the safety of the case workers as it logs where they are located at the time. They will also purchase five (5) new GPS monitoring units which will track the client at all times. They will purchase five (5) breathalyzers that require the

client to take random samples. While taking the sample, it also snaps a photo and all the information is then sent to the department. They will use ten-thousand thirty-nine dollars (\$10,039) for data collection for a pre-trial project, thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$39,000) for twenty (20) cell phone monitoring units with radio frequency units that do not require a land line in the homes. They currently have one-hundred fifty (150) units that require a land line for monitoring but these units will be obsolete at some time. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked how many people are being managed at this time. Director Gaskill stated they are around one-hundred forty (140) to one-hundred fifty (150) in all their programs. They are also adding a text message reminder system in their software so the clients will receive reminders of upcoming meetings and such. They will also be able to group text if the building were to be closed or other events like that. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation as requested. Matt Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was Requests for Additional Appropriation for Informal Adjustment Users Fee (314) in the amount of two-thousand dollars (\$2,000) as requested by Residential Work Release Director Rob Gaskill. Director Gaskill stated that this is from the Juvenile Probation Fees and is used to cover expenses incurred due travel. They currently have 1 vehicle that is not safe to take on the interstates or out of County. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

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The next item on the agenda was a Request of a 2017 Salary Ordinance Amendment as presented by Residential Work Release Director Rob Gaskill. Director Gaskill is asking to add one (1) Residential Work Release Officer. This position will bring them back to the level that they had anticipated for the Center. This position is in the two-hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) that was just previously approved and if the Grant goes away, they understand that the position will as well. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Matt Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request to move one (1) position from Alcohol/Drug (010) to County General (001-35) as presented by Residential Work Release Director Rob Gaskill. Director Gaskill explained that they currently have a position in County General that will be vacated very soon. They would like to move Sabrina Myers to this position for the time being. They want to look at this position very closely (*4 to 6 months*) before refilling it. At that time, they would move Sabrina Myers back to the Alcohol/Drug (010). Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if this position required a Probation Officer or not. Director Gaskill stated that certain specialty certificates are required. If the person was not a Probation Officer then it would require additional Probation Officers. Alcohol/Drug (010) is provided by User Fees. Auditor Hackman asked for clarification as the person they are moving is paid out of two (2) funds: Alcohol/Drug and Adult Probation. It was stated that they were moving both parts to County General. **Jorge**

**Morales amended his motion to include that both parts would be moved. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request to move one (1) position from Community Corrections PI (022) to Community Corrections (016) as presented by Residential Work Release Director Rob Gaskill. Director Gaskill explained that they have more money than is needed in salaries so they are moving this position to utilize the Grant Funds and thus preserve the User Fee Funds while they can. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request to move County General Jail (001-32) from six (6) Sergeants to seven (7) and to move Civilian Jail Officers from thirty-one (31) to thirty (30). Auditor Hackman presented this as the Sheriff was unable to attend. This is to fix an issue from the Budget session in which the Auditor received conflicting information. This will fix the issue. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

Jorge Morales stated that he is concerned as to where we are in the 2017 Budget. He is especially concerned with the Information Technology Department. Sandy Beatty, Chief Deputy for the Auditor's Office explained that she normally hands out monthly budget updates at the Work Sessions but because they have not rolled the information to the new year, she did not have a report at the last meeting. President DeDomenic stated

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that they are looking for a running balance of Additional Appropriations and such. Auditor Hackman explained that they also have to account for the encumbrances from 2016 so it will be a while before everything is accounted for. County General ended 2016 with three-million two-hundred-thousand dollars (\$3,200,000).

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

**Chris Ogle:**

County Extension Bd – nothing to report

Solid Waste Management District Bd – nothing to report

**Bill Lentz:**

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 – received a check for Dunn Stadium

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – nothing to report

JDAI – nothing to report

**Laura DeDomenic:**

Liaison to Health Bd – nothing to report



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Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – Jorge Morales already discussed.

Columbus Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

**Jorge Morales:**

County Plan Commission – nothing to report

Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Cols Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – met on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

President is Jorge Morales, Vice-President is Dan Arnholt and Secretary is Greg Pence.

**Mark Gorbett:**

Emergency Management Bd – nothing to report

Emergency Dispatch Services – nothing to report

Community Corrections Bd – nothing to report

Data Board – nothing to report

**Matt Miller:**

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

The next item on the agenda was any miscellaneous items. Auditor Hackman confirmed that only Bill Lentz is currently registered for the AIC Conference at the end

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of this month. The deadline for registration is the 17<sup>th</sup> of January and it begins February 1st. It is a cost of seventy-five dollars (\$75) and will come out of the Council line item.

Real Estate and Tax Billing Administrator Chris West reminded the Council that it is very difficult to discern the conversations on the recording when everyone is talking at the same time.

Hearing no other business, Jorge Morales made a motion to adjourn. Matt Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura DeDomenic, President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Ogle, Member

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jorge Morales, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Gorbett, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt Miller, Member

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

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