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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
April 10, 2018

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

The Bartholomew County Council met on April 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Mark Gorbett called the meeting to order.

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

The first item on the agenda was the approval of meeting minutes for December 12, 2017, January 9, 2018, February 13, 2018 and March 20, 2018. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence had sent corrections to Chris West. Those corrections have been made. Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a Presentation of the Centerstone Annual Report as presented by Shirley Arney, CAO and Anna Hilycord. Ms. Arney gave a handout showing the work done in Bartholomew County. It explained the funding and

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expenditures for those people served that live within Bartholomew County. They do a follow up with anyone that they counsel. Ms. Hilycord has been on several site visits with Judge Benjamin and the Probation Department. She works with the Shelter established by the Columbus Township Trustee. They work on getting the population there engaged in programs and services. Ms. Arney stated that she is not certain that Centerstone would ever take over the efforts of ASAP. They do participate in the meetings and initiatives that are ongoing.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for the County Extension Office in the amount of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) as presented by Auditor Hackman. This is a follow up to last month's Additional Appropriation of six-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$6,500). They brought in more money than expected and this is the amount that had not been properly advertised at the last meeting. Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Addition Appropriation for the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund in the amount of twenty-one-thousand one-hundred-seventy-eight dollars and twenty-five cents (\$21,178.25) as presented by Clerk Jay Phelps. Clerk Phelps explained that he was here last month for the same issue. They had not budgeted for the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund. They will use the funds to scan the Marriage Licenses and the remainder being for the Bradford Space Saving File system in the office. This is funded by Court Fees. Jorge Morales motioned to approve the request as presented.

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Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Clerk Phelps stated that early voting started today and they had thirty-three (33) people vote today.

The next item on the agenda was a Presentation of the Bartholomew County Five Year Capital Maintenance & Improvement Plan for Facilities and Roads Projects as presented by Commissioner Larry Kleinhenz, Commissioner Carl Lienhoop and Commissioner Rick Flohr. A Five Year Plan was handed out. Commissioner Kleinhenz led the discussion regarding the handout which detailed each building owned by the County. There was much discussion concerning the road projects. There was also discussion regarding the MPO District and funding. The MPO is all long-term planning. Commissioner Kleinhenz discussed the pages showing their yearly estimates regarding expenditures. They are trying to stay within the amount that is projected. They are trying to plan on how to pay for a new Highway Facility. They will continue to budget these items in their 400's but they will note that they are using EDIT Funds. They have been approached by entities wanting to purchase the current block that is used as parking for the County employees. The Council was appreciative of the work the Commissioners had put in to putting this together. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that they have not been able to maintain the facilities due to the lack of the funding. With the passage of the income tax increase, as unpopular as it was, it will allow them to catch up and maintain the facilities as they should be. His plates for his semi farm trucks increased by two-hundred-fifty dollars (\$250) per truck, but the Highway Department is receiving more

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funds for road overlay projects. Matt Miller asked about the either/or statement on page 15. Commissioner Kleinhenz explained that they have discovered several major projects in the Jail that really need to be taken care of. One of the big costs is a video system at the jail. This would be for both the new and the old jail portions. It all comes down to which pot you get the money from. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that the last page of the handout addresses the Highway Garage. Auditor Hackman stated that they do have a little over three-million dollars (\$3,000,000) for 2018. The amount is based on income and population. The amount has more money in it now than it will in the future. She suggests that they do continue placing the items in the 400's in the budget as County General may have to pick up some of the needs. Laura DeDomenic asked about recent legislation that would limit some of the Public Safety money for the Jail only. It is a special purpose rate. She will get more information on this before the May meeting. Commissioner Flohr stated that the Five Year Plan is pretty sobering regarding the amount of buildings that they have to maintain. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that they have HVAC systems that are twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) years old and need to be replaced.

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

Matt Miller:

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

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Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Laura DeDomenic:

Liaison to Health Bd – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Columbus Economic Development Bd – no new information.

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 – nothing to report

City has done a salary study which could have a significant impact on the County.

Mark Gorbett:

Emergency Management Bd – nothing to report

Emergency Dispatch Services – nothing to report

Community Corrections Bd – nothing to report

Data Board – County phone system is up in 2019

Drug Epidemic Committee – nothing to report

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Chris Ogle:

County Extension Bd – nothing to report

Solid Waste Management District Bd – nothing to report

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

County Parks & Recreation Bd – working towards more security at

Anderson Falls, need more hours for Dunn part-time people

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – nothing to report

JDAI – nothing to report

Affordable Housing Meeting – 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

Chief Deputy Sandy Beatty reminded the members they need to sign some forms before they leave. Also they need to schedule a Job Review/Classification meeting. This

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involves Matt Miller, Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence and Bill Lentz. There is a handout from the Auditor's Office regarding the tax rates and comparisons.

Pia O'Connor stated that tax bills are in the mail.

Auditor Hackman stated that the packet handed out will help them with any questions they may receive from the tax payers regarding their bills. She explained that Chris West in her office had put them together and she went through what information the packet contained.

Next meeting will be a work session on April 30, 2018.

Chris Ogle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence and passed unanimously at 7:30.

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By: _____
Mark Gorbett, President

By: _____
Chris Ogle, Pro-Tem

By: _____
Bill Lentz, Member

By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

By: _____
Jorge Morales, Member

By: _____
Laura DeDomenic, Member

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By: _____
Matt Miller, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County