

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**January 10, 2012**

The Bartholomew County Council met in regular session on January 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Members present were: Larry Fisher, Chris Ogle, Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Rob Kittle, Bill Lentz, Ryan Lauer, and Jorge Morales. Auditor Barbara J. Hackman, Chief Deputy Auditor Sandra Beatty, and County Council Attorney Rod McGillivray were also in attendance.

Bartholomew County Auditor Barbara J. Hackman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and introduced Pastor Mike Morrow from The Ridge, who gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation and all of the County Council members participated.

Auditor Hackman began by asking for nominations for the 2012 County Council President. Rob Kittle nominated Bill Lentz as the 2012 County Council President. Ryan Lauer seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations, so Rob Kittle made a motion to close the nominations. Larry Fisher seconded the motion that passed on a vote of 6:1 with Bill Lentz voting against the motion to close the nominations. Auditor Hackman then asked for a vote to elect Bill Lentz as the 2012 County Council President. Rob Kittle made a motion for Bill Lentz to become the 2012 County Council President. Ryan Lauer seconded the motion that passed on a vote of 6:1 with Bill Lentz voting against the motion.

County Council President Bill Lentz thanked Auditor Hackman and the Auditor's Office for the great job that they do as the Secretary for the County Council. President Lentz then presided over the meeting and asked the Council if they felt like a President Pro-Tem should be selected. Several members agreed, so President Lentz asked for nominations for the 2012 County Council President Pro-Tem. Rob Kittle made a motion to nominate Jorge Morales as the 2012 County Council President Pro-Tem. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion. President Lentz asked if there were any other nominations for President Pro-Tem. Hearing none, President Lentz asked for a motion to close the nominations. Rob Kittle made a motion to close the nominations. Larry Fisher seconded the motion that passed on a vote of 6:1 with Ryan Lauer voting against closing the nominations. President Lentz asked for a vote on the motion to elect Jorge Morales as the 2012 President Pro-Tem. The motion passed on vote of 6:1 with Ryan Lauer voting against the motion.

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of the 2012 Agreement for Legal Services. Larry Fisher made a motion to retain Attorney Rod McGillivray as the County Council Attorney for 2012. Chris Ogle seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the 2012 County Council Appointments and Member/Liaison Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees as read by President Lentz and shown on the next page.

<b>Name of Commission, Board, or Committee:</b>	<b>Appointee or County Council Member:</b>	<b>Years of Term:</b>	<b>End of Term Date:</b>
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	Phyllis Apple	1	12/31/2012
County Board of Zoning Appeals	Ron Trotter	4	12/31/2012
Columbus Economic Development Commission	Richard Lovelace	1	12/31/2012
Library Board	Brenda Tallent	4	4/18/2012
Library Board	Gayle Loesch	4	4/18/2013
Parks & Recreation Board	Jim Mahoney	4	12/31/2012
Parks & Recreation Board	Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	4	12/31/2013
Parks & Recreation Board	Nancy Hoeltke	4	12/31/2015
Property Tax Board of Appeals (3 Member Board) *Must be Certified Level II or III Assessor/Appraiser	Chris West	1	12/31/2012
Community Corrections Advisory Board (Appointment by the Commissioners)	Ryan Lauer	4	12/31/2014
Computer and Data Processing Board (Appointment by the Commissioners)	Ryan Lauer	1	12/31/2012
County Plan Commission	Jorge Morales	4	12/31/2014
Liaison to County Extension Board	Bill Lentz	1	2/2013
Liaison to County Sheriff Merit Board	Larry Fisher	1	12/31/2012
Liaison to Health Board	Larry Fisher	4	12/31/2012
Liaison to Parks & Recreation Board	Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	4	12/31/2013
Liaison to Office Emergency Management Board	Rob Kittle	1	12/31/2012
Job Review/Classification Committee	Bill Lentz	1	12/31/2012
Job Review/Classification Committee	Ryan Lauer	1	12/31/2012
Job Review/Classification Committee	Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	1	12/31/2012
Personnel Administrative Committee	Larry Fisher	1	12/31/2012
Personnel Administrative Committee	Bill Lentz	1	12/31/2012
Solid Waste Management District Board	Chris Ogle	1	12/31/2012
Youth Services Center Advisory Committee	Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	1	12/31/2012
Columbus Economic Development Commission	Rob Kittle	1	12/31/2012
Columbus Economic Development Commission	Chris Ogle (Proxy)	1	12/31/2012

Larry Fisher made a motion to approve the 2012 County Council Appointment to Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Jorge Morales seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the 2012 County Council Member/Liaison appointments to various Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Larry Fisher seconded this motion that passed unanimously. Rob Kittle asked if a copy of those appointments would be attached to the minutes. Auditor Hackman said yes and they will also be included in the County rosters and will be available on the County website.

Jorge Morales asked if the Council should have an alternate for Rob Kittle for the Columbus Economic Development Board. Chris Ogle was the Proxy in 2011 and said he would continue to be the alternate for 2012. The Council agreed on having Chris Ogle as the Proxy for the Columbus Economic Development Board.

Next, President Bill Lentz presented the Council members with a Columbus Economic Development Board agreement in the amount of \$14,000.00. Larry Fisher made a motion to approve signing the agreement with the Columbus Economic Development Board to pay for two (2) seats on this board. Jorge Morales seconded the motion. Rob Kittle asked for clarification on the two (2) payments mentioned in the agreement. Auditor Hackman explained that the cost has gone up from \$6,500.00 to \$7,000.00 per seat. This agreement includes one (1) seat for the Commissioners and one (1) seat for the County Council on the Columbus Economic Development Board. The first payment will be for \$7,000.00 and will be paid out on or before March 31, 2012. The second payment will be for \$7,000.00 and will be paid out on or before September 30, 2012. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence added that this money will be paid out of the

CEDIT funds. Hearing no further comments, President Lentz asked for a vote on the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the December 13, 2011 County Council minutes. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence said that she did make some changes to the minutes with Deputy Auditor Carey Nusbaum. Ms. Pence also asked on page 4 of the minutes if the statement was placed in the 2012 Salary Ordinance on the Intake Case Workers position. Auditor Hackman said two (2) asterisks were added to those position titles and on the back page of the 2012 Salary Ordinance, the following statement was included: *“All positions indicated with two (2) asterisks will be eliminated when present funding is no longer available.”* Jorge Morales noted that a paragraph was also placed at the end of the 2012 Salary Ordinance that mentions that the Council should be informed of job openings in all County offices with the exception of the 24/7 offices.

Auditor Hackman mentioned that Judge Heimann sent out an email about an opening in his office, but the Auditor’s Office did not receive the original email from January 3, 2012. Judge Heimann was supposed to send Auditor Hackman another copy of that email, but she has not received it yet. Auditor Hackman said this would be a position the County Council could bring up for review. She found out that the person is leaving this position because she is moving to Kentucky. Also, another girl in Judge Heimann’s Office is pregnant and will be taking Family Medical Leave in April, so this will be hardship in his office for two (2) people to be gone. Larry Fisher said, “Why doesn’t the Council let him fill the position as needed? Those jobs have been over there

for a long time and they are needed.” Council Attorney Rod McGillivray asked the Council to continue this discussion under miscellaneous and to continue following the agenda as is.

President Lentz asked for a motion to approve the December 13, 2012 minutes with the corrections prior to the meeting given by Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence. Larry Fisher made a motion to approve the December 13, 2012 County Council minutes with the corrections. Jorge Morales seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of Resolution 2012-01 on transferring fund balances from Congressional School Principal Fund (550) and Congressional School Interest Fund (551) to the State of Indiana, Treasurer of State. Auditor Barbara J. Hackman said that this is a state law from a few years ago. State Board of Accounts has brought it to the Auditor’s attention that Bartholomew County should give the money in those funds back to the State of Indiana.

Auditor Hackman said she asked Financial Advisor Dan Eggermann for a history on these funds. Mr. Eggermann felt like this money was from the selling of land when the old township schools reorganized and consolidated around 1851. Mr. Eggermann suggested that Auditor Hackman look at Indiana Code 20-14-2. Chief Deputy Auditor Sandy Beatty said that the only thing that goes into these funds monthly is interest, and a percentage of these funds are paid out to the schools twice a year. Auditor Hackman said that \$57,906.75 from the Congressional School Principal Fund (550) and \$33,112.26

from the Congressional School Interest Fund (551) will be transferred to the State of Indiana.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-01**

**A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUND BALANCES FROM 550 CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL FUND AND 551 CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL INTEREST FUND TO THE STATE OF INDIANA, TREASURER OF STATE**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Council of Bartholomew County hereby authorizes the Commissioners of Bartholomew County to direct the Auditor of Bartholomew County to transfer the fund balances of \$57,906.75 from the 550 Congressional School Principal Fund, and the amount of \$33,112.26 from the 551 Congressional School Interest Fund, pursuant to Indiana Code 20-42-2-04.5 to the State of Indiana, Treasurer of State.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and confirmation, as required by law.

**ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2012.**

S/s Larry Fisher  
Larry Fisher

S/s Bill Lentz  
Bill Lentz

S/s Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence  
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence

S/s Rob Kittle  
Rob Kittle

S/s Ryan Lauer  
Ryan Lauer

S/s Chris Ogle  
Chris Ogle

S/s Jorge Morales  
Jorge Morales

**ATTEST BY:**

S/s Barbara J. Hackman

Barbara J. Hackman,  
Auditor of Bartholomew County

Jorge Morales made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-01. Larry Fisher seconded the motion. Rob Kittle asked Attorney McGillivray if the County can spend any of these funds. Attorney McGillivray said that by State statute the County is not allowed to spend that money. Ryan Lauer asked if there is any reason why these funds should be kept open. Ms. Beatty said that once the money is transferred to the State of Indiana, then both of these accounts would be closed out completely. Hearing no further discussion or questions, President Lentz asked for the Council members to vote on the motion. The motion to approve Resolution 2012-01 passed unanimously.

Next, Residential Services Director Rob Gaskill presented the County Council with the 2012 RSAT (Residential Substance Abuse Treatment) Grant Appropriation for Community Corrections. This is a federal grant that is administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) to run the Women Recovering with a Purpose Program that began in 2011. The County was awarded \$166,006.00 for 2012. There is a local match requirement of \$55,355.00 that will be paid out of the Department of Corrections (DOC) grant money, so there is no additional money requested. The local match money will be used to pay for the Case Manager's salary and benefits. The total amount of the 2012 ICJI budget is \$221,341.00.

Chris Ogle asked what this grant money pays for. Director Gaskill said this money pays for the Women Recovering with a Purpose Program which is a one (1) year

substance abuse treatment program for females with addictions and mental health issues. This includes four (4) months of residential treatment at the Community Corrections Center followed by eight (8) months of aftercare on electronic monitoring. Community Corrections has partnered with Centerstone, who provides a contractual therapist that has an office at Community Corrections that does addictions training. Likewise, Community Corrections has hired a Residential Officer to oversee the females in this program. In 2011, ICJI awarded Community Corrections \$150,000.00. This year that amount was increased by \$16,006.00. This extra money will be used by Centerstone to hire an additional half-time staff person to do transition planning and relapse prevention for women who complete this program. March 1, 2012 will be the first graduation for this program. Of the twenty-eight (28) women who have been through this program this year, only two (2) have been removed so they are excited to see the great success with this program.

Chris Ogle asked if they anticipate having about the same number of women going through this program in 2012. Director Gaskill said the grant was written to allow forty (40) women to go through this program. Jorge Morales asked if there were any statistics kept on the success of this program. Director Gaskill said yes that part of the grant requirement is that statistics on the program be sent to the ICJI every quarter. Statistics given include: successes and failure, risk level for each women, a reassessment of that risk level after four (4) months, etc. No one has fully completed this program yet because the program began on March 1, 2011. The judge ordered the two (2) women that

were removed from the program to go to the Department of Correction to finish out their entire sentence. Director Gaskill said the females in this program are the most high risk substance abuse females in the community. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if Director Gaskill is pleased with the results he is seeing from this program. Director Gaskill said he is very pleased with the results, and in his twenty (20) years in this business, this has been one of the most exciting things he has seen, and he feels fortunate to be in a community that can implement this program.

Larry Fisher asked of the \$221,341.00 how much goes to Community Corrections and how much is given to Centerstone. Director Gaskill said that Centerstone receives \$84,500.00 of the grant money to pay for the contracted therapist whose office is located at Community Corrections. This money will also pay for the new half-time recovery coach. Larry Fisher asked if the women entering this program are charged a fee for the program. Director Gaskill said the first four (4) months are free because the treatments are done at Community Corrections, but each woman is charged \$10.00 a day during the eight (8) months of electronic monitoring. Mr. Fisher asked what if the woman cannot pay the \$10.00 per day. Director Gaskill said they are working with those women to find them a job using an ex-offender workforce development specialist through the RSAT program. However, if a woman cannot pay the \$10.00 fee, she will still receive the same care.

Jorge Morales asked if the mental health treatment that the women receive while in this program from Centerstone is paid by this grant. Director Gaskill said if they are in

this program, then they do get mental health treatment from Centerstone. Jorge Morales said that the County already pays Centerstone \$600,000.00 a year for mental health services for the County, and he wants to make sure this does not take away money from this grant. Attorney McGillivray said that is separate from this program because the \$600,000.00 that is paid by the County to Centerstone is not for the offenders; whereas, the money from the grant program is for offenders. Larry Fisher made a motion to approve the 2012 RSAT Grant Appropriation of \$221,314.00. Jorge Morales seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, the County Council members gave updates on the Boards and Commissions which they sit. Jorge Morales, Larry Fisher, Ryan Lauer, Bill Lentz, and Chris Ogle did not have anything new to report for their Boards and/or Commissions.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence said the Parks and Recreation Board met. The Park Board received \$19,837.90 from both Dunn Stadium and Heflin Park, and a new manager will be hired for Dunn Stadium in the near future. Ms. Pence also attended a vote center meeting and will attend more in the future.

Rob Kittle said that the Office of Emergency Management Board met in December but did not have enough members for a quorum, so it was just an informational meeting. The Columbus Economic Development Board will meet next Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss a strategic plan. Jorge Morales asked if the Executive Director of the Columbus Economic Development Board Jason Hester could be invited to come over and give the Council an update at the February 2012 meeting.

Next, Larry Fisher suggested that the County Council should allow Judge Heimann to hire the people needed for the two (2) open positions he will have in his office using his own discretion. Mr. Fisher does not feel like Judge Heimann should have to come before the Council to inform them of the open position. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence said that when a position became open in the Surveyor's Office last year, the work was absorbed by others in this office rather than filling this position which saved the County money. Ms. Pence said she likes knowing what is going on in the County Offices. Larry Fisher asked that the Council should be informed by an email then. Jorge Morales said that a statement was added to the Salary Ordinance so the Council would be informed of position openings.

Auditor Hackman read the statement that was added to the 2012 Salary Ordinance by the Council in December 2011 as follows: *"Prior to filling any open employment position in the County, the Department Head seeking to fill the position shall notify the Auditor of the vacancy and the Department Head's intention to fill said vacancy. The Auditor shall then promptly notify the Members of the Council giving the Council an opportunity to provide input prior to the vacancy being filled. The only departments exempt from this are the Youth Services, E911, Sheriff, Jail, and the Emergency Management Center."* Auditor Hackman said that the Council needs to address the job opening with Judge Heimann's Office because the job has already been posted. Attorney McGillivray said the Council does not have to take any action if they wish. Chris Ogle said that the Council has the ability to ask Judge Heimann to come before the Council to

present his case, but if the Council decides not to discuss this opening, then it will be filled. Auditor Hackman said that the Council needs to let her know what their wishes are so she can inform the Department Head if they need to meet with the Council or not. Rob Kittle said his concern is not filling the position, but making sure the Department Heads understand the process and what the Council expectations are. The County Council was in consensus on this issue. Auditor Hackman mentioned that there will be a Roundtable Department Head/Elected Officials meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Council Chambers. The Council members will be able to address the position vacancy issue with the Department Heads at that meeting.

The following miscellaneous items were mentioned at the end of the meeting. Rob Kittle added that Deputy Randy Clark retired from the Sheriff's Office after thirty one (31) years of service. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence suggested that the County Council members read page 10 on road work and page 21 which discusses CEDIT money in the *Indiana News* magazine that they receive. Ryan Lauer congratulated new Mayor Kristen Brown and added that the County is open to working with the City to keep the ties strong. Bill Lentz agreed with Mr. Lauer and said it was a good opportunity for the County and City to work together to save the taxpayers money.

Jorge Morales mentioned that City Council member Frank Miller was in the audience. Larry Fisher added that DeWayne Hines was also in the audience and is running to be a County Commissioner.

Attorney Rod McGillivray added that public input should be included on the agenda prior to miscellaneous.

There being no other business, Chris Ogle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Jorge Morales seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The next County Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers.

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Lentz, President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jorge Morales, Pro-Tem

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rob Kittle, Member

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

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