

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**February 15, 2012**

The Bartholomew County Council met in regular session on February 15, 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, Second Deputy Auditor Carey Nusbaum, and County Council Attorney Rod McGillivray were also in attendance.

Council President Bill Lentz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and introduced Reverend Jerry Day, Sr. from the Bible Church, who gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation and all of the County Council members participated.

The first order of business was the approval of the January 10, 2012 County Council minutes. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a change to the minutes on page 11, line 19 by adding the word “the” making line 19 read, “January 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss a strategic plan. Jorge Morales asked if **the** Executive Director of the”. Larry Fisher made a motion to approve the January 10<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended. Chris Ogle seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, County Commissioner Chairman Larry Kleinhenz and Commissioner Carl Lienhoop came before the Council to present the two (2) year CEDIT Plan for 2012-2013

and to request two (2) Additional Appropriations. The first Additional Appropriation is for the 2012 CEDIT monies (590) in the amount of \$1,329,045.00. The second Additional Appropriation is for the unspent 2010-2011 CEDIT monies (590) in the amount of \$346,919.75.

Commissioner Kleinhenz mentioned that he presented the 2012-2013 CEDIT Plan (Resolution 2012-03) to the Council at their Work Session on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, and the Commissioners approved Resolution 2012-03 at the Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Commissioners' meeting. The total amount of certified Bartholomew County CEDIT money for 2012 is \$1,329,045.00. Resolution 2012-03 states that the 2012-2013 CEDIT money will be utilized as follows:

1. Up to the sum of Six Hundred Thousand Five Hundred and Five Dollars (\$600,505.00) will be utilized during calendar year 2012 for public safety purposes. It is anticipated that up to One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$169,000.00) will be utilized to purchase cars and radios for the Sheriff's Department and that up to Four Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Five Hundred Five Dollars (\$431,505.00) will be utilized to assist in paying the County portion of the Emergency Operations Center Expense. For calendar year 2013, the amount of funds utilized for public safety purposes will be adjusted based upon EDIT funds anticipated.

2. Up to the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) will be deposited into an Economic Development Fund in calendar years 2012 and 2013 to be utilized for future economic development projects.

3. Up to the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) will be used to obtain two (2) seats on the Columbus Economic Development Board in calendar years 2012 and 2013. One membership shall be utilized by a Bartholomew County Commissioner and one membership shall be utilized by a Bartholomew County Council member.

4. Up to the sum of Four Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$464,540.00) will be utilized during calendar year 2012 for general

maintenance and repair of county roads. For calendar year 2013, the amount of funds utilized for general maintenance and repair of county roads will be adjusted based upon the EDIT funds anticipated.

5. Of the amount referred to in paragraph four (4) above, up to the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) may be utilized during calendar year 2012 and 2013 on the following specific projects:

- A. Up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) on improvements to Whitehorse Rd.
- B. Up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) on improvements to Old Nashville/Baker Hollow Rd.
- C. Up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) on efforts to protect and/or stabilize the Southern Crossing Bridge.

The Commissioners are also asking the Council to re-appropriate the unspent 2010 and 2011 CEDIT monies in the amount of \$346,919.75. If re-appropriated, this money will be added into the 2012 CEDIT Plan, and the Commissioners would like to use this money for road maintenance.

Jorge Morales asked if the \$346,919.75 was earmarked for road maintenance in 2011. Auditor Barb Hackman said this money was leftover from the public safety portion of the CEDIT Plan from 2010-2011. This money will need to be re-appropriated to the 2012-2013 CEDIT Plan. Jorge Morales said he received a phone call from a concerned Bartholomew County resident asking why a portion of the 2012 CEDIT money will be used to work on White Horse Road because it is not highly traveled. Commissioner Chairman Kleinhenz said the Highway Department has been working on White Horse Road for the last five (5) years in-house and has spent very little money and time on this, but it does need to be improved.

Chris Ogle asked if the \$100,000.00 will finish the work on White Horse Road that the Commissioners want done. Chairman Kleinhenz said probably not because \$100,000.00 is not even enough to overlay this road, but this money will be used for shoulder improvements in preparation of the overlay. Chris Ogle asked how many miles White Horse Road is. Chairman Kleinhenz said White Horse Road is three (3) to five (5) miles long.

Rob Kittle asked for clarification that the \$346,919.75 is not part of the \$1,329,045.00. Chairman Kleinhenz said the \$346,919.75 is not part of the \$1.3 million. Rob Kittle asked if the \$346,919.75 was earmarked for Public Safety for 2010-2011, then will it need to be earmarked for Public Safety for 2012-2013 or can it be used for other projects at the will of the Commissioners or Council. Auditor Hackman said there is no directive in the 2012-2013 CREDIT Plan for the \$346,919.75. The \$1,329,045.00 has been certified for 2012, so the Commissioners could spend more than that because of the additional \$346,919.75, but the \$346,919.75 has not been earmarked in the 2012 CREDIT Plan so it can be used for anything right now. Rob Kittle said he wanted to make sure that it was legal to use the \$346,919.75 for anything and not specifically for public safety since that was originally earmarked for that. Auditor Hackman said the Commissioners can amend their 2012-2013 CREDIT Plan anytime in 2012 or 2013.

Commissioner Lienhoop said the \$346,919.75 for public safety remained because of the E911 shortfall and because the Commissioners do not know how much money will be needed for the E911 shortfall this year, there may be unused public safety money that

will need to be re-appropriated next year. Chairman Kleinhenz said the Commissioners would like to use the \$346,919.75 for road improvements. Council Attorney Rod McGillivray added that road improvements would be considered public safety.

Jorge Morales said the chances of spending \$431,505.00 on the E911 shortfall for 2012 probably will not happen because the legislature is looking at passing a bill that would change the surcharges collected for 911 calls. This would help offset the shortfall, so that would free up some money.

Ryan Lauer asked what the balance of the Economic Development Fund is currently, and if the Commissioners determined what a good use of this money would be. Chairman Kleinhenz said it is probably about \$600,000 to \$700,000 because the Economic Development Fund has been set aside and has been accumulating money for the last few years. Chairman Kleinhenz said the only money that has been used out of this fund was in conjunction with the City of Columbus to create an incentive plan for Nu Sun Corporation, which is a new company in Columbus. Chairman Kleinhenz said this is what this Economic Development money will be used for. The Commissioners are learning as they go what this money can be used for. Rob Kittle said that the Council is relatively new at being involved with Economic Development, but there is an argument for having capital available when opportunities arise for Economic Development, and it takes time to build those resources.

Jorge Morales made a motion to approve appropriating the 2012 CEDIT money in the amount of \$1,329,045.00. Rob Kittle seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Chairman Kleinhenz added that the County has a lien against the building of Nu Sun Corporation for security in case the business does not succeed. Commissioner Lienhoop said that when talking with the Director of the Columbus Economic Development Board Jason Hester he learned that having \$500,000 or \$750,000 set aside for Economic Development is not a lot of money. Director Hester told Commissioner Lienhoop that he could see the Economic Development Fund money used to add railroad spurs to entice companies to come to Columbus, which would be another valuable use of these funds. Auditor Hackman said that at the end of 2011 there was \$287,000 set aside for the Economic Development Fund. Fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) of the Economic Development Fund will be used to pay for two (2) seats on the Columbus Economic Development Board for the County Council and the Commissioners.

Jorge Morales made a motion to approve re-appropriating the unspent 2010-2011 CREDIT money in the amount of \$346,919.75 into the 2012 CREDIT Fund to be used for road improvements. Larry Fisher seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Superior Court II Judge Kathleen Coriden approached the Council to request an Additional Appropriation from the Public Defender Fund (329) for the third Public Defender in the amount of \$40,821.00. The Council approved hiring a third Public Defender at the County Council meeting on October 11, 2011. This Additional Appropriation will cover the third Public Defender's salary for 2012. Judge Coriden mentioned that she hired Alan Whitted as the third Public Defender. Larry Fisher made a

motion to approve this Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$40,821.00. Jorge Morales seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Health Department Director Collis Mayfield and Environmental Health Specialist Scott Strietelmeier came before the Council to request an Additional Appropriation for the Public Health Preparedness Fund (009) in the amount of \$11,000.00 that will be one hundred percent (100%) grant reimbursed. Director Mayfield said that the Health Department has been receiving the Public Health Preparedness Grant since 2002. The Public Health Preparedness Grant was already approved by the Health Board, and if approved by the County Council, will be sent for approval by the State. The \$11,000.00 will be used to hire a contract person to help Mr. Strietelmeier with paperwork, as well as to purchase some supplies.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked how many hours this contract person would work per week. Director Mayfield said he was not sure, but estimates between eight (8) to twenty-four (24) hours per week depending on what needs to be done. Jorge Morales asked if this person should be included in the Salary Ordinance. Auditor's Office Chief Deputy Sandy Beatty said no because this person would be a contract employee. Jorge Morales asked if the pay rate would be negotiated with the contract person. Director Mayfield said yes the contract person would receive an hourly pay but not receive any benefits.

Larry Fisher mentioned that Health Board has already approved this grant and made a motion to approve the Public Health Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$11,000.00. Rob Kittle seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Substance Abuse President Jessica Fillenworth and Program Director for the Bartholomew County Big Brothers Big Sisters Laura Moses came before the Council for the Consideration of the 2012 Grant Requests for the Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council. Ms. Moses said this is an annual grant request and the funding comes from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Several organizations submit grant requests specific to three (3) areas for Substance Abuse: Prevention/Education/Community Awareness, Treatment/Intervention, and Justice/Law Enforcement.

This year \$5,000.00 has been set aside for administration fees, as well as for an annual free conference called *Desperate Households* that offers presentations from guest speakers and various workshops. Attendance has increased from fifty (50) in 2008 to two hundred and forty (240) in 2011 for this conference.

The total amount requested for the Substance Abuse Council grant requests is \$65,994.00. Everyone on the Substance Abuse Council is a volunteer, so this money does not pay for salaries. Ms. Fillenworth said the only requirement that the grant holds is to attend the meetings. Also, the State approved these Substance Abuse Council Grant Requests last week. A breakdown of the Substance Abuse Council Grant Requests is shown beginning on page 9.

### 2012 Bartholomew County Substance Abuse Council Grant Requests

Agency	Approved For	Amount Requested	Prevention/ Education/ Community Awareness	Treatment/ Intervention	Justice/Law Enforcement	Total Approved by LCC
Young Marines	Scholarships/Red Ribbon Week	\$3,745.20	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation	Treatment subsidy	\$8,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$8,000.00
Excise Police	Equipment	\$340.00			\$340.00	\$340.00
Healthy Communities/Tobacco Awareness	Prevention Services/Groups	\$2,024.00	\$2,024.00			\$2,024.00
Community Church of Columbus	Prevention Services/Groups	\$5,885.00	\$1,885.00	\$4,000.00		\$5,885.00
Columbus Police Department	Equipment	\$7,605.00				\$7,605.00
Family Services and Prevention Programs	R.O.C.K.S.	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
Turning Point	Drug Screens/Beyond Trauma	\$5,440.00	\$2,440.00	\$3,000.00		\$5,440.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Mentoring	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00
Advocates for Children	Foster children support services	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00
Girls on the Run	Mentoring	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00			\$1,200.00
Bartholomew County Court Services	Translation Services	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Bartholomew County Court Services	PRIME	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00
Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department	Enforcement/Equipment	\$8,000.00			\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Teens for Betterment of Bartholomew County	Teen programming/activities	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00
		\$66,239.20	\$26,549.00	\$15,500.00	\$18,945.00	\$60,004.00
					Administrative	\$5,000.00
					<b>2012 Grand Total</b>	<b>\$65,994.00</b>

Jorge Morales asked for examples of what is done with this money. Ms. Fillenworth said this is the fifth year for the *Desperate Household* conference. There are several people that attend this conference even though they do not receive any grant money because they are interested in knowing what is happening with Substance Abuse in Bartholomew County, and they want to make sure people are aware of the substance abuse services

available. The Substance Abuse Council is working with QMIX in order to educate the community about substance abuse and the services available.

Jorge Morales said that he is concerned with the substance abuse problem in Bartholomew County because it is on the rise which is troubling. He understands that prescription drug abuse and the use of 'Spice' is a big problem in Bartholomew County. Ms. Fillenworth said that 'Spice' is on the rise and the Substance Abuse Council has increased speakers explaining the danger of 'Spice' to educate the community. The Substance Abuse Council was awarded a CTC grant which increases the tools available to educate the community. Ms. Moses said there is a great deal of partnerships that are going on with the Substance Abuse Council to inform the community about the issues and services available.

Ryan Lauer said what the Substance Abuse Council does is commendable and he thanked the volunteers. Mr. Lauer said that at the work session there was discussion on 'Spice' and it was highlighted where 'Spice' is found in Bartholomew County. Ms. Moses said it is the kids that know where to buy 'Spice', but it is the parents that are unaware. *Teens for the Betterment of Bartholomew County* is a wonderful program that is active in putting together a draft of a brochure about 'Spice' from a students' point of view. The public service announcements (PSA) planned will educate the community about drugs, 'Spice', etc., as well as the programs and services available in the community. The issue with 'Spice' is that is being distributed in several retail stores in Bartholomew County. The approach will be to promote the businesses that are not

selling these products, so the community will see what places do sell 'Spice' and this will hopefully affect their pocket books. Ms. Fillenworth said that teens are able to purchase 'Spice' on credit at certain stores. Even though synthetic drugs are a problem in our community, the most abused drug in Bartholomew County is alcohol. Ms. Moses said that City and County law enforcement, in addition to State excise, have been very actively involved in the Substance Abuse Council.

Chris Ogle asked if the Substance Abuse Council receives good cooperation from the media for their PSAs. Ms. Fillenworth said yes. The media has expressed an interest in the *Desperate Household* Conference "No Hosting Initiative" will be an article in *The Republic*. The "No Hosting Initiative" has parents in the community pledge that they will not host parties that serve alcohol.

Jorge Morales said that the Council needs to be involved because this is so important to our community. Chris Ogle asked how many members are on the Substance Abuse Council. Ms. Moses said that it varies, but approximately twenty (20) to twenty-five (25). Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion to approve the 2012 Substance Abuse Council Grant Requests in the amount of \$65,994.00. Ryan Lauer seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Council President Bill Lentz asked if anyone in the audience wanted to come before the Council with comments, concerns, or questions. No one approached the Council, so President Lentz asked the Council members to give updates on the Boards and Commissions on which they sit. Chris Ogle did not have anything new to report.

Rob Kittle said the Columbus Economic Development Board met and discussed the Economic Development Strategic Plan. Mr. Kittle has asked Economic Development Director Jason Hester to come to the March County Council Work Session on Monday, March 5, 2012 to present the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence said there was a Detention Center meeting, but since the Council met with Judge Stephen Heimann at the Council Work Session, there was nothing new to add. The Parks and Recreation Board also met and there is a new manager for Dunn Stadium. Dunn Stadium is going to let a Buddy System softball team (for special needs children) use the ball diamonds at no cost. Furthermore, President of the BMX Track Kris Lasure was at the Park Board meeting to begin planning a BMX race that will be scheduled sometime between May 20, 2012 and June 1, 2012.

Bill Lentz mentioned that the County Extension Board met in conjunction with the Soil and Water and had a great meeting. Auditor Hackman, Commissioner Kleinhenz, Mayor Kristen Brown, City Clerk Treasurer Luanne Welmer, and Council member Bill Lentz went to meeting last week with Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman and her staff that was very informative. They were able to share their concerns and ask questions, and also learned more about what the State could and could not.

Jorge Morales mentioned that the County Plan Commission met and elected new officers and discussed a replat of land in the Tannehill area from three (3) lots to one (1) large lot. Mr. Morales was also appointed as liaison to the City Plan Commission. Mr. Morales reminded the Council members to give him a list of accomplishments they

would like to accomplish in 2012, so he can compile this list and hand it out at the next County Council Work Session.

Ryan Lauer said the Community Correction Advisory Board met in which they had a visit from the State Commissioner from the Department of Corrections. He had several nice things to say about Community Corrections, Juvenile Corrections, and Residential Programs of Bartholomew County. The County is a model for the State with a number of programs, and the State has maintained the same funding levels for the Bartholomew County programs this year.

Larry Fisher said the Health Board met on Wednesday night and discussed the Public Health Preparedness Grant. Likewise, the Health Board discussed that bed bugs cases are on the rise all around the country and have been found in Indianapolis hotels and Riley Hospital. The Health Board also mentioned that measles are not a problem in Bartholomew County, and the Health Board will meet again on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Fisher said he met with the Sheriff. At budget time the Council approved the Sheriff to purchase six (6) new cars and one (1) used car, but the Sheriff will be able to purchase seven (7) new cars with the approved money approved. The Sheriff's Department will also use drug money to purchase a K-9 unit and to train Officer Pendleton on how to handle this dog. Finally, Sheriff Gorbett mentioned to Larry Fisher that he feels like Tasers should be utilized by the Sheriff's Department as another vital tool for public safety. It will cost \$53,000.00 to purchase fifty (50) Tasers. This includes eight (8) Tasers for the Jail and two (2) Tasers for the reserves. The Bartholomew

County Sheriff's Department is the only law enforcement department that does not have Tasers at this time. Sheriff Gorbett will come to the next Council Work Session to discuss purchasing these Tasers. Ryan Lauer asked if this would give one (1) Taser to each officer, and the holders for the Tasers would need to be purchased in addition to the Taser. Larry Fisher said this would give one (1) Taser per officer and the holders are included in the price of \$53,000.00. Mr. Fisher asked the Council to consider the purchase of the Tasers very seriously.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked how you get rid of bed bugs. Larry Fisher said heating the environment to at least 103° for twenty-four (24) hours will kill the bed bugs, but they are resilient to current insecticides, so a new insecticide will need to be created.

President Lentz asked the Council members to look at two (2) upcoming additional appropriations for the March Council meeting requesting money for Overtime and Holiday Pay for the Youth Services Center. President Lentz said he would like this to be resolved in a proper manner at the next County Council Work Session. Jorge Morales said he and Ryan Lauer will be meeting with Auditor's Office Chief Deputy Sandy Beatty to compare the Youth Service Center's payroll vouchers and time cards to have a better understanding of Holiday Pay practices at the Youth Services Center. Both Mr. Morales and Mr. Lauer will share their findings with the Council at the next Work Session. Mr. Morales asked that Major Gary Myers and E911 Director Ed Reuter be invited to the next Work Session to add input on this issue.

There being no other business, Larry Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Chris Ogle seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The next County Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Lauer, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Fisher, Member

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