

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
April 10, 2012

The Bartholomew County Council met in regular session on April 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, 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. District 3 County Commissioner Candidate Reverend Marcus Speer of the Jennings Church of Christ 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 February 15, 2012 County Council minutes. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made the following changes to the minutes: on page 2, line 11 should read, "Fisher made a motion to approve amending **the** 2012". On page 4, line 4 should have "**County Council**" in place of Commissioners. On page 6, line 16 should have the word "**renovation**" in place of rehabilitation. On page 10, line 3 should read, "2012 budget in 2011. Therefore, this really **is** not". Finally, on page 11, line 4 should have the last word as "**asked**" instead of ask. Ryan Lauer also requested that on page 11, line 10 should have the word "**neutral**" in place of mutual. Larry Fisher

made a motion to approve the March 13th County Council minutes as amended. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Circuit Court Office Manager Tammy Johannesen to present the County Council with an Additional Appropriation for Circuit Court for the Jury Supplement Fund (310) in the amount of \$10,000.00. Ms. Johannesen mentioned that Circuit Court has had two (2) trials in the first quarter of the year which is unusual. These trials have reduced the Jury Supplement Fund to under \$2,000. There is a murder trial scheduled in June, and there is a trial scheduled for May 9th that Ms. Johannesen was not aware of when she turned in this additional appropriation. Ms. Johannesen does not know what the costs are going to be for the murder trial and any further upcoming trials later this year. Larry Fisher made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the Circuit Court Jury Supplement Fund (310) in the amount of \$10,000. Rob Kittle seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

President Lentz mentioned that he heard Circuit Court Judge Stephen Heimann's wife will be having surgery. Ms. Johannesen said the surgery is scheduled for April 19th. President Lentz asked Ms. Johannesen to give them his best.

Next on the agenda was County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander to present the County Council with two (2) Additional Appropriations. The first additional appropriation was for the Highway Fund (002) in the amount of \$454,000.00. The second additional appropriation was for the Local Road and Street Fund (003) in the amount of \$500,000. Engineer Hollander said both requests are non-reverting funds from

2011 that need to be re-appropriated to the 2012 Budget. Of the \$454,000 from the Highway Fund (002), \$328,000 was money that was set aside in 2011 for the 600 North project, but this project was not worked on in 2011. Of the \$500,000 from the Local Road and Street Fund (003), \$374,000 was just received early in 2012 for utility reimbursement from the first phase of the 600 North project. Rob Kittle made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the Highway Fund in the amount of \$454,000. Jorge Morales seconded the motion.

Ryan Lauer asked how many miles of roads will be paved and chipped and sealed in 2012. Engineer Hollander said that twenty-two (22) miles of road will be overlaid and forty (40) miles will be chipped and sealed in 2012. Chris Ogle asked for a definition of wedging. Engineer Hollander said that wedging is just overlaying a section of the roadway that is uneven. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence said she thought chip and seal was great, but asked if the Highway Department receives complaints on the chip and seal. Engineer Hollander said they do get complaints the first week because it takes that long to get the loose rock knocked off. Chip and seal works great and extends the life of the roadway, but some people think the road is being turned back to a gravel road. Chris Ogle asked when the Highway Department will get bids to see what it will cost per mile for overlay. Engineer Hollander said the list of roads that need attention will be given to the Commissioners for approval; so hopefully, they will know a cost per mile by early June.

Engineer Hollander gave each Council member a Road Maintenance History

Handout as shown below:

Year	Overlay			Chip and Seal			Wedging	Total Pavement Maintenance \$
	\$	Miles	Cost/Mile	\$	Miles	Cost/Mile	\$	
2000	\$ 586,070	18.63	\$ 31,458.40	\$130,686	37.86		\$115,040	\$ 831,796
2001	\$ 725,887	22.01	\$ 32,979.87	\$100,881	30.27	\$ 3,332.71	\$123,714	\$ 950,482
2002	\$ 599,444	16.46	\$ 36,418.23	\$152,479	41.50	\$ 3,674.19	\$104,449	\$ 856,372
2003	\$ 794,169	21.31	\$ 37,367.43	\$150,163	35.35	\$ 4,247.89	\$169,498	\$ 1,113,830
2004	\$ 660,905	16.29	\$ 40,571.21	\$148,205	37.90	\$ 3,910.42	\$159,511	\$ 968,621
2005	\$ 790,366	18.06	\$ 43,763.34	\$201,881	52.46	\$ 3,848.28	\$177,104	\$ 1,169,351
2006	\$1,009,576	17.14	\$ 58,901.75	\$219,077	45.10	\$ 4,855.43	\$248,027	\$ 1,476,680
2007	\$1,010,794	16.01	\$ 63,135.17	\$188,333	41.40	\$ 4,552.41	\$225,407	\$ 1,522,137
2008	\$ 672,963	8.09	\$ 83,184.55	\$233,504	33.40	\$ 6,997.42	\$ 90,112	\$ 996,579
2009	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	\$387,059	56.90	\$ 6,807.23	\$ 68,040	\$ 455,099
2010	\$1,056,050	18.08	\$ 58,409.83	\$320,615	46.20	\$ 6,938.21	\$ 40,254	\$ 1,416,919
2011	\$1,124,218	26.99	\$ 41,653.13	\$300,009	41.60	\$ 7,204.82	\$ 37,230	\$ 1,461,456
2012	\$1,130,000	22.00	\$ 51,363.64	\$330,000	40.00	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 40,000	\$ 1,500,000

Ryan Lauer mentioned that the 2012 cost per mile for chip and seal is \$8,250.00. This is a significant increase over the last several years, so Mr. Lauer asked why it was so high. Engineer Hollander stated it is a rough estimate and will vary once the Highway Department receives the oil bids on April 30th, as well as when they receive the 2012 bids for overlay and chip and seal. Engineer Hollander said he will use the dollar amount more than the cost per mile.

President Lentz asked how many oil bids they received. Engineer Hollander said they have three (3) oil bidders: Terry Asphalt Materials, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio; Marathon of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Asphalt Materials of Indianapolis, Indiana. Each

of the bidders will deliver the RS2 rapid-set-oil for chip and seal. The Highway Department utilizes recycled oil to heat the Highway Department Building.

Chris Ogle asked what the dramatic funding was from 2007 to 2008 in wedging money. Engineer Hollander said that one (1) year there was no overlay because the price was so high, so the Highway Department did all chip and seal. Plus, in 2006 and 2007 the Highway Department received *Major Move's* money from the toll road. The CEDIT has increased the money received for road repair and maintenance the last couple of years.

President Lentz asked for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously to approve the additional appropriation to the Highway Fund (002) in the amount of \$454,000. Next, Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the Local Road and Street Fund (003) in the amount of \$500,000. Chris Ogle seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Assistant Director of Nursing Carla Wolff came before the Council to request an Additional Appropriation for the Indiana Local Health Department Trust Fund (507) in the amount of \$1,400.00. Ms. Wolff said this money is from the Local Health Department Trust Fund carried over from previous years. Ms. Wolff would like this money placed in the 300s line item in the 2012 Budget to be used for the smoking secession class instructor fees. In the past, Healthy Communities paid the instructor's fees, but since they lost their funding Ms. Wolff would like to supplement with this money to continue the smoking secession classes through 2012. Larry Fisher made a

motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,400. Jorge Morales seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Next, Juvenile Magistrate Heather Mollo and Juvenile Supervisor Nicole Hall came before the Council to request an Additional Appropriation of the Juvenile Block Grant (031) in the amount of \$25,000.00. Ms. Mollo said both Nicole Hall and Court Services Assistant Chief Probation Officer Kim Maus were the authors of this grant. This is the third year that the County has received the Juvenile Block Grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for \$25,000 that will be used for the Mental Health Diversion. Ms. Hall explained this money will be used to provide juvenile justice case coordination to refer juveniles with significant mental health issues to a mental health diversion program. These funds are used to contract a case manager who will ensure the juveniles will be involved with the mental health services and will follow the juveniles through this program.

Ms. Mollo said that the contract employees do not receive any benefits or insurance. Chris Ogle said it is hourly pay-per-service. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked how many juveniles benefit from this program. Ms. Hall said over the last two (2) years there have been twenty-seven (27) juveniles who have completed this program. When Ms. Hall wrote this grant in January 2011, there was eleven (11) who had completed the program successfully and have not reoffended or returned to the criminal justice system. There have also been a couple of other juveniles who have completed this program since that time, but Ms. Hall did not have up-to-date numbers to share with the

Council. Ms. Pence said this program has kept the juveniles out of the Detention Center. Ms. Hall said this program has kept them out of the Detention Center, off probation, kept them from getting formally adjudicated, etc.; plus, they have received help for the mental health services that brought them to the system. Chris Ogle said the \$25,000 that will be used for this program have a lower overall cost because it will keep the juveniles out of the criminal justice system. Ms. Mollo said there are always risks anytime a child becomes part of the juvenile justice system. There are some underlying concerns that the mental issues these juveniles have contributed significantly to the overriding behavior that brought them into the juvenile justice system. President Lentz said Ms. Hall and Ms. Mollo have to seek these grants and appreciate them being pro-active for the Bartholomew County court system.

Jorge Morales mentioned that the Council talked with Ms. Mollo some time ago about tracking recidivism rates from juveniles to adulthood. Ms. Mollo said the question that was posed from the Council was, "Can we follow a juvenile into adulthood and see how recidivism has transferred?" Ms. Mollo and Ms. Hall said the data is there, but it would be difficult and time consuming to extract it. Ms. Hall said there is no time to do what it takes to gather this kind of information because you have to look at each individual case that has been off of probation for one (1) year. At any given time there is an average of 180 to 200 kids on probation. Then, you would have to look back through three (3) years of information on every juvenile in the court system records, the jail records, and the police records to see if they have reoffended. Ms. Mollo said she put this

question before Court Services Director Brad Barnes and the Judges to let them know this is a question of interest and if they can do anything to track this information better, then they will. Jorge Morales said it would be interesting, particularly at budget time, when the Youth Services Center (YSC) requests \$1.5 million dollars to ensure that this program is doing what it is intended to do. Therefore, this data would really help the County Council members. Ms. Mollo said she would be happy to be part of the discussion on how to collect this data, etc. Jorge Morales asked if someone in the YSC and a lot of money was spent on them as a child then did the program do its job keeping this person from re-offending through adulthood.

Ms. Mollo said the statistics are very high with the inmates who are incarcerated in the Department of Corrections. Almost every one of them was abused or neglected as a child. However, that does not mean that we should not be doing things on the front end. Chris Ogle said Ms. Mollo has already shown that the program is working with the statistics prior to writing the grant. Also, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute would not continue to give Bartholomew County this grant money if this program was not effective. Larry Fisher made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the Juvenile Block Grant in the amount of \$25,000. Chris Ogle seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Court Services Director Brad Barnes said he liked the discussion he heard on recidivism and trying to track it. Director Barnes said they have been looking at those factors for ten (10) years and trying to figure out how to fund a project that would give a

comprehensive study of many of their programs. One way they can tell if the programs are working is through assessments or risk factors because they use a validated instrument to re-assess people. The risk should be going down as it relates to the programs they are offering. However, you have to keep in mind free will because people choose to do what they want to do. Chris Ogle asked what Director Barnes meant by reducing the risk. Director Barnes said there are several factors, but a couple of those are who you are spending your time with and what you are doing with your time.

Then, Director Barnes presented the Council with an Additional Appropriation that is an amendment to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) Grant Fund (032) in the amount of \$6,600.00. Director Barnes said this is affiliated with the WRAP (Women Recovering with a Purpose) Grant and will be used for GED services. This money would pay for a person to educate women working toward and attaining a GED. The ICJI de-committed \$6,600 from the 2011 grant because the WRAP program began three (3) months into 2011 and this money was not used. The new total for the 2012 ICJI Grant will be \$172,606.00. Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the additional appropriation amendment for the 2012 ICJI Grant Fund in the amount of \$6,600. Chris Ogle seconded the motion.

Ryan Lauer thanked Director Barnes for going the extra mile to get the \$6,600 grant, adding that obtaining a GED can make a load of difference for a person's future in the long term. Hopefully this will keep them out of the criminal justice system in the future. Director Barnes said he is hopeful that partnering with McDowell will help to

stretch the money a little further in order to expand this program to both males and females. President Lentz said they appreciate all the work that Director Barnes does.

President Lentz asked for a vote on the motion to approve the \$6,600 additional appropriation. The motion passed unanimously. Rob Kittle asked what mechanism is used to verify these ladies are completing the task and working toward or obtaining their GED. Director Barnes said they will work with the certified GED provider who will take attendance, use practice GED material, and then there will be the actual GED test. The GED program is a one (1) year program. These ladies spend four (4) months in Residential treatment and eight (8) months on a monitoring device. Rob Kittle said this is a one (1) year program regardless of what grade these women were in when they quit school. Director Barnes said there will be a pre-test to evaluate each person's level, so there could be cases where some people could complete this program quicker. The partnership with McDowell will be very helpful. Ryan Lauer asked if some of the \$6,600 will cover the cost of the test. Director Barnes said this money will cover the cost of the test, as well as the GED instructor.

Next, the County Council needed to consider appointing or re-appointing someone to the Library Board because this appointment expires on April 18, 2012. This appointment is a four (4) year term. President Lentz mentioned that he talked with Ms. Brenda Tallent, and she is willing to continue to serve on the Library Board if they wish to reappoint her. Larry Fisher made a motion to re-appoint Ms. Brenda Tallent to the Library Board for another four (4) year term. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the

motion that passed unanimously. Larry Fisher said Ms. Tallent has served the County well by being on the Library Board for many years and she does a good job.

Next, Auditor Barb Hackman wanted to explain the additional 2011 and 2012 CEDIT (County Economic Development Income Tax) and CAGIT (County Adjusted Gross Income Tax) monies for Bartholomew County. Auditor Hackman said the information that she is giving the Council was received at 4:00 p.m. today. Auditor Hackman emailed the Bartholomew County Taxing Units to notify them that they can go to the DLGF website to see how much additional money their particular unit will receive for both 2011 and 2012 CAGIT and CEDIT from the miscalculation by the Department of Revenue that is based on the 2009 and 2010 Income Tax Returns.

Jorge Morales asked if the CEDIT would need to be reallocated. Auditor Hackman said it would be up to the Commissioners to amend their 2012 CEDIT Plan to include the additional monies if they choose. Auditor Hackman said she would notify the Commissioners of the additional monies. Auditor Hackman said the County Council's responsibility is to decide whether to appropriate the additional money if the 2012 CEDIT Plan is amended.

Auditor Hackman said the 2011 CAGIT for the Bartholomew County Unit that will be placed into County General is approximately \$616,162.00. Chris Ogle asked if this will be placed in the 2012 Budget. Auditor Hackman said this was for 2011, but will be added to the 2012 Budget. Bartholomew County will receive a lump sum for January through April 2012 of \$1,426,693.00. Bartholomew County will receive additional

amount between May and December 2012. The additional 2012 CAGIT money for Bartholomew County for the entire year will be \$2,042,855.00 that will be placed in the County General Fund.

Chris Ogle asked, "How did the State come up with the additional money?" Auditor Hackman said this was supposedly a miscalculation on the income individual taxes reports for 2009 and 2010 from the Indiana Department of Revenue that was recently found and given to the State Budget Agency. Chief Deputy Sandy Beatty read from an Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) Newsletter Alert: "The Governor has ordered an independent audit of the Department of Revenue and staff changes have been made." Auditor Hackman added that two (2) people have stepped down and the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue will be resigning after April 15th. All of this came from the Governor of Indiana.

Auditor Hackman said the 2011 CREDIT money that will need to be put into the Commissioners' 2012 CREDIT Plan is \$170,126.01. The 2012 additional CREDIT money is \$401,236.00. The total amount of 2011 and 2012 CREDIT money is \$571,362.00. Chris Ogle asked if this money will be given in a lump sum. Auditor Hackman said Bartholomew County received a lump sum for January to April 2012 time period. Jorge Morales asked what would happen to the \$571,362.00 if the Commissioners do not re-allocate it. Auditor Hackman said it will sit in the CREDIT Fund until it is re-allocated. Then, the Council will need to appropriate the additional CREDIT money.

Auditor Hackman wanted to give the Council a synopsis of the Trust Balance History Report for both the CAGIT and CEDIT. Last year about this time, the State was telling us several counties had a negative balance in the CEDIT accounts because funds were not coming in. Now the numbers are looking better. At the end of 2010, the CAGIT was in a negative balance of \$6,530,000. But with this new information and new certified distribution amount, at the end of 2011, Bartholomew County is in the black by \$3,345,792. The legislature was not going to make the County pay this back, but would flat line our CAGIT and CEDIT distribution. Jorge Morales asked if this means that the County will be getting a larger payment. Auditor Hackman said yes in August. Jorge Morales asked if this money will go into County General. Auditor Hackman said yes. Therefore, the County will receive an additional \$2,000,000 in the County General Fund.

Discussion on the additional CAGIT and CEDIT monies continued. Auditor Hackman mentioned the Trust Balance History had a negative balance of \$444,000. Now, it is in the positive by \$1,686,000. Bartholomew County was number #1 or #2 in job growth for the State. Most counties experienced a minimal increase with this new found CAGIT and CEDIT monies, but Bartholomew County saw a huge increase. Auditor's Office Chief Deputy Sandy Beatty said the current 2012 CEDIT balance is \$953,505.

Auditor Hackman suggested Financial Advisor Dan Eggermann should have an annual meeting with the Bartholomew County Trustees in regards to the budget process, the budget calendar, etc. to let them know why the dates are so important. Auditor

Hackman is hoping to schedule this meeting in May. In 2012, there were several units who were given the same budget as in 2011 because they did submit their budgets on time or their advertisement was not handled correctly, etc. Jorge Morales asked if the Council has any liability for the trustees that mismanage the funds for a township and are left with no fire protection, etc. Auditor Hackman said no. They are held accountable for their actions like any other County unit by the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF).

President Lentz asked what the current interest rate is that the County is getting. Chris Ogle said 0.9% to 1.1%. The only way they could get more interest money is to tie the money up longer, but County Clerk Tami Hines is not allowed to do that. Jorge Morales said he has been talking with County Treasurer Pia O'Connor about electronic mailing of the tax bills and TS-1s around April 20th. Approximately one hundred (100) people have signed up for electronic billing so far, but this number is expected to grow. Auditor Hackman said there are several ways for homeowners to pay their property taxes (by mail, in person at the Treasurer's Office, by drop box at the Treasurer's Office, at the bank, and online by credit card). Auditor Hackman said by law County Treasurer Pia O'Connor has to send out the tax bills fifteen (15) days prior to the collection date (May 10th). This would mean that the property tax bills would need to be mailed out by April 25th.

Next, Auditor Barb Hackman presented the Council with a packet of 2010 Pay 2011 and 2011 Pay 2012 Tax Rate Comparisons as shown below and on page 16. Only

seven (7) units saw an increase in 2012 property taxes. The most significant increase was in Columbus Township due to the Trustee's Cumulative Fire Debt because there was an issue in 2011. The Trustee's budget was not turned in on time, so his tax levy was not put on his budget order. Therefore, he had to take out a fire loan and had to double his rate in 2012 to make up for last year and the additional loan that he took out for 2011.

Total Tax Rates Comparison

Unit #	Unit Name	10p11	11p12	Diff	%
001	Clay Twp	1.5069	1.5264	0.0195	1.29%
002	Clay Ann	2.4959	2.5580	0.0621	2.49%
003	Clifty Twp	1.4957	1.4790	-0.0167	-1.12%
004	Columbus Twp	1.5803	1.9267	0.3464	21.92%
005	City of Columbus	2.5054	2.5708	0.0654	2.61%
006	Flatrock Twp	2.2127	2.0545	-0.1582	-7.15%
007	Flatrock Ann	3.2029	3.1237	-0.0792	-2.47%
008	Clifford	2.4624	2.3032	-0.1592	-6.47%
009	German Twp	1.4812	1.4702	-0.0110	-0.74%
010	Edinburgh	4.2949	4.0724	-0.2225	-5.18%
011	Harrison Twp	1.5181	1.5253	0.0072	0.47%
012	Hawcreek Twp	2.2704	2.1093	-0.1611	-7.10%
013	Hartsville	2.5273	2.3896	-0.1377	-5.45%
014	Hope	2.8542	2.7085	-0.1457	-5.10%
015	Jackson Twp	1.5691	1.4943	-0.0748	-4.77%
016	Ohio Twp	1.4902	1.4599	-0.0303	-2.03%
017	Rockcreek Twp	1.4773	1.4620	-0.0153	-1.04%
018	Sandcreek Twp	1.4695	1.4551	-0.0144	-0.98%
019	Elizabethtown	1.5939	1.5729	-0.0210	-1.32%
020	Wayne Twp	1.5361	1.5138	-0.0223	-1.45%

021	Wayne Ann	2.4918	2.5561	0.0643	2.58%
022	Jonesville	1.6550	1.6527	-0.0023	-0.14%
023	Edinburgh Ann	4.0152	3.9046	-0.1106	-2.75%
024	Harrison Ann	2.4963	2.5602	0.0639	2.56%

- * Increases are shown in **RED**
- * Decreases are shown in **Green**

Further discussion continued between the Council members and the Auditor on property tax comparisons, townships, etc.

The next item on the agenda allowed for public input, but there was no public input given, so President Lentz asked the Council members to give updates on the Boards, Commissions, and/or Committees to which they sit. Larry Fisher, Ryan Lauer, Bill Lentz, Rob Kittle, and Chris Ogle did not have anything new to add.

Jorge Morales said the County Plan Commission has not met, but the City Plan Commission discussed placing signage around the Cove, and Menard's would like to have a space assigned to sell trailers.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence mentioned the Park Board met. Owens Bend will have a new gate put up at the entrance. The Park Board is gathering bids for placing new roofs on the shelter houses at both Grammar and Mt. Healthy. Also, Heflin Park is scheduled to open on May 4th. Finally, the Park Board is purchasing an auger in order to put up fences at various parks.

There being no other business, Larry Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Chris Ogle seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The next County

Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 9, 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

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Rob Kittle, Member

By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

By: _____
Ryan Lauer, Member

By: _____
Larry Fisher, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County