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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
September 11, 2012

The Bartholomew County Council met on September 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Members present were: President Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem Jorge Morales, Rob Kittle, Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Ryan Lauer, Chris Ogle and Larry Fisher. Auditor Barbara J. Hackman and County Council Attorney Rod McGillivray were also in attendance.

Council President Bill Lentz called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Councilman Chris Ogle gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was a request for an additional appropriation for the Sheriff's Department as presented by Major Todd Noblitt. They are requesting seven thousand eight hundred and five dollars (\$7,805.00) in additional appropriations to the 04-40 account. This money will be coming from the FCC required re-banding of vehicle radios due to the cellular carriers and issues that have occurred. They expect this money in the next week or so from Nextel. They wish to utilize these funds, combined with insurance money, to purchase a 2012 Dodge Charger. This car will be a replacement for two (2) cars that were totaled in recent wrecks; neither wreck was the fault of the county. A motion was made by Larry Fisher to approve the additional appropriation of seven thousand eight hundred and five dollars (\$7,805) from the 001 account to the 04-40 account; seconded by Jorge Morales. The motion passed unanimously.

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The next item on the agenda was an additional appropriation for the Jail as presented by Major Gary Myers. He is requesting an additional appropriation of twenty-one thousand five hundred fifty-five dollars and eighty-five cents (\$21,555.85). This money was originally in the 03-90 meal account. The jail provides meals for the Youth Services Center and this is the amount that has been reimbursed at the State approved rate. They would like the money in their 02-21 account. A motion was made by Chris Ogle with a second from Larry Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was an additional appropriation for the Jury Supplemental fund 03-10. Judge Kathleen Coriden asked for seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) which she believes may take them through the end of the year. She is asking that the money be taken from the Jury Supplemental fund which is funded by court costs and moved to their 03-10 account. Chris Ogle asked how much money was in the account. There is currently one hundred and ninety-three thousand dollars (\$193,000) in that account for all the courts. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if Judge Coriden believed this amount would take them through the end of the year. Judge Coriden stated she believed it should. Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500). The motion was seconded by Rob Kittle and passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was an additional appropriation for the Health Department (*Nursing Division*) as presented by Assistant Director of Nursing Carla Wolff. She requested an additional appropriation of sixteen thousand five hundred

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dollars (\$16,500) in their 02-40 account to purchase more vaccines. This is money that was used at the beginning of the year to purchase vaccines for private pay people and this money has been recouped through fees. Chris Ogle clarified that the money is there, it is just in an account they cannot purchase vaccines from. Larry Fisher made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500) to the 02-40 account. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request for transfer of funds by County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. Engineer Hollander requested that ninety-three thousand three hundred and eighty-seven dollars be transferred within his Local Road and Streets money from the infrastructure line item to the road equipment line item. Part of this money will be used to purchase radios due to the re-banding issue as mentioned earlier by Sheriff's Department Major Noblitt. The radios they currently have are outdated and will need to be replaced as they cannot be re-banded. The remaining fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is to purchase a mechanic's service truck to replace the one that was totaled earlier this year. Larry Fisher motioned to approve the additional appropriation of ninety-three thousand three hundred and eighty-seven dollars (\$93,387) as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion. Chris Ogle asked whether any insurance money had been collected from the wreck. They received about seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000). Ryan Lauer asked what type of truck this would be. The bids will be for a one-ton, dual wheel truck with toolboxes on it. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if anyone had been hurt in the wreck. Dave Barnett was injured in the

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accident and was off work for a couple of days. Jorge Morales asked about the striping that was going to be done on Youth Camp Road. Engineer Hollander stated it would be done tomorrow (*September 12*) and they will be doing several areas, enough for them to stay busy for the day. A call for the vote was made and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the 2012 Salary Ordinance Amendment for the Election Board. Clerk Tami Hines was not present, but Board Member Julie Schuette was in the audience to answer questions. As it is very tough getting election workers, this additional money would be from the Election Fund, not County General. It would be for the coming November Election. Auditor Hackman stated that it had been brought to her attention that the actual per diem for poll workers is fixed by the County Executive which is the County Commissioners, but that the County Council had to appropriate the funds. The Council will do the Salary Ordinance and then the Commissioners will act on the per diem. Mrs. Schuette noted that they had combined precincts and thus eliminated some workers which resulted in saving some money. Jorge Morales motioned to approve one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) per day, which was seconded by Larry Fisher. President Lentz questioned if the intent was to add twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day. Auditor Hackman clarified that the additional amounts for the judges and meals and other items are separate. This amount is the base, which is for everyone, thus leaving it at a tiered system. A call for the vote was made and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the first reading of the 2013 Budget and Salary Ordinance. Jorge Morales discussed the concerns of the Council about the Assessed

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Values that have not yet been completed. Auditor Hackman read the 2013 Budget and Salary Ordinance as follows:

Clerk	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR CLERK:	\$ 510,186.00	\$ 493,933.00
Auditor	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR AUDITOR:	\$ 421,431.00	\$ 411,931.00
Treasurer	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR TREASURER:	\$ 241,302.00	\$ 239,067.00
Recorder	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR RECORDER:	\$ 151,738.00	\$ 145,583.00
Sheriff	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR SHERIFF:	\$ 3,365,555.00	\$ 2,990,111.00
Surveyor	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR SURVEYOR:	\$ 329,777.00	\$ 321,991.00
Coroner	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR CORONER:	\$ 82,886.00	\$ 75,182.00
Assessor	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR ASSESSOR:	\$ 299,132.00	\$ 288,023.00
Prosecutor	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR PROSECUTOR:	\$ 537,836.00	\$ 528,785.00
Voters Registration	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR VOTERS REGISTRATION:	\$ 97,593.00	\$ 89,986.00
Cooperative Extension	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR CO-OP EXTENSION:	\$ 226,726.00	\$ 188,941.00
Veterans	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR VETERANS:	\$ 57,697.00	\$ 51,573.00
Council	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR COUNCIL:	\$ 71,075.00	\$ 73,207.00
Drainage Board	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR DRAINAGE BOARD:	\$ 8,550.00	\$ 8,550.00
Commissioners	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR COMMISSIONERS:	\$ 8,501,972.00	\$ 7,708,372.00
Office of Emergency Preparedness	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR OEP:	\$ 149,986.00	\$ 134,668.00

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Court Services	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR COURT SERVICES:	\$ 446,173.00	\$ 446,012.00

Superior Court I	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR SUPERIOR I:	\$ 306,753.00	\$ 295,735.00

Superior Court II	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR SUPERIOR II:	\$ 430,684.00	\$ 414,507.00

Circuit Court	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR CIRCUIT COURT:	\$ 471,199.00	\$ 435,975.00

E911	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR E911:	\$ 447,837.00	\$ 18,500.00

Weights & Measures	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR WEIGHTS & MEASURES:	\$ 48,170.00	\$ 46,369.00

Maintenance	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR MAINTENANCE:	\$ 1,263,441.00	\$ 1,230,812.00

Code Enforcement	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT:	\$ 470,484.00	\$ 439,913.00

Jail	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR JAIL:	\$ 2,723,461.00	\$ 2,527,257.00

Youth Services Center	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR YSC:	\$ 1,558,235.00	\$ 1,448,965.00

Circuit Court (IV-D)	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR CIRCUIT COURT (I-VD):	\$ 64,455.00	\$ 63,042.00

Park Board	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR PARK BOARD:	\$ 138,600.00	\$ 138,600.00

Prosecutor (IV-D)	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR PROSECUTOR (IV-D):	\$ 453,356.00	\$ 446,797.00

		2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR COUNTY GENERAL:	\$ 23,876,290.00	\$ 21,702,387.00

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Highway	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR HIGHWAY:	\$ 2,389,228.00	\$ 2,364,441.00
Local Roads & Streets	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR LR&S:	\$ 490,994.00	\$ 490,994.00
Cumulative Bridge	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR CUMULATIVE BRIDGE:	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 1,600,000.00
Health Department	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR HEALTH:	\$ 1,407,480.00	\$ 1,380,258.00
Election	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR ELECTION:	\$ 299,330.00	\$ 297,959.00
Alcohol/Drug Program	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR ALCOHOL/DRUG:	\$ 104,710.00	\$ 100,345.00
Adult Probation	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR ADULT PROBATION:	\$ 552,976.00	\$ 552,574.00
Supplemental Juvenile Probation	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR JUVENILE PROBATION:	\$ 20,537.00	\$ 20,537.00
Debt Service	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	LEASE BOND:	\$ 1,998,600.00	\$ 1,998,600.00
Surveyor's Cornerstone Perpetuation	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR CORNERSTONE:	\$ 5,425.00	\$ 5,425.00
VIP Commission	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR VIP COMMISSION:	\$ 1,378,000.00	\$ 1,378,000.00
Local Health Maintenance	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR LHM:	\$ 52,528.00	\$ 51,699.00
County Misdemeanant	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR MISDEMEANANT:	\$ 76,053.00	\$ 72,303.00
Statewide 911 Fund	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR STATEWIDE 911:	\$ 1,724,323.00	\$ 1,601,438.00
Pretrial Diversion	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION:	\$ 94,441.00	\$ 93,421.00
Informal Adj/Juv Probation	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR INFORMAL ADJ:	\$ 8,359.00	\$ 8,359.00
LEPC/Right To Know	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR LEPC/Right To Know:	\$ 15,018.00	\$ 15,018.00
Public Defender Superior II	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	OTHER SERVICES	\$ 42,862.00	\$ 42,862.00

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Elected Officials Training	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
WIC	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR WIC:	\$ 393,041.00	\$ 385,795.00
Ind Local Health Department Tr	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR LHM:	\$ 34,635.00	\$ 34,635.00
County Identification Protection	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Prosecutor IV-D Incentive	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR PROSECUTOR IV-D:	\$ 56,064.00	\$ 71,226.00
Clerk IV-D Incentive	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR CLERK IV-D:	\$ 16,023.00	\$ 23,533.00
2017 Reassessment Fund # 0124	Account Description	2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTALS FOR 2017 REASSESSMENT:	\$ 334,109.00	\$ 316,376.00
	CERTIFIED SHARES		\$4,800,000.00
	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX		\$2,000,000.00
		2013 Published Amount	2013 Adopted Amount
	TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET 2013	\$43,788,326.00	\$41,425,485.00

President Lentz opened the public input portion of the meeting. City of Columbus Mayor Kristen Brown addressed the Council. Mayor Brown wanted to educate the Council regarding a double taxation of City residents. She provided a handout. People living in the City pay the same County rate as those living outside of the City. Census data shows that 57% of the County population is within the City. The Net Assessed Value shows that 62% of the total County assessed value is from within the City. There was a breakdown of public services as paid by the City and the County. It shows that the ambulance has been a particularly large expenditure with the City paying 75% of the amounts. City residents are being double taxed and paying 90% of the subsidy. The

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same issue is going on with the E911 Center. The City had been paying 55% of the amount while the County was paying 45%. Again, City residents are being double taxed.

Auditor Hackman stated that the 911 funds are not from tax dollars, but are user fees. The shortfall is what the City and County split and the County portion has been paid for out of the CEDIT funds.

Mayor Brown reiterated that these were the tax subsidies in addition to the user fees.

Auditor Hackman stated that these subsidies for the County are not being paid out of County General, they are paid out of CEDIT funds. The County portion is not being paid out of property tax money.

County Councilman Chris Ogle agreed with Auditor Hackman, stating that the County portion of the subsidies is not coming from the County General property taxes. Instead, it is coming out of CEDIT money, so they are not getting double dipped. He also stated that the E911 building is owned by the County. It also has Bartholomew County employees there.

Auditor Hackman added that the County is also the administrator of the E911 Center.

Mayor Brown stated that regardless of the source of the revenue, the City residents were getting double dipped.

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Chris Ogle stated that they are not being double dipped because it is coming out of their paycheck one time. He understands her comment regarding the property taxes because they pay a City tax and a County tax, but this is from their paycheck one time.

Mayor Brown stated that it did not matter where the funds came from, they were being double taxed. If it is from the CEDIT then they are being double dipped from the CEDIT fund. The CEDIT fund was setup by population which hurt the County but assisted the City and small towns. It can also be set up based on Abstract Levy, but the County Council chose the population method.

Chief Deputy Sandy Beatty of the Auditor's Office pointed out that the only time the money from CEDIT is used is when there is a shortfall in the State funding. The amounts that were short over the past three years were split according to the inter-local agreement.

Mayor Brown stated that their shortfall portion is from the General Fund. If a dollar (\$1) comes out of her paycheck for CEDIT and if it were split fifty/fifty (50/50), then fifty cents (\$0.50) goes to the County and fifty cents (\$0.50) goes to the City. Now they take fifty-five percent (55%) to pay for the E911 Center from the City and forty-five percent (45%) from the County.

Jorge Morales asked if the City uses the E911 Center the most. Director Ed Reuter agreed.

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Mayor Brown stated that fifty-five percent (55%) of the calls are City. She stated that City residents are fifty-seven percent (57%) of the population and are sixty-two percent (62%) of the assessed value.

Jorge Morales stated that the figures were based on an inter-local agreement, from the past, that was signed off on by the City and the County officials.

Auditor Hackman stated that in 2011 it was sixty-five/thirty-five (65/35) with the City paying sixty-five percent (65%). In 2012 it was adjusted after ten (10) years to a fifty-five/fifty-five (55/55) by a joint committee, with the City paying the fifty-five percent (55%). There was much discussion and they looked at several factors.

Jorge Morales noted that in 2013 there is supposed to be a new break down of forty-five/fifty-five (45/55) with the City paying the forty-five percent (45%).

Auditor Hackman stated that the committee had met again and the change was decided upon but there has been nothing signed at this time.

Jorge Morales stated that the budget reflects this new forty-five/fifty-five (45/55) change. He questioned what the Mayor was wanting. He stated that he lives in the City and he pays for City Police and County Sheriff which is a duplication of services.

Mayor Brown is only concerned with the three services that she considers County wide services. She feels these are being double taxed to the citizens of the City.

Jorge Morales stated that he is paying double taxes for police and sheriff and for City and Township fire.

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Mayor Brown stated that the fire department is not double taxed as City residents do not pay for Township fire.

Jorge Morales asked if since the Sheriff Department is a Constitutional Office and the City police department is not, so was she suggesting that they should do away with the City police department.

Mayor Brown stated that was not her point.

Jorge Morales stated that she was picking out the services she wanted, not the whole thing.

Chris Ogle asked the Mayor if she thought the City should pay a lesser amount or nothing for these three services.

Jorge Morales stated that the County was picking up more for the E911 Center and the County is picking up half of the ambulance service. The ambulance service goes to zero (\$0) in 2014. He asked again what more did the County need to pick up.

Mayor Brown stated that the fair and reasonable thing would be for the County to pick up the County wide services. She wanted to educate the Council on these items. City residents are paying for these services twice.

Jorge Morales stated that some of this is set up by the State Legislature. The County cannot contract for the ambulance service for the City.

Mayor Brown agreed.

Jorge Morales stated that the County was picking up half of the ambulance service and he assumed the City picking up the other half so as to have a say in the

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ambulance service. If that is not what she wants then let them know. If you pay for something then you have a say in it. The County is picking up half of the ambulance service and ten percent (10%) more for the E911.

Mayor Brown stated that this was not about City and County government, but what was fair to the citizens of Columbus, which is not to be double billed.

Jorge Morales asked what the bottom line was; did she want them to pay for the full ambulance service?

Mayor Brown stated that first she wanted to be spoken to respectfully.

Jorge Morales stated that he was speaking to her respectfully and if it appeared he wasn't then he was sorry, as it was not his intent.

Ryan Lauer stated he understood the intent, that if both units are budgeting from tax dollars, then the City residents are getting double taxed. He questioned if the ambulance was paid for by both from the EDIT portion, was that then double taxing as it is a flat rate. If both units paid for the County services from the EDIT tax, is that double taxation?

Jorge Morales stated that the County could not tell the City where to pay their amounts from, that was a City decision as it is a County decision for our portion.

Mayor Brown stated that every dollar (\$1) from the EDIT is divided between the City and the County, sixty/forty (60/40) by population.

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Financial Consultant Dan Eggermann stated that it is not double taxation; it is the same percentage for everybody regardless of how it is spent. But it is determined by the City and County Councils.

Mayor Brown said it is not double taxation it is double payment.

Jorge Morales stated that it is not as it is the same rate for every person.

Ryan Lauer stated it is clear on the property tax that if the City decides to use property tax for the three services, it is double, but if they were to use EDIT then it is not clear to him.

Rob Kittle stated that it does not make a difference as to the source. The dynamic is that all County residents pay a portion and then the City tax payers pay an additional amount.

Ryan Lauer believes the County should be picking up the full amount for the ambulance service.

Jorge Morales asked him to explain why the County should be picking up the full amount.

Ryan Lauer stated that it was more equitable for the taxpayers to pay for it out of the County General fund.

Jorge Morales does not understand why the County should pay the full amount. If the County pays the full amount for the ambulance, then the City would not have a say in the ambulance service.

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President Lentz stated that it had been a tough year, but the winner was the citizens of Bartholomew County. The ambulance was a large savings combined with the lobbying that had been done by Director Ed Reuter at the State House in regards to the E911 fees. He stated that the City Council meets next week and maybe they should wait until after that meeting.

Mayor Brown stated the City would pick up whatever the County does not.

Jorge Morales asked her of the three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) next year, what should the City pay?

Mayor Brown stated that she does not think that way. It is what is fair and reasonable.

Jorge Morales stated that was his question; what does she consider fair and reasonable?

Mayor Brown stated that would be the County picking up the entire fee.

Jorge Morales asked the Commissioners (*in the audience*) if they were prepared to pay the entire fee.

Commissioner Franke stated that the Mayor had just said the City would pick up whatever the County did not cover. If the Council appropriates one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) then the City will pick up the other half.

President Lentz asked what direction the Council wanted to take.

Ryan Lauer asked Auditor Hackman what it would take to appropriate one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the Rainy Day fund?

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Auditor Hackman stated it would have to be advertised and then voted on by the Council.

Rob Kittle stated that was a good fallback position but that we needed to move along with the forty-plus hours of work the County Council had done on the budget before them. There is a second hearing in October so there is time for more discussion.

Mayor Brown appreciated the opportunity to educate them with respect to her thoughts.

President Lentz thinks this is a good fallback position and we need to see what the City does next week with their budget.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence stated that she feels there is always going to be something where people feel they are double billed, such as the Sheriff and the City Police Department.

President Lentz asked if there were any other public comments.

Phil Swaim questioned if the Council had had any information as to what had been spent last year?

Jorge Morales stated they compared the 2011 and 2012 (*to June 30*) expenditures when looking at the 2013 budget.

Ryan Lauer stated they had seen the actual expenditures in 2011 and the first six (6) months of 2012. Phil Swaim asked if there was a report that showed the differences and if so was it available on the website. It was stated that it is not on the web as it is an internal form.

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Mr. Swaim asked if they had seen any padding of the budget?

Jorge Morales stated they had cut over two million dollars (\$2,000,000).

Mr. Swaim asked about insurance benefits for the County Commissioners and County Council. He questioned the ethics of these part time employees receiving taxpayer “services” (services from the taxpayer) while other part time employees are not receiving these services. His City Councilmen do not receive these services. How do they justify this for a part time job.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence stated that the Commissioners write this policy, not the Council. There are several part time elected officials.

Larry Fisher stated it was an incentive to run for the position.

Phil Swaim stated then that serving the taxpayers and serving government was not his intention.

Larry Fisher stated that was not what he said, but he felt one should be compensated for the work they do.

Chris Ogle asked Mr. Swaim if he wanted to go to work for free just because he loves his job.

Mr. Swaim stated that Council was paid each year for their service.

President Lentz noted that there was an insurance cost that was paid out of the salary.

Mr. Swaim asked if the insurance was offered to all part time employees.

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Auditor Hackman stated that the trust was written by the Commissioners for all full time employees and all part time elected officials.

Mr. Swaim is concerned about what was said, that they do this for the benefits.

Jorge Morales stated that on November 6 they would know more about it, as right now, Obamacare states that all employees are to receive insurance. There are about ninety-two (92) part time County employees. If that comes into play, then the Commissioners and Council will have to rethink what they do.

President Lentz has talked with other counties that do give part time employees insurance. He is not sure how it compared regarding premiums.

Jorge Morales saw data that the County medical plan is a lot cheaper in cost than the City plan.

Phil Swaim stated that he was not discussing overall costs just those part time elected officials that are on insurance while other part time employees are not. He was under the impression that the insurance was on top of the salary. He asked if the County paid any additional amount into the insurance.

Auditor Hackman stated that yes the County pays into the insurance fund. Both the employee and the County pay into it. It is not just a user fee for insurance.

Ryan Lauer stated that he is on the record as stating that he thinks it is wrong that part time elected personnel receive insurance while the ninety-two (92) part time employees do not. He suggested cutting the money for that fund by the amount of the part time elected officials.

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Mr. Swaim thanked the Council for their time.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence stated that she did not believe anyone on the Council was there for the salary as some of them were surprised to find out they would be receiving a paycheck.

Mr. Swaim stated that it had been a campaign issue at least with some of the newer members.

President Lentz asked for any more public comment.

E911 Center Director Ed Reuter wanted to clarify the E911 funding. In 2001 when the center opened in July of 2001, the funding was split ninety percent (90%) by surcharge and ten percent (10%) to local government with a sixty-five/thirty-five (65/35) split between City and County for the local government portion. This continued until 2008 when the surcharge money started going away. What they are asking now is that the City covers approximately twenty percent (20%) of a 1.6 million dollar budget. With that, the City would pay twenty percent (20%), the County would pay twenty-five percent (25%) and the rest would be covered by surcharge money. They are hoping the surcharge money will grow. He feels they are doing a lot of work above and beyond for both City and the County agencies.

President Lentz, hearing no other public comment, closed the public hearing.

Rob Kittle will recuse himself from that part of the budget which would affect the parity issue for the Sheriff's Department.

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Council Attorney McGillivray recommended taking a vote to see if Mr. Kittle's vote would be of consequence (a deciding vote).

Jorge Morales made a motion to adopt the 2013 budget on first reading as read by Auditor Hackman for a total of forty-one million four hundred twenty-five thousand four hundred eighty-five dollars (\$41,425,485.00). Motion was seconded by Chris Ogle and passed unanimously.

Chris Ogle motioned to approve the salary ordinance for 2013 as reflected in the 2013 budget as approved earlier. Motion seconded by Larry Fisher and passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Solid Waste Management Director Jim Murray. He presented the 2013 budget for the Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District. It is broke down as eight hundred sixty-six thousand two hundred and fifteen dollars (\$866,215) for personal services (100 line item), eighty-one thousand two hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$81,268) for supplies (200 line item), two million one hundred eleven thousand seven hundred seventy-one dollars (\$2,111,771) for other services and charges (300 line item) and five hundred fifty-one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$551,800) for fixed assets (400 line item) for a total budget of three million six hundred eleven thousand and fifty-four dollars (\$3,611,054.00). The District provides the Bartholomew County Landfill (which they own and operate), City Garage Construction/Demolition Site, Columbus/Bartholomew County Recycling Center and Yard Waste Site, the Petersville and Harrison Township Rural Refuse and Recycling

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Sites, Tox-A-Way Wednesdays Household Hazardous Waste Program, City District Partnership for Commercial Cardboard and Office Paper Recycling Program and their Education Outreach Program. He was pleased to announce that the 2013 budget is funded seventy-six percent (76%) by non-property tax sources, of which is primarily through gate fees. This is up from sixty-seven percent (67%) last year. The current rate is 2.2 cents.

Chris Ogle asked what the rate was prior to their lowering of it. It is believed it was 3.3 or 3.5 cents.

Director Murray stated that he had decreased his budget by 1.8 percent over last year's budget and also decreased the tax levy by about fifty-five hundred eighty-two dollars (\$5,582). He wants to remind the Council that three (3) or four (4) years from now he will be asking for a little more due to the construction of a new cell at the landfill. The 2013 budget contains no new staff, no new proposed programs and two (2) significant capital projects. One is the replacement of the tract loader they use at the yard waste site/construction demolition site and the other one is one half (1/2) the cost of a new cardboard and office paper collection truck. This is a joint effort with the City and he has budgeted it for the past couple of years but the City has not purchased it so the money has not been spent. As far as salary and wages, they reflect the 2.5 percent increase. They supported the Cummins Recycle event that was held today and it went wonderfully.

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Director Murray handed out a list of comments by his Citizen Advisory Budget which shows support for the 2013 budget.

President Lentz opened the public hearing regarding the Solid Waste.

Ryan Lauer asked about the note from Greg Littleton that recommended the amount of free dumping be reduced from 200 to 100 pounds.

Director Murray stated that when they moved to the new landfill in 1999, they decreased it from 500 pounds to 200 pounds. The concern with his Board is illegal dumping. They weigh loads that they suspect are over 200 pounds. His scale operators have a pretty good idea from their experience.

President Lentz imagines if we charged for everything there would be trash all along the roadways.

Jorge Morales motioned to approve on first reading the 2013 Solid Waste Management District budget. He also noted that this was the second year Director Murray had brought forth a budget which was less than the previous budget. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the binding and non-binding agreements as presented by Financial Consultant Dan Eggermann. He explained the process by which the Council accomplishes this State requirement (*he also provided said process as a handout to the members*). The non-binding agreements are to be signed today (*if approved*) and the one binding agreement is to be signed at the next hearing.

Ryan Lauer asked about the differing assessed value reductions.

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Mr. Eggermann stated that the DLGF had recommended that the units lower the assessed value by at least fifteen percent (15%) this year. These are estimates only.

Jorge Morales asked why the school assessed value was lower than the County estimate.

Mr. Eggermann stated that was their decision; to use five percent (5%) less than the County did.

Ryan Lauer pointed out that BCSC actually increased their assessed value slightly.

Mr. Eggermann stated that could be a problem if the assessed values come in less.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence motioned to approve the non-binding agreements as provided. Rob Kittle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Eggermann stated regarding the Edinburgh Units, there was no action taken because they have to submit their agreements to Johnson County as they are a cross county unit and the largest portion of Edinburgh's assessed value lies in Johnson County.

The next item on the agenda was the Commissioners and discussion regarding a Redevelopment Commission. Commissioner President Larry Kleinhenz, spoke regarding the ongoing discussions of a Redevelopment Commission. The City projects are much different than the projects for the County. They share the concerns of the Council regarding TIF's and other possible issues. They just want to be ready in the event a large project comes about. They have no answers or agendas regarding this at this time.

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Commissioner Franke stated that the main things they were concerned with would be roads and rail spurs. The only money they would have available right now would be the money in the EDIT fund that they had set aside, or about five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

Commissioner President Kleinhenz stated he was not certain today if he was in favor of a TIF District or not.

Commissioner Franke doesn't want to see a big fish get away because they don't have something in place.

Commissioner President Kleinhenz stated that the last time they had been approached they would were requested to fund a bond which at the time would have required a TIF.

Jorge Morales noted that they could bond based on the CEDIT money.

Mr. Eggermann stated that Indiana Code 36-7-14-1 explains how you establish a Redevelopment Commission. By establishing a Redevelopment Commission, it is then in place in the event you need to pay for a rail spur or road.

Rob Kittle stated that when these companies come to a community, it becomes a case of excluding or disqualifying communities because they do not have the bare minimums in place.

Commissioner President Kleinhenz stated they just wanted to be ready.

Rob Kittle stated he would believe that we have lost some businesses in the past because of this.

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Commissioner Lienhoop discussed the numbers as prepared by Chris West, Real Estate and Tax Billing Administrator. He thought that TIF's could be made for the length you wanted.

President Lentz stated the minimum length of time is twenty-five (25) years.

Commissioner Lienhoop stated that was a long time, but at least the Commission would be in place.

Evelyn Strielemeier Pence stated that if the Commission is created, they would have the power to create the TIF.

President Lentz also stated that the right of Eminent Domain was also a concern.

Commissioner President Kleinhenz stated that those were also his concerns. They just do not have the ability to provide road or rail spurs and they do not want to get into guaranteeing bonds.

Rob Kittle stated that we need to have whatever tools are available at whatever level when that fifty million dollar (\$50,000,000) investment comes our way. We need to have our ducks in a row and everything in place.

Commissioner President Kleinhenz stated they would keep working together and heading forward.

Jorge Morales stated that many of them (*County Council members*) are very pro-economic development and want to have everything in place. Having said that, there are several of them (*County Council members*) that are concerned with TIF and Eminent Domain, but he believes they have other options available.

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Ryan Lauer thinks they need to be very careful in opening up the door to TIF's in the County. He believes it is big decision to say to companies to come into the community and not pay into the schools, police and fire for twenty-five (25) years. If you look at the TIF on 46, there is a lot of revenue coming in and they have the ability to give some of that to the school, yet they are not. He believes that is a decision he is not ready to make at this point. He has looked at other areas in Indiana that have TIF and he does not believe that it is a big advantage.

Jorge Morales agreed with Ryan Lauer. Having said that, he believes that if the Commissioners know of an opportunity that exists, the County Council could quickly call a special meeting for discussion regarding what needed to be done to proceed.

Commissioner Franke stated their major areas of concerns would be where there is rail access in the northern and southern parts of the County.

Ryan Lauer stated that a rail spur could be accomplished through other means.

Rob Kittle stated that he doesn't disagree with the concerns regarding TIF, but it would be disappointing to miss an opportunity because they were concerned about TIF's.

Dan Eggermann stated that by establishing the Redevelopment Commission, the Commission would have the authority to establish TIF districts. They could establish a TIF, pay off the obligation and once that obligation was paid off, they could return all the money to the units.

Ryan Lauer asked if he had ever seen that happen.

Dan Eggermann stated yes, in this county.

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Chris West clarified that the City Redevelopment Commission had turned back only the amount of the actual Menards store property; a property that they had stated would never be TIF'ed when they originally established the TIF District. However, for 2013, they have sent a letter stating they are keeping all the revenue, including the Menards store property.

Commissioner Lienhoop stated that Dan Botich (*Cender Company*) had informed them that they could appoint themselves to the Redevelopment Commission so as not to lose control of the Commission. That would work as long as those opinions did not change based on who was sitting at that bench (*elected County Council and Commissioner members*).

Jorge Morales stated he would be very much in favor of that.

Commissioner President Kleinhenz wants to be prepared and stay on top of it. Maybe they need to have Dan come in and talk to them.

President Lentz thanked the Commissioners.

The next item on the agenda was discussion regarding the County Annex Building. Commissioner President Kleinhenz stated that they have formed a committee and they feel they need to desperately move on the annex building and move now. They had budgeted for an architect for 2013 but that had been removed from the budget. They are convinced that the best long term decision is to build a new building. They feel they will start spending good money for bad things. The initial purpose of the committee is to determine which road they are going to go down.

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Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if this building was in a TIF District and if so could they provide some funding toward it.

Rob Kittle asked Dan Eggermann if the TIF could do that.

Dan Eggermann stated he would have to look that up.

Ryan Lauer asked if the Commissioners were considering other offices in this new building.

Commissioner President Kleinhenz stated that yes they are. They have considered moving the Veteran's Office to a first floor office as well as moving Environmental Health in with the nursing portion. They also have considered possible tenants to help pay for about thirty percent (30%) of the bond payments, if they go the bond route.

President Lentz stated that the concern was bottom line tax issues and holding the line if possible without raising taxes.

Rob Kittle likes the idea of a group to look at this.

Commissioner Franke stated they need to show what all is wrong with the building.

Ryan Lauer asked if they were looking at existing buildings.

Commissioner President Kleinhenz stated that they had. In fact, the LHP building directly across the street is quietly on the market for nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) but even if it were purchased for seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) they would have to put about a million and a half dollars (\$1,500,000) into it. It would

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need an elevator as well as much more renovation and there also would be no parking. They would also be taking a property off the tax rolls.

Chris Ogle expressed concern about spending money to build a Taj Mahal. We need a practical, inexpensive building that looks nice. It needs to meet all the specification standards, but it does not have to be architecturally significant.

Commissioner President Kleinhenz stated that they would keep that in mind.

Collis Mayfield, Director of Environmental Health, understands that this will not happen tomorrow, but they just want to see that there is progression made toward a solution. They feel something needs to be done due to the health and safety aspects of it.

Carla Wolff, Assistant Director of Nursing, discussed some of the concerns and safety issues at the current annex building, including the chair lift/stairs which have resulted in several falls. Due to this, they have decided as a staff to attend to some patients at the door which can then cause HIPPA issues. The public restrooms are in an unmonitored portion of the building. They request that the parents go with their children to the restrooms. The WIC Department has two (2) entrances/exits into their area. The Extension Office has three (3) entrances/exits. The Nursing Division has one entrance/exit into their area which could cause death in the event of a fire in front of that doorway. Those are the three (3) of the biggest concerns.

Commissioner President Kleinhenz asked that they continue to work on this as they have been working on in for the past five (5) years. He would request that the biggest opponent sit on the committee and help them solve the issue.

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The next item on the agenda was updates regarding Boards and Commissions.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence attended the Park Board meeting. They were very appreciative that the utility money was put back in the budget.

Ryan Lauer asked if they had seen the article about a meth lab found at Heflin Park.

Major Todd Noblitt, of the Sheriff's Department, discussed that they were aware of the areas they are using to create meth and they are monitoring those spots.

Jorge Morales attended the County Plan Commission which subdivided a lot that was grandfathered because the structure was built in the 50's.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Ogle and seconded by Ryan Lauer. Motion passed unanimously.

The next County Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL

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Bill Lentz, President

By: _____
Jorge Morales, Pro-Tem

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Chris Ogle, Member

By: _____
Rob Kittle, Member

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Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

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Ryan Lauer, Member

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Larry Fisher, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County