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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
July 15, 2014

The Bartholomew County Council met on July 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Members present were: Chris Ogle, Rob Kittle, Pro-Tem Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, President Ryan Lauer, Bill Lentz, Jorge Morales and Jim Reed. Also in attendance were Auditor Barbara J Hackman and Council Attorney Chris Monroe.

Bill Lentz gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of meeting minutes of June 10, 2014. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation request for the Prosecutor's Office for the Stop Grant (516) in the amount of thirty-two-thousand eight-hundred-sixty-four dollars (\$32,864.00). Brenda Mijares, Office Administrator for the Prosecutor's Office presented the request. She explained that this was for one employee, Rachel Clark, as a translator. It pays the salary, benefits and some supplies. This is the amount they requested, however at this point all that they know is that they will get the grant and it will be for no more than the amount requested. It will probably be closer to last year's amount. This is a fiscal year grant. Jim Reed made a motion to approve the request not to exceed the final awarded amount of the grant. Jorge Morales seconded the

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motion. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked how many hours this position worked a week. Brenda Mijares stated it is usually twenty (20) hours but never more than twenty-eight (28) hours. It was stated they would need to clarify the Salary Ordinance once the award amount has been determined. President Lauer called for the vote which was unanimous.

The next item on the agenda was a request for Transfer of Funds for the County Highway as presented by County Engineer Danny Hollander. Engineer Hollander requested nine-thousand four-hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$9,439.00) from the fixed asset account be transferred to the general services account in the Highway Funds. They have purchased all the mowers they need and this is the money that was left. Moving this money will allow it to be used for repairs and maintenance. Rob Kittle made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds for nine-thousand four-hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$9,439.00). Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a Transfer of Funds from Bridge #35 to Bridge Contractual for three-hundred-ninety-six-thousand nine-hundred forty-three dollars and seventy-one cents (\$396,943.71). Engineer Hollander stated that he had come in last month and transferred money that he should not have transferred. This is correcting that error by putting the money back. Rob Kittle made a motion to approve the transfer of three-hundred-ninety-six-thousand nine-hundred forty-three dollars and seventy-one cents (\$396,943.71) from Bridge #35 to Bridge Contractual. Bill Lentz seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding the shingles on the covered bridge in Mill Race,

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but that will be discussed at another time as Engineer Hollander is awaiting further information. President Lauer called for the vote which passed unanimously

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

Jim Reed – The Health Department will be asking for four percent (4%) raises and two (2) new trucks at a total of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) in their 2015 Budget. They had also heard that the Council would be very open to longevity.

Jorge Morales – Had nothing to report.

Bill Lentz – Had nothing to report, but did ask that President Lauer share his good news.

President Lauer – Stated that he and his wife were the proud new parents of a baby girl born early Friday morning. His wife and daughter were both doing well and were being released this evening. He had nothing else to report.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence – Was not able to attend the rescheduled Park Board meeting, however does know that the parks are open and bringing in good revenue.

Rob Kittle – Had nothing to report.

Chris Ogle – Had nothing to report.

Auditor Hackman stated that she is having knee surgery in the morning. Also, she will be sending out the 2015 Budget Schedule sometime later tonight. She asks that everyone please review the schedule and let her know of any issues or conflicts. The hearings will start on Tuesday, August 19th and run through that Friday. Sessions will be

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from 8:30 in the morning until 3:30 in the afternoon. Deliberations should begin about 10 a.m. on Thursday. Rob Kittle wanted to make sure a copy was sent to the media outlets. Auditor Hackman stated she would see to it that was done. Chris Ogle asked if the Commissioners would have better information on the healthcare issues. Auditor Hackman stated they would and that right now it looks like it will be a one and a half percent (1.5%) increase in costs to the employees.

Mark Weber (*in the audience*) asked if there were going to be any items in the 2015 budget that stand out. Auditor Hackman, President Lauer and Chris Ogle all stated that the insurance would be the biggest item they currently know of. Mark Weber asked if the Annex Building would be of any issue. President Lauer stated that is a done deal as the Council has already acted on it. Chris Ogle pointed out that the funds they had approved were funds they already had.

Hearing no other business, Chris Ogle made a motion to adjourn. Jim Reed seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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By: _____
Ryan Lauer, President

By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Pro-Tem

By: _____
Chris Ogle, Member

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By: _____
Rob Kittle, Member

By: _____
Jorge Morales, Member

By: _____
Bill Lentz, Member

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Jim Reed, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County