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**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**October 14, 2014**

The Bartholomew County Council met on October 14, 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.

Chris Ogle gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of Budget Hearing meeting minutes of August 19, 2014 and August 27, 2014. **Jorge Morale made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was the approval of meeting minutes of September 9, 2014 and the Special Meeting of September 22, 2014. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds of three-hundred twenty-four dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$324.97) in the Treasurer's Office as presented by Auditor Barbara Hackman due to Treasurer O'Connor being out of town. The requested funds are for the purchase of three (3) new stools for the counter in her

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office. These are used during tax collections. Jim Reed asked if they needed to adjust the 2015 Budget. Auditor Hackman stated no; if she doesn't spend it next year it will return to County General at the end of the year. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the requested amount of three-hundred twenty-four dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$324.97). Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds for Highway Fund (002) in the amount of twenty-seven-thousand eight-hundred-eighty-seven dollars and nineteen cents (\$27,887.19) as requested by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. This money is coming out of multiple accounts by the amount they could spare in each account. **Jim Reed made a motion to approve as requested. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds for Cumulative Bridge (004) in the amount of thirty-one-thousand and thirty-six dollars and twenty-four cents (\$31,036.24) as requested by Engineer Hollander. This request is due to a major culvert that they needed to replace. They had extra funds due to lower costs on the Newbern Bridge Project so he wants to transfer it to this fund. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Jorge Morales asked if he was familiar with the Spoon development on Goeller Road. Engineer Hollander stated he was. Jorge Morales was concerned due to the guardrail being removed and the huge drop off of the road at that

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location. Engineer Hollander stated that Spoon is bringing in fill and adding an ingress/egress. There will be access from Goeller and from 350. It was suggested that the Engineer take a look at it. There was some discussion as to whether it was County or City right-of-way.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for a Salary Ordinance Amendment for two (2) Lead Residential Officers as presented by the Director of Community Corrections, Brad Barnes. Director Barnes stated that within the Residential Services, there is a Supervisor and eleven (11) full-time employees. They are asking to take two (2) of the existing full-time positions and promote them to a Lead Residential Officer. This would make them the Officer-In-Charge during their shifts. This request is different from anything that had been discussed during the 2015 Budget Hearings. President Lauer asked if the new roles would have new duties. Director Barnes stated that they would have the Supervisory Roles while they were on duty and the Supervisor was not working. Jorge Morales asked if this had to go through the Personnel Policy Committee. Auditor Hackman stated that it is a Grant which makes it actually a courtesy that he even brought it before the Council. President Lauer asked how many officers would be under the Lead Officer on any given day. Director Barnes stated that on a typical day it would be two to three (2-3). President Lauer asked if these positions would have time to do their current duties. Director Barnes stated that they would be able to continue to do the work they are doing now, just now with supervisory duties as well. President Lauer asked if there would need to be anything adjusted in the 2015 Budget to accommodate this change.

Director Barnes stated no. Chris Ogle asked what this position would do that it doesn't already do. Director Barnes stated that this would be the person that would make a decision as opposed to having two or three (2-3) different decisions. There are currently forty (40) residents. They have the ability to take up to eighty-two (82), but would probably never get above sixty-two (62). **Rob Kittle made a motion to approve the request. Jorge Morales seconded the motion.** Jim Reed asked if there was wording that would cover us in the event that the Grant was reduced or went away completely. **The vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for a Salary Ordinance Amendment for one (1) Adult Protective Services Investigator as presented by Auditor Barbara J. Hackman. She stated that she was filling in for Brenda Mijares, Office Manager of the Prosecutor's Office, as she is out of town. This is to address the fiscal year start in July by the two percent (2%). She believes it also needs to be adjusted by the two percent (2%) for the Adult Protective Services Coordinator. Rob Kittle asked if they could consider the second position as it was not listed on the agenda. Jorge Morales stated that in the Work Session, they had discussed an additional amount that another County was going to contribute next year. Auditor Hackman stated that was a different issue. Council Attorney Monroe stated that it was okay to do both. The amounts were on the handout from Chief Deputy Beatty of the Auditor's Office. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the changes in the Salary Ordinance as presented for the Adult Protective Services Coordinator and Investigator.** There was clarification as to the

timing of this change. This change needs to be made retroactive to July 1, 2014 as this is a Fiscal Grant. This was presented in June, but could not be determined until the raises have been determined by the Council. Chris Ogle asked for clarification in the amounts. It was explained that the amounts were a range, not the amounts of change. **Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

President Lauer stated that they did have a discussion regarding the Public Defenders. There was a handout that showed a one percent (1%) increase as well as a two percent (2%) increase. **Jim Reed made a motion to raise the Public Defenders for 2015 by one percent (1%). Jorge Morales seconded the motion.** There was discussion that due to budget restraints, they wanted to show them good will and that is why they decided on the one percent (1%). President Lauer stated that we have a really tight budget and he would recommend against any raise. **The vote was called for and the motion passed by a vote of six (6) to one (1) (President Lauer was the dissenting vote).**

The next item on the agenda was the Second Reading of the 2015 Bartholomew County Budget. Auditor Hackman noted one change for the Public Defender 329 Fund needed to be adjusted by the one percent (1%) as pointed out by the Council Attorney. Auditor Hackman read the 2015 Budget as follows:

## County General

Fund #	Office	Total
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<b>001-01</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>\$505,743.00</b>
<b>001-02</b>	<b>Auditor</b>	<b>\$411,235.00</b>
<b>001-03</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>\$237,413.00</b>
<b>001-04</b>	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>\$151,465.00</b>
<b>001-05</b>	<b>Sheriff</b>	<b>\$3,139,048.00</b>
<b>001-06</b>	<b>Surveyor</b>	<b>\$333,400.00</b>
<b>001-07</b>	<b>Coroner</b>	<b>\$77,496.00</b>
<b>001-08</b>	<b>Prosecutor</b>	<b>\$588,107.00</b>
<b>001-09</b>	<b>Assessor</b>	<b>\$298,382.00</b>
<b>001-11</b>	<b>Code Enforcement</b>	<b>\$458,014.00</b>
<b>001-18</b>	<b>Emergency Management (EMA)</b>	<b>\$153,917.00</b>
<b>001-19</b>	<b>Drainage Board</b>	<b>\$12,175.00</b>
<b>001-22</b>	<b>Voter's Registration</b>	<b>\$91,448.00</b>
<b>001-23</b>	<b>Cooperative Extension</b>	<b>\$209,666.00</b>
<b>001-25</b>	<b>Park Board</b>	<b>\$162,332.00</b>
<b>001-27</b>	<b>Veteran's Service</b>	<b>\$124,170.00</b>
<b>001-28</b>	<b>Weights &amp; Measures</b>	<b>\$47,460.00</b>
<b>001-29</b>	<b>County Council</b>	<b>\$76,520.00</b>
<b>001-30</b>	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>\$1,658,458.00</b>
<b>001-31</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$1,253,847.00</b>
<b>001-32</b>	<b>Jail</b>	<b>\$2,508,355.00</b>
<b>001-33</b>	<b>Emergency Operations Center (EOC)</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>
<b>001-34</b>	<b>Youth Services Center</b>	<b>\$1,474,999.00</b>
<b>001-35</b>	<b>Court Services</b>	<b>\$484,272.00</b>
<b>001-36</b>	<b>Circuit Court</b>	<b>\$560,019.00</b>
<b>001-37</b>	<b>Superior Court I</b>	<b>\$308,438.00</b>

<b>001-38</b>	<b>Superior Court II</b>	<b>\$418,502.00</b>
<b>001-39</b>	<b>Circuit Court IV-D</b>	<b>\$65,941.00</b>
<b>001-40</b>	<b>Prosecutor</b>	<b>\$450,629.00</b>
<b>001-41</b>	<b>Information Technology</b>	<b>\$921,239.00</b>
	<b>Total Of County General Funds:</b>	<b>\$17,199,190.00</b>

## Other Funds

<b>Fund #</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>002</b>	<b>Highway</b>	<b>\$2,937,987.00</b>
<b>003</b>	<b>Local Roads &amp; Streets</b>	<b>\$475,000.00</b>
<b>004</b>	<b>Cumulative Bridge</b>	<b>\$1,600,000.00</b>
<b>007</b>	<b>Health Department</b>	<b>\$1,555,567.00</b>
<b>008</b>	<b>Election Board</b>	<b>\$296,208.00</b>
<b>009</b>	<b>Public Health Preparedness</b>	<b>\$18,346.00</b>
<b>010</b>	<b>Alcohol/Drug Program</b>	<b>\$187,681.00</b>
<b>011</b>	<b>Court Services Adult Probation User</b>	<b>\$515,940.68</b>
<b>012</b>	<b>Supplemental Juvenile Probation</b>	<b>\$13,929.00</b>
<b>013</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>\$1,996,000.00</b>
<b>015</b>	<b>Cornerstone Perpetuation</b>	<b>\$6,300.00</b>
<b>017</b>	<b>Convention, Recreation &amp; Visitors</b>	<b>\$1,201,000.00</b>
<b>019</b>	<b>Local Health Maintenance</b>	<b>\$48,859.00</b>
<b>026</b>	<b>Misdemeanant</b>	<b>\$78,580.00</b>
<b>122</b>	<b>Statewide 911</b>	<b>\$1,742,579.33</b>
<b>312</b>	<b>Pretrial Diversion</b>	<b>\$77,944.63</b>

314	Crt Srvcs Inf Adj/Juv Probation	\$0.00
320	Local Emergency Planning Com (LEPC)	\$15,018.00
329	Public Defender Superior II	\$42,260.00
501	Elected Officials Training	\$11,500.00
504	Recorder's Perpetuation	\$30,000.00
507	Indiana local Health Dept Trust Fund	\$34,636.00
509	Security Protection	\$15,000.00
681	Prosecutor IV-D Incentive	\$25,381.43
682	Clerk IV-D Incentive	\$24,534.00
684	2017 Reassessment	\$532,669.00
	<b>Total Of Other Funds:</b>	<b>\$13,482,920.07</b>

<b>Total of County General Funds:</b>	<b>\$17,199,190.00</b>
<b>Total of CAGIT:</b>	<b>\$5,728,362.00</b>
<b>Total of CEDIT:</b>	<b>\$1,873,751.00</b>
<b>Grand Total Of All Funds:</b>	<b>\$38,284,223.07</b>

The CAGIT money cannot be appropriated tonight as they had advertised the 2014 numbers as that is all they had at the time of the advertisement. The amount they can appropriate is five-million seven-hundred-twenty-eight-thousand three-hundred-sixty-two dollars (\$5,728,362). The total of all funds is thirty-eight-million two-hundred-eighty-four-thousand two-hundred-twenty-three dollars and seven cents (\$38,284,223.07). Bill Lentz clarified that the funds outside of County General are not all property tax funded.



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President Lauer opened the meeting for public input. Hearing no comments, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

**Jorge Morales motioned to approve the Second Reading of the Bartholomew County 2015 Budget as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion.** Jorge Morales stated that this has been the most difficult budget they have sat through but it was made easier by the information provided by Chris West and Sandy Beatty. He believes the budget is a very good budget. President Lauer expressed his gratitude to the department heads as well as Auditor Hackman, Sandy Beatty and Chris West. Mark Gorbett (*in the audience*) applauded the Council for the work they had put in on this budget. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was the 2015 Salary Ordinance. President Lauer opened the meeting for public input. Hearing no comments, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

**Jorge Morales motioned to approve the Bartholomew County 2015 Bi-weekly Salary Ordinance. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was the Second Reading of the Solid Waste Management District Budget as presented by Director Heather Siesel and Diana Hodnett who is the new Controller. Director Siesel stated that they have made no changes in the budget as they had originally used two percent (2%) for employee raises. Jim Reed noted that this budget includes opening a new cell at the landfill. Jorge Morales also noted that they are doing cardboard recycling. The 2015 budget is four-million three-hundred-

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thirty-one-thousand two-hundred-three dollars (\$4,331,203). President Lauer opened the public portion of the meeting. Hearing no comments, he closed the public portion.

**Jim Reed made a motion to approve the Second Reading of the 2015 Solid Waste Management District. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Mark Gorbett thanked the Council for putting Public Safety as a priority in their budget this year. He also wanted to thank Rob Kittle and Ryan Lauer for their time on the Council as this is their last budget.

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

**Jim Reed** – Had nothing to report.

**Jorge Morales** – the County Plan Commission approved a subdivision. The Redevelopment Committee will have their first meeting on October 28. The Commissioners have made their three appointments.

**Bill Lentz** – Had nothing to report.

**President Lauer** – Had nothing to report.

**Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence** – Park Board is still working on the restrooms. They will have to expend fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to run the lines. That money is in their budget.

**Rob Kittle** – Had nothing to report.

**Chris Ogle** – SWMD has received their new packer truck for cardboard. They will be doing a new cell in 2015 without raising the tax rate. They will be able to absorb the cost of this cell and possibly the next cell. The City recycling program should not affect the SWMD funding.

Under miscellaneous, Auditor Hackman reminded the Council of the Department Head meeting this Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers. This will feature Greg Fox with updates regarding the Health Insurance plans. Jorge Morales asked when they would be discussing the one-million three-hundred-thousand dollars (\$1,300,000). Auditor Hackman stated that she is awaiting a number from the Commissioners as to how much they need paid back. She will have that number by next Friday. The Council will have to address the three-hundred-thousand dollars (\$300,000) and any payback that the Commissioners need for the CEDIT Fund. Auditor Hackman has informed our Financial Consultant Dan Eggermann so that he is up to date with the information.

Auditor Hackman stated that she had received an e-mail from Frank Jerome, a member of the City Redevelopment Commission, is still in favor of using some of the City TIF money for the Annex. They are hoping that it could be as much as one-million dollars (\$1,000,000). They need something from the County Council stating what they need and why they need the funding. Jorge Morales stated that the understanding he has is that they will not be increasing the amount to the Annex, but rather are decreasing the funds that we must provide to build it. Auditor Hackman stated that this building will house the Health Department. Jorge Morales proposes that the Council Attorney and

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Commissioners Attorney get together to write the letter. Rob Kittle believes it should come from the Commissioners as he feels it is cleaner not going from one fiscal body to another fiscal body. One of the comments that should be made is that this building could be an anchor for the State Street Redevelopment. Bill Lentz stated that the last time this was discussed; he felt the Commissioners were dragging their feet a bit. Rob Kittle is concerned that it would set a dangerous precedent that could come back to cause us a problem. Attorney Monroe stated that the money could be spent outside of the TIF District but is has to BENEFIT that TIF District. Chris Ogle stated that the Council Members need to personally contact the Commissioners and express their concern that they follow up with this. President Lauer stated that he agrees with Rob in that the Commissioners need to make the request. He also agrees with Chris Ogle that the Council members need to contact the Commissioners and encourage them to act. Attorney Monroe stated that he is not certain what fund the money would go into. He thinks it could go to the Rainy Day Fund. He believes the Commissioners are the appropriate group to give the support to the City Redevelopment Fund and then the Council would appropriate the Funds to the project.

Jim Reed asked when the mandatory meetings would be. Auditor Hackman stated it will be the last week of October. The meetings regarding the screenings will be the first week of November. The Wellness Screening is also for the spouse, if the spouse is covered on County employee.

President Lauer thanked the taxpayers of the County.

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

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Lauer, President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Pro-Tem

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

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jorge Morales, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Lentz, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Reed, Member

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