

December 10, 2014

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**November 12, 2014**

The Bartholomew County Council met on November 12, 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.

Ryan Lauer gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the meeting minutes of October 14, 2014. This item was tabled due to a corruption of the file. They will be presented for approval in the December meeting.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation of twenty-two-thousand dollars (\$22,000.00) in the Health Department as presented by Assistant Director of Nursing Carla Wolff. These funds are to purchase private vaccines. She presented a spreadsheet showing how much has been purchased and the fees received. This sheet shows ALL vaccines, including the Flu vaccine. It was explained that the insurance claims take between four (4) and eight (8) weeks to receive the money for the claims. It will not be used to purchase Flu vaccines. Individuals without insurance must pay cash for the vaccine. The Flu High Dose is usually for individuals sixty-five (65) or older. The receipts do go back into the Health Fund. **Rob Kittle made**

**a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for the amount of twenty-two-thousand dollars (\$22,000.00) as requested. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation of five-thousand four-hundred seventy-one dollars and ninety-six cents (\$5,471.96) as requested by Auditor Hackman as Judge Heimann and Circuit Court Office Manager Tammy Johannesen were unable to attend. This request is from the Supplemental Public Defender Fund and is collected as fees from the defendants. The additional amount will assist in paying the Public Defenders the additional items above and beyond the contract amount. It may be for appeals or possibly the murder trials. This is not County General money. **Jim Reed made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for the amount of five-thousand four-hundred seventy-one dollars and ninety-six cents (\$5,471.96) as requested. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation of twelve-thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) as requested by County Coroner Larry Fisher. The request is due to extra expenses because of some murders. He has four (4) local autopsies to be paid for at about eight-thousand dollars (\$8,000). He also has two (2) autopsies in Marion County which will be about twelve-thousand dollars (\$12,000). Coroner Fisher explained the increases he has seen in deaths due to drugs. **Rob Kittle made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for the amount of twelve-**

**thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) as requested. Bill Lentz seconded the motion.** Jorge Morales clarified that there were sufficient funds in the County General for this request. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation of twenty-six-thousand three-hundred eighty-five dollars (\$26,385.00) as requested by Major Gary Myers, Jail Commander. This is reimbursement from Community Corrections for meals. This is what was changed for the 2015 Budget so as to prevent the Jail from having to come to the Council for these changes. **Jorge Morales Kittle made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for the amount of twenty-six-thousand three-hundred eighty-five dollars (\$26,385.00) as requested. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion.** Rob Kittle clarified that these are for the same meals as served at the jail. Auditor Hackman stated that this was an Additional Appropriation from County General. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation of three-hundred-thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) as requested by Auditor Barbara J Hackman. This money is to shore up the Employee Benefit Trust due to some large claims and funding issues. Originally, it was estimated that they would need about one-million seven-hundred-thousand dollars (\$1,700,000). There was a loan from the CEDIT for about one-million dollars (\$1,000,000). They have also prepaid the plan. With additional claims that have been presented just recently, next month they may still need an additional two-hundred-thousand dollars (\$200,000). Rob Kittle asked if this was an

December 10, 2014

accrual of issues over several years, not just a 2014 issue. Auditor Hackman stated yes, the large claims started coming in last year. We had some very good years, but the reserves were not able to sustain the hit from the large claims. President Lauer stated that it is possible that we could be getting some re-insurance money. If that holds then it would prove that this has been one of the largest hits that the fund has taken. Rob Kittle wanted to point out that the Commissioners, the Council and the Auditor's Office have taken some steps to keep this from being a problem in the future. President Lauer stated that it is important that the Commissioners and Council continue to work together to prevent this from happening in the future. Auditor Hackman did receive the weekly Trust update as of today but does not account for the end of the year. Rob Kittle asked what the balance is of the Rainy Day Fund. Auditor Hackman stated that is about four-million six-hundred-thousand dollars (\$4,600,000). Chris (*in the audience*) asked if he was correct in that they would need about five-hundred-thousand dollars (\$500,000) between this additional and next month. Auditor Hackman stated yes. He also asked when the re-insurance would kick in. The amount depends on the event. The re-insurance company sets the "laser" amount. This is bid out every year. President Lauer stated that there is an overall plan maximum of five-million nine-hundred-thousand dollars (\$5,900,000). **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for the amount of three-hundred-thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) as requested. Jim Reed seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

December 10, 2014

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds of seventy-seven-thousand two-hundred forty-two dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$77,242.89) as requested by County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. This transfer is for four year bridge inspection contract. They need to sign the contract this year to have time to get it through all the INDOT approvals and have it done by February of 2015. He has moved around money in the different bridges to fund this. Jorge Morales asked who does our bridge inspections. Engineer Hollander stated that United does ours. INDOT is involved as far as setting the standards. All the bridges are inspected every two (2) years and twelve (12) of those bridges will be inspected every year due to their current rating. The inspections must be done within 24 months of the last inspection. The inspection books are sent to the State from the contractor and entered into a database. There is an approved list of contractors for bridge inspections. Chris Ogle asked if there is a list of contractors that can build bridges. Engineer Hollander stated that INDOT has a pre-approval limit for us to continue to get State and Federal funding. President Lauer asked how the bridges are currently. Engineer Hollander stated that four of the twelve bridges have structures overhead. They have two others but they are in the process to be replaced. President Lauer asked where the funding and who determines when to paint the bridges. Engineer Hollander stated that State bridges are maintained by the State. Painting does help prevent rust. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Request for Transfer of seventy-seven-thousand two-hundred forty-two dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$77,242.89) as requested. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion**

December 10, 2014

**which passed unanimously.** Jorge Morales asked where we stand with the roof on the covered bridge in Mill Race. Engineer Hollander stated that he is having trouble getting contractors to get back with him. Jim Reed asked if they had made a decision as to what type of roof they would accept. Engineer Hollander stated that he has not gotten the costs to compare and show the City Parks the difference. President Lauer stated that they have the quotes for the shaker roof and he feels they should proceed with that as he believes a metal roof would detract from the historical value.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds of twenty-five-thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) as requested by Court Services Director Brad Barnes and Youth Services Director Anita Biehl. Director Biehl is asking to move money to purchase a van as the current 1999 van is on its last leg. The van is used to transport the kids to different places including school. Director Barnes stated that it is pretty standard across the State that they are transported by the Detention Center. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence and Chris Ogle commended them for transferring the funds and not asking for additional funds. Jorge Morales and President Lauer also commended them. The 1999 van would be sold at the County Auction. The new van will be a seven (7) passenger van. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the Request for Transfer of twenty-five-thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) as requested. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for a Salary Ordinance Amendment as presented by Court Services Director Brad Barnes. This is due to Community

December 10, 2014

Corrections being on a Fiscal Year Budget. This covers the two-percent (2%) increase in salaries for non-Probation Officers. This was not included in their June Salary Ordinance Amendment as the Council had not set the raises for 2015 at that time. They hope to have better wording next year in June that should cover for the end of 2015 and the start of 2016. The Fiscal Budget was explained as to the timing of it. Rob Kittle asked for a better understanding as to when this would start. Director Barnes stated that it would be retro-active to July 1 of 2014 for those employees that were in their position on July 1, 2014. Jim Reed asked if they could just start it in January. They cannot as this is a Fiscal Budget. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if this was County General money. It is not, it is State and Grant money. They have always done the retro pay for as long as can be remembered. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance Amendment as requested. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Rob Kittle asked when the retro-active pay would be accomplished. It will show up on the next check as soon as they can get it turned in. Bill Lentz stated that they have done a good job and if the State wants it ran on a Fiscal Year, then that is what we need to do.

The next item on the agenda was the presentation of the proposed 2015 County Council Meeting Schedule. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence clarified that the November meeting date must be Tuesday, November 10, 2015. **Chris Ogle made a motion to accept the 2015 County Council Meeting Schedule with the minor change. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

December 10, 2014

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** – CAMPO has not met. County Plan did not meet today. County Redevelopment Commission will meet on Tuesday, November 25 at 1:30 p.m.

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

**President Lauer** – Data Board discussed adding the Pictometry to the GIS. They will be removing one year of aerial photos. Some new conference phones were purchased.

**Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence** – Park Board is still discussing the restrooms at Dunn Stadium. The JDAI is still working on improving what they do at the Detention Center.

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

**Chris Ogle** – Had nothing to report.

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



December 10, 2014

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