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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
December 9, 2014

The Bartholomew County Council met on December 9, 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.

President Lauer called the meeting to order. Bill Lentz 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. President Lauer noted a missing "s" on Jorge Morales name in the third paragraph on page 1. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the minutes with the stated correction. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the November 12, 2014 meeting minutes. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds in the amount of nineteen-thousand seven-hundred forty dollars (\$19,740.00) in the Highway Department as presented by County Engineer Danny Hollander. This transfer is to pay PERF. They believe the shortage was caused by not budgeting enough and additional overtime

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expenses. **Rob Kittle made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds for the amount of nineteen-thousand seven-hundred forty dollars (\$19,740.00) as requested. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds for the amount of twenty-five-thousand two-hundred dollars (\$25,200.00) as requested by Anita Biehle, Director of Youth Services Center, Rob Gaskill, Director of Residential Work Release and Brad Barnes, Director of Court Services. This request is to upgrade their radios due to the new P25 standards. The current radios cannot operate on the new system. They will keep in-house radios on the old system but their field radios need to be updated for safety of the field staff so that they can communicate with law enforcement. This request is for the upgrade of ten (10) radios. The funds are coming from the part-time food service and part-time youth care workers. They will be trading in ten (10) radios to receive a discount. The total of the upgrade is twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) and they have the remaining three-thousand dollars (\$3,000) in the fund. Rob Kittle clarified that the new radios would allow them to operate with the in-house radios as well as with law enforcement in the field. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence questioned the life of the radios. Ed Reuter, Director of EOC (*in the audience*) stated that City Animal Control is still using radios from 1995. They are very durable. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Request for Transfer in the amount of twenty-five-thousand two-hundred dollars (\$25,200.00) as requested. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** President Lauer asked how long it would be before they

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received the radios. Rob Gaskill stated they should have them in sometime after the first of the year. Brad Barnes, Director of Court Services, stated that he wanted to thank Rob Kittle and Ryan Lauer for their work in the past years as Council members.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds in the amount of four-thousand six-hundred-sixty-five dollars and seventy-six cents (\$4,665.76) as requested by David Apple, Treasurer of the County Parks Board. The request is due to expenses in rentals (\$3,000) and improvements other than buildings (\$1,665.76). Chris Ogle asked if they have revenue coming in to help offset these costs. Mr. Apple stated that they are bringing in funds from Heflin Park and Dunn Stadium, but they have had some large expenses this year such as the paving at Wayne Park. Chris Ogle asked if we charge the events for these rentals. Mr. Apple stated no; the Parks Board pays them as they are bringing in revenue to the County. The last event brought in about eight hundred (800) people. Jim Reed asked the cost of the port-a-pot rentals. Mr. Apple stated they are seventy-five dollars (\$75) per month through Buck Valley and have been very satisfied with their service. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the Request for Transfer in the amount of four-thousand six-hundred-sixty-five dollars and seventy-six cents (\$4,665.76) as requested.** Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence noted that the insurance for the BMX is covered by the BMX group. **Jim Reed seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds in the amount of six-thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) as requested by Ed Reuter, Director of the Emergency

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Operations Center. This request is for the Professional Services line item which encompasses all their operational phone system bills. He is short the six-thousand dollars (\$6,000) for a final bill to AT&T. President Lauer asked what caused this. Director Reuter stated that the AT&T bills have not been consistent this year as they had been in the past. Chris Ogle asked what AT&T's explanation was for the drastic changes monthly. Director Reuter stated he did not have a good explanation other than the long distance calls to other agencies. Chief Deputy Auditor Sandy Beatty pointed out that it could be rate changes as well. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Request for Transfer in the amount of six-thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) as requested. Chris Ogle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Director Reuter also thanked Rob Kittle and Ryan Lauer for their service and their work with his department. Jim Reed asked if the rural fire departments have been able to get the radio updates. Director Reuter stated that the cost is three-hundred dollars (\$300) per radio for a total of about fifteen-thousand dollars (\$15,000) for all radios in the County. The rural fire departments have come up with the funds they need to upgrade their radios.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation of one-hundred-sixty-six-thousand four-hundred-eighty-nine dollars (\$166,489.00) as requested by Carla Wolff, Assistant Director of Nursing for the Health Department for a new grant. This money is for a 2015 Grant starting January 1st. It is to be used to increase immunization rates and was granted based on ideas they had submitted to the State. They received ninety-nine point four percent (99.4%) of the funds they requested.

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They are looking at doing reminders through texts or e-mails to the parents with the parents' permission. The State also has a program called My Vac's Indiana in which anyone can get their vaccination records anywhere in the world through the internet. This is primarily for children but can also be done for adults. Jorge Morales asked if the recent immunizations of County employees had been entered. Ms. Wolff stated they were. Bill Lentz asked if this Grant was for just one year. Ms. Wolff stated yes, but they are hoping to have some funds available through the year 2017. Bill Lentz asked about the equipment and whether they were purchases or leases as he did not want to have leases hanging out if the money went away. Ms. Wolff stated that all would be purchases with one contract for calibrating the refrigerators. Jorge Morales asked for more clarification of the My Vac's website and Ms. Wolff explained it in a little more detail. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if they would be hiring new people. Ms. Wolff stated it was only for part-time and they would be utilizing current employees. Chris Ogle asked if we had just purchased refrigerators. Ms. Wolff stated they have had some of them for four and a half (4.5) years and are having trouble with one of them. They wanted to take the opportunity to replace it through this grant. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked how the NACo program was working. Ms. Wolff stated that she had just received an update but doesn't remember what it stated. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for the amount of one-hundred-sixty-six-thousand four-hundred-eighty-nine dollars (\$166,489.00) as requested. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds of thirty-four-thousand dollars (\$34,000.00) as requested by Major Gary Myers (Jail Commander). This transfer is for fourteen-thousand dollars (\$14,000) to repair a fire pump in the jail and twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the update of radios. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the Request for Transfer of thirty-four-thousand dollars (\$34,000.00) as requested. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriations of eleven-thousand nine-hundred-eighty-two dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$11,982.88) as requested by Gary Myers, Jail Commander. This is reimbursement from the Court Services for meals. **Jim Reed made a motion to approve the Request for an Additional Appropriation for eleven-thousand nine-hundred-eighty-two dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$11,982.88) as requested. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriations of ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) as requested by Gary Myers, Jail Commander. This is for the completion of the video retention project. The bids have come in over the amount that was budgeted. They have been bid out several times. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked what happened if they do not do this. Major Myers stated that defendants have 270 days to file a claim and he needs to be able to have video for that time period. Attorney Monroe stated that the Statute is for State facilities and does not affect the Counties. The

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County portion is for 180 days. Jorge Morales has heard many conflicting statements regarding this and he would like to delay this until January. Rob Kittle asked Major Myers to explain what started this. Major Myers stated that they had a claim filed within the 45 days and were able to retrieve the time frame in question only because there had been little activity in the area the inmate had been housed in. Jorge Morales stated that he did not disagree that we need to store the data for a longer time, but he has heard that they can do this cheaper and that is why he wants the extra time to review this issue. Chris Ogle understands his point, but he would rather allow the ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) and let the Commissioners determine if they don't want to do it. Bill Lentz agrees with Chris Ogle but he had heard from the Sheriff Elect that it was not that pertinent at this time. Rob Kittle thinks that Chris Ogle has a valid point. He believes that it is up to the Data Board to make the decision as to whether this is too much money or not. President Lauer stated that the Data Board did get involved, but he has not heard of any issues with the current bid. He has not spoken with the Director of IT, Jim Hartsook, regarding this amount. He feels the Council should support it. Bill Lentz is just concerned that the Sheriff-Elect is not on board. He asked Auditor Hackman what she had heard. Auditor Hackman stated that she had heard information outside of meetings regarding the bid process and whether the lower or higher bid was preferred. Also there were questions about the length of the retention and the capability to upgrade the current system. Major Myers stated that the drop in the second bid process was due to upgrading the current system as opposed to replacing it all with new equipment. Jorge Morales stated that he

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had heard the initial bids were for five (5) years and the second bids were for three (3) years. He is just concerned considering the year we have had with the cost of insurance issues. Auditor Hackman stated that she does not remember it going to the Data Board. President Lauer stated that they had discussed it, but had never had it brought before the Data Board. His recommendation is that we approve the funding. Jim Reed stated that we should continue it so that it can be brought before the Data Board. Rob Kittle stated that the Council's decision is to fund it or not fund it. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Request for an Additional Appropriation for ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) as requested. Rob Kittle seconded the motion.** Auditor Hackman asked if the bids had been for two-hundred and seventy days (270), wouldn't they be lower if we were to bid the project again at one-hundred and eighty days (180). Chris Ogle stated that is not the function of this Council. Rob Kittle called for the question. **President Lauer called for the vote which passed four to three with Bill Lentz, Jorge Morales & Jim Reed as the dissenting votes.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds of one-hundred-fifty-one-thousand eight-hundred dollars (\$151,800.00) as requested by Auditor Barbara J Hackman. This transfer is coming from four (4) different funds (*Unemployment Compensation, Workers Compensation, Liability-Other Coverage and StormWater Rule 13*) based on budgeted funds that had remaining balances in them. This is only the second year they have separated the CAGIT Funds. All County General employees are paid for from CAGIT. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the Request for Transfer**

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of one-hundred-fifty-one-thousand eight-hundred dollars (\$151,800.00) as requested. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds of two-thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) as requested by Auditor Barbara J Hackman. This transfer is from the County Auditor's Office of Office Supplies to meet her expenses in her 03-90. This is due to additional trainings for the new Payroll/Accounting Software. There will be three (3) employees that will attend this training that is held in Ohio. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the Request for Transfer of two-thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) as requested. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds of ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) as requested by Auditor Barbara J Hackman for the Maintenance Department. This is partly for the recent replacement of all the heating/cooling units on the first floor and one unit in the basement as well as the bad winter last year which caused higher utility bills. This is coming from the Overtime Fund as well as the Hourly fund. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Request for a Transfer of Funds for ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) as requested. Jim Reed seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriations of two-hundred-fifty-thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) as requested by Auditor Barbara J Hackman. This request is from the Rainy Day Fund and is for the Insurance Fund. This had been discussed in the work session for about two-hundred thousand dollars

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(\$200,000), but that was only an estimate. This is not to shore up the fund, but rather just to pay outstanding bills that are coming due. If this is more than is needed, any additional money will remain in the Benefit Trust Fund for use next year. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Request for an Additional Appropriation for two-hundred-fifty-thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) as requested. Jorge Morales seconded the motion.** President Lauer asked that the Council continue to watch the Trust Fund and get rid of insurance for part-time officials next year. **The vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriations of nine-thousand seven-hundred-eighty-seven dollars and sixty-two cents (\$9,787.62) as requested by Auditor Barbara J Hackman for the Redevelopment Commission. Jim Reed asked why the amount was different than the figure given at the Redevelopment Commission meeting earlier today. Auditor Hackman stated that it was for the three outstanding bills as well as any bills that may come in before the end of the year. She had checked with the State Board of Accounts and this is how bills are to be paid until there is money in the Redevelopment Commission Fund. The bills consist of two from Barnes & Thornburg as well as one for bonding of the five (5) members through Erie Insurance. Rob Kittle asked if the motion could be made to require re-payment when the Redevelopment has funds. It was explained that if a “loan” was given, then it is required to be paid back, but as long as we have money in County General, it is not considered a “loan”. President Lauer stated that we would be far ahead if we just paid our

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outstanding bills and dropped the Redevelopment Commission as we are only going to see bills for several years. His recommendation is to pay only the current bills and make a motion to pay no others. He does not believe that a TIF District is a benefit to taxpayers in the County. The State Legislature has noted that the current TIF system is not working out. Jorge Morales stated that the Council and Commissioners had decided this issue two (2) months ago. Attorney Monroe stated that the bills that have been submitted must be paid. Rob Kittle appreciates President Lauer's position on this issue.

Rob Kittle made a motion to approve the Request for an Additional Appropriation for nine-thousand seven-hundred-eighty-seven dollars and sixty-two cents (\$9,787.62) as requested. Jorge Morales seconded the motion. Bill Lentz asked if the one-thousand dollars on the agenda was included in this. Auditor Hackman stated it was not, it was separate. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked how long the bills would continue. Auditor Hackman stated anytime there was a meeting or work that was done. Jim Reed asked if we get a development, would we have more attorney fees. That is unknown at this time. Bill Lentz is not a big TIF fan, but we are obligated to pay these. **The vote was called for which passed 6-1 with Ryan Lauer being the dissenting vote.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriations of one-thousand eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$1,087.50) as requested by Auditor Barbara J Hackman. This is for an update for the SSI Accounting software. This is only ten percent (10%) of the quote that will eventually need to be paid in full. There was a misunderstanding when the Payroll software package was purchased. This is the amount

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for a portion of software that was not purchased, but needs to be. This quote is two (2) years old but has been guaranteed to remain the same amount by the company. This will cut down on the cost of time keeping by making it more computer based. The remainder of this will be due sometime next year. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked how much manpower this would save. It takes several days a week to enter each individual's time sheet. This will allow each office to input the data and then push it to the Auditor's Office. Chris Ogle stated that you won't be saving any cash in hand, but it will make it more efficient for those involved. Jorge Morales stated that there would be a savings in paper costs. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Request for an Additional Appropriation for one-thousand eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$1,087.50) as requested. Chris Ogle seconded the motion.** Bill Lentz asked how the elected officials currently process the payroll to the Auditor's Office. Auditor Hackman stated that the time sheets are turned into the Auditor's Office every two weeks as well as a quarterly time sheet. The quarterly time sheet is what the State Board of Accounts audits. Chief Deputy Auditor Beatty stated that eventually, time clocks can be connected directly to the VIP system for those departments that utilize them. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously.**

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

Jim Reed – Had nothing to report.

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Jorge Morales – County Plan Commission meets tomorrow morning. They have already discussed the Redevelopment Commission which will meet again on January 27, 2015 at 1:30. They are working toward a web page to place all the information on.

Bill Lentz – Had nothing to report.

President Lauer – Community Corrections Advisory Committee met and discussed new standards. The WRAP Grant was just awarded a new ten-thousand dollar (\$10,000) allotment to continue with the project. Also the Sheriff's Department Merit Board had met. Kraig Wisener, Pat Bryant and Randall Clark are retiring at the end of this year.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence – Park Board is still working on the restrooms at Dunn Stadium. They are working with Taylor Brothers Construction.

Rob Kittle – LEPC meets tomorrow morning.

Chris Ogle – The new cardboard recycling truck is on the road. He thought they had a lot of money in the SWMD account, but if they closed the landfill tomorrow, it would require five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to close it.

Under miscellaneous, there is a contract for the Sheriff-Elect for 2015. Commissioner's Attorney Tucker has suggested that one Commissioner and two Council members meet with Sheriff-Elect Matt Myers and renegotiate it as it is currently for more than was budgeted. The contract was prepared by the Sheriff-Elect's attorney. It is based on several factors that are used to calculate the amount. Once set, it is a set amount, not a range of low to high. Jorge Morales stated that new employees will not have insurance

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for their first thirty days, so the Sheriff-Elect should not receive it either. The current Sheriff received approximately one-hundred and fifteen-thousand dollars (\$115,000) which included Longevity increases of two-hundred dollars (\$200) for every year of service. Jorge Morales asked how they convey to the Commissioners that they have issues with the suggested amount. Auditor Hackman suggested that current President Lauer and Pro-Tem Pence meet with Commissioner Lienhoop, the Auditor, Sheriff-Elect Myers, his attorney and Attorney Tucker to negotiate the contract amount. Chris Ogle asked if Sheriff-Elect Myers has met with the Commissioners or just sent the contract for review. Auditor Hackman does not believe they have met in person. Jorge Morales again reiterated the thirty (30) day waiting period for insurance. He also pointed out that the background of Sheriff Gorbett versus the background of Sheriff-Elect Myers is much different and shouldn't constitute the same amount. The Sheriff's pay is based on percentages of other positions as spelled out in State Statute. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence stated there should be no Longevity pay. Chris Ogle stated that if the Sheriff has rose through the ranks, then he should continue to receive Longevity, however someone from another agency should not receive Longevity for other agency service. Auditor Hackman stated it is already in the Salary Ordinance stating "Merit Officers" only. The Sheriff-Elect will not receive any the first year, but will after that year. Chris Ogle wants the bottom dollar brought back from the meeting. Rob Kittle stated that Attorney Tucker has done this before and should be able to accomplish this easily. Chris Ogle stated that a one (1) year contract is easy because you know the variable amounts, but for a four (4)

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year contract, you only know the variable for the first year as the other years will be unknown. Auditor Hackman stated that the one-hundred fourteen-thousand dollars (\$114,000) is probably a base salary. Debbie Londeree is setting up the meeting hopefully for some time next week. Chris Ogle, President Lauer and Pro-Tem Pence will attend the meeting. Bill Lentz asked about the Sheriff's Attorney and how that is paid. Chris Ogle stated that is a line item in the Sheriff's budget. He believes the Council does not have any control of the amount the Sheriff's Attorney receives. It is set by the Council at budget times and then if there are over-runs, the Sheriff has to come back before the Council.

Auditor Hackman just received an e-mail from Brenda Mijares asking for the consensus from the Council to allow the Prosecutor's Office to refill a Deputy Prosecutor position in February of 2015. The consensus was yes from the Council

Bill Lentz asked about the conversation regarding the Mental Health Funds. Auditor Hackman would like to get with Attorney Monroe and Financial Consultant Dan Eggermann in regards to this. Also, she has talked with Jenny Harrison, of Center Stone, regarding meeting with the Council. Ms. Harrison can present the 2014 Annual Report at a Council meeting sometime in the beginning of next year.

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

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By: _____
Ryan Lauer, President

By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Pro-Tem

By: _____
Chris Ogle, Member

By: _____
Rob Kittle, Member

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Jorge Morales, Member

By: _____
Bill Lentz, Member

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Jim Reed, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County