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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
January 12, 2016

Name:	Representing:	Title:	Present:
Bill Lentz	At Large	President	Present
Jim Reed	At Large	Pro-Tem	Present
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large		Present
Chris Ogle	District 1		Present
Laura DeDomenic	District 2		Present
Mark Gorbett	District 3		Present
Jorge Morales	District 4		Present
Chris Monroe	- -	Attorney	Present
Barb Hackman	Auditor	Secretary	Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on January 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

Auditor Hackman called the meeting to order.

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

The first item on the agenda was the election of the 2016 Officers of the County Council. Auditor Hackman opened the floor for nominations for President. Jim Reed nominated Bill Lentz as President with a second from Chris Ogle. Mark Gorbett motioned to close the nominations and Chris Ogle seconded the motion. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).**

President Lentz took control of the meeting.

He opened the floor for nominations for Pro-Tem. Jorge Morales nominated Jim Reed as Pro-Tem with a second from Mark Gorbett. Mark Gorbett motioned to close the

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nominations and Chris Ogle seconded the motion. **The vote was called for and passed six to zero (6-0) with Jim Reed abstaining.**

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of a 2016 Agreement for Legal Services for the County Council. The proposed Agreement is with Attorney Chris Monroe. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the 2016 Agreement for Legal Services with Attorney Chris Monroe for the County Council. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of a 2016 Agreement for Services with the Columbus Economic Development Board. Jason Hester, Director, stated it was seven-thousand dollars (\$7,000) per seat with the Council and Commissioners each having a seat for a total of fourteen-thousand dollars (\$14,000). **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the 2016 Agreement for Services with the Columbus Economic Development Board. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the 2016 County Council Appointments to Boards, Commissions & Committees as follows:

Appointments by the County Commissioners:

Title	Member	For	End Date
Community Corrections Advisory Board	Mark Gorbett	*4 yr	12/31/2018
Computer & Data Processing Board	Laura DeDomenic	1 yr	12/31/2016

Appointments of members of the public by County Council:

Title	Member	For	End Date
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	Phyllis Apple	1 yr	12/31/2016
County Board of Zoning Appeals	Gil Palmer	*4 yr	12/31/2016
Columbus Economic Development Commission	Roger Hackman	1 yr	12/31/2016
Library Board	Brenda Tallent	*4 yr	4/18/2016
	Gary Gron	*4 yr	4/18/2017
Parks & Recreation Board	Jim Mahoney	*4 yr	12/31/2016
	Nancy Hoeltke	4 yr	12/31/2019
Property Tax Adjustment Board of Appeals	Chris West	1 yr	12/31/2016

(* denotes existing appointment)

Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Boards, Commissions and Committees as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).

Appointments of County Council Members by County Council:

Title	Member	For	End Date
County Plan Commission	Jorge Morales	*4 yr	12/31/2018
County Extension Board	Chris Ogle	1 yr	12/31/2016
Parks & Recreation Board	Evelyn S Pence	*4 yr	12/31/2018

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Emergency Management Board	Mark Gorbett	1 yr	12/31/2016
Job Review/Classification Committee	Bill Lentz	1 yr	12/31/2016
	Jim Reed	1 yr	12/31/2016
	Evelyn S Pence	1 yr	12/31/2016
Personnel Administrative Committee	Jorge Morales	1 yr	12/31/2016
	Bill Lentz	1 yr	12/31/2016
Solid Waste Management District	Chris Ogle	1 yr	12/31/2016
Youth Services Center Advisory Cmt	Evelyn S Pence	1 yr	12/31/2016
Columbus Economic Development Bd	Jorge Morales	1 yr	12/31/2016
	Laura DeDomenic (proxy)	1 yr	12/31/2016
County Redevelopment Commission	Jorge Morales	1 yr	12/31/2016
	Jim Reed	1 yr	12/31/2016
Jt Council Emergency Dispatch Srvcs	Mark Gorbett	1 yr	12/31/2016
Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Org	Bill Lentz	1 yr	12/31/2016
Liaison to Health Board	Laura DeDomenic	1 yr	12/31/2016
Liaison to Sheriff Merit Board	Jim Reed	1 yr	12/31/2016
Liaison to Work Release Center	Mark Gorbett	1 yr	12/31/2016

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Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Boards, Commissions and Committees as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the meeting minutes of December 8, 2015. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence noted a change on page 10 of the word “guarding” that should be “guardian”. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the minutes as with the noted correction. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed six to zero (6-0) with Mark Gorbett abstaining as he was not present at the December 2015 meeting.**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation in the Health Maintenance Fund (019) for sixty-three-thousand four-hundred-thirty-five dollars (\$63,435.00) as presented by Environmental Health Director Link Fulp and Nursing Director Amanda Organist. This money is Grant money and they are just looking to have the approval to spend the funds. **Jim Reed made a motion to approve the Request for an Additional Appropriation in the Health Maintenance Fund (019) for sixty-three-thousand four-hundred-thirty-five dollars (\$63,435.00) as presented. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation in the Health Trust Fund (507) for fifty-six-thousand three-hundred-seventy dollars (\$56,370.00) as presented by Environmental Health Director Link Fulp and Nursing Director Amanda Organist. This is Grant money and they are just looking to have the

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approval to spend the funds. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Request for an Additional Appropriation in the Health Trust Fund (507) for fifty-six-thousand three-hundred-seventy dollars (\$56,370.00) as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion.** There was discussion regarding a vehicle that will be paid for out of these funds. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation in the Employee Trust Account (860) for five-million nine-hundred-thousand dollars (\$5,900,000.00) as presented by Auditor Hackman. Auditor Hackman presented a breakout of the funds. This is a new fund that was set up as a pass through for the insurance funds that will come from the CAGIT in the amount of three-million three-hundred-thousand dollars (\$3,300,000) and Department contributions in the amount of one-million four-hundred-thousand dollars (\$1,400,000). There is already one-million two-hundred-thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) in this fund that was transferred from the Rainy Day Fund to guarantee the monthly fixed amount. Chris Ogle asked what will happen if we collect more than the one-million four-hundred-thousand dollars (\$1,400,000); will that additional amount go to the Benefit Trust or stay in this fund. It was stated that it would go to the Benefit Trust to build up the reserves. Laura DeDomenic asked if the amount was an estimate based on the number of employees. Chris Ogle asked if the excess could be kept in this fund instead of the Benefit Trust. Jorge Morales understands why we put the Rainy Day money in this fund, however he will be concerned if we start getting into these Rainy Day Funds. Auditor Hackman

stated she will be providing monthly reports that will point out any time that we have to dip into the Rainy Day Funds portion. Mark Gorbett stated that we would have roughly four-hundred-fifty-five-thousand eighty-three dollars and fifty-five cents (\$455,083.55) each month so if we go above the amount, it will be known that we have hit the Rainy Day Funds. Auditor Hackman stated that it will show on the report. There will not be anything that can be changed on the insurance during the year. We do not know what your claims are going to be. Dunn was guaranteed a set amount per month. Mark Gorbett stated on line 4 of the breakdown, the projected year end of one-million two-hundred-thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) is only if everything goes as planned. Chief Deputy Sandy Beatty of the Auditor's Office stated that it just will depend on the amount of claims that are sent through each month. Commissioner Rick Flohr pointed out that we will know each month if we are taking in less than we are paying out based on the report from the Auditor. Jorge Morales stated he just wants to stay on top of it. Laura DeDomenic asked why the employee contributions were twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000) less. Auditor Hackman stated that it was due to changes to plans by the employees. The number we started with was just an estimate, not based on actual numbers. Chief Deputy Beatty stated that is part of the problem as they budget based on estimates and we can only pay based on actual collections. Jim Reed asked why the employee contribution is zero (\$0) in the breakdown. Auditor Hackman stated the employee contribution is going directly to the Insurance Benefit Trust for better transparency. Attorney Chris Monroe stated that there was language in the plan that the

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contributions would be used directly for the Benefit of the Health Trust and the reason for the language is so that any extra money would not go into another funds such as the General Fund that could then be used for items other than employee insurance. Chris Ogle stated he just wants to make certain if there is any extra in the employer contributions portion, that it can be spent on other items. Commissioner Flohr stated it was going to be nip and tuck but he understands the thought process. Chris Ogle would like to see any extra money from the employer contributions portion stay in this fund. Auditor Hackman will bring this up with the Commissioners on Thursday. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the Request for an Additional Appropriation in the Employee Trust Account (860) for five-million nine-hundred-thousand dollars (\$5,900,000.00) as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Ratification of Transfer of Funds for the 2016 Substance Abuse Council Grant for the Drug Free Fund (024) in the amount of one-thousand three-hundred-fifty-four dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$1,354.87) as presented by Sheriff Matt Myers. This is a transfer from Salaries to Professional Services. **Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion to approve the Ratification of Transfer of Funds for the 2016 Substance Abuse Council Grant for the Drug Free Fund (024) in the amount of one-thousand three-hundred-fifty-four dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$1,354.87) as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).** Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence thanked the Sheriff for the work they are

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doing to curb the drug problem. Sheriff Myers stated that he will pass that along to the men and women that are doing the work. The Joint Agency Task Force has helped out and he expects even greater results next year. He had a meeting with Columbus Mayor Lienhoop who has given his full support to continued joint agency cooperation. They have used Narcan three (3) times this year with three (3) saves. Chris Ogle asked about the money that was transferred last year for tactical training. Sheriff Myers stated that he will be back to discuss that in the coming months. Auditor Hackman stated that they did not have enough paperwork to encumber the training funds portion of the funds at the end of 2015. Because of that, they will have to come in and request an Additional Appropriation for the training funds portion. Sheriff Myers goal is to have a joint tactical team. Currently, if there is a SWAT situation in the County, the Sheriff's Department would be assisted by either the City or the State Police SWAT Team. The Joint Drug Task Force had some issues at the startup as there were some concerns by Sheriff's Deputies with regard to the City Police being in charge of the team, but they have worked through that. Jorge Morales asked if we had any new inmates from the State as of yet. Sheriff Myers is not certain, but knows we will be getting them. He believes the population at the Jail today is about one-hundred-fifty (150).

Auditor Hackman stated the Legislative Conference is coming up the week after next. Jim Reed is going. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence and Bill Lentz would like to attend. Auditor Hackman will sign them up. It will be on Wednesday, January 27th.

The Department Head Round Table meeting is Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m.

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Auditor Hackman will be on vacation next week. Anything that they would need from her office should be run through Chief Deputy Beatty. If she is unavailable, then it should go through Real Estate & Tax Billing Administrator Chris West.

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

Jim Reed:

Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Mark Gorbett:

Emergency Management Bd – nothing to report

Emergency Dispatch Services – nothing to report

Liaison to Work Release Center Bd – nothing to report

Jorge Morales:

County Plan Commission – nothing to report

Liaison to City Plan Commission – nothing to report

Personnel Admin Committee – nothing to report

Cols Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

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County Parks & Recreation Bd – Had a meeting. They brought in about two-thousand dollars (\$2,000) more in Park Fees when compared to the previous year. They have a new Board member Dennis Pierce. They are making progress on the restrooms at Dunn Stadium.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – nothing to report

JDAI – nothing to report

President Bill Lentz:

President Lentz handed out an article regarding the collection of Traffic Tickets Fees and how they are able to utilize those funds. It outlines the statutes and procedures required. Attorney Monroe stated that there are three (3) City Courts in Johnson County and they are able to pay for the entire cost of the Courts out of the funds they collect. It is something to look into.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – nothing to report

Laura DeDomenic:

Computer & Data Processing Bd – had met on January 11. They ratified several maintenance agreements. There is construction going on in the Health Department which may require hiring someone to pull new cables and remove the older ones. President Lentz had spoken with Magistrate Joe Meek over the

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weekend and stated that we may need to look at combining with the City as far as the IT Department is concerned. IT Director Wehmiller stated that he hoped to have the new hire on the payroll starting January 25, 2016.

Columbus Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

Liaison to Health Bd – nothing to report

Chris Ogle:

County Extension Bd – nothing to report

Solid Waste Management District Bd – there was an incident with some run off water that is being dealt with.

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

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By: _____
Bill Lentz, President

By: _____
Jim Reed, Pro-Tem

By: _____
Mark Gorbett, Member

By: _____
Jorge Morales, Member

By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

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By: _____
Laura DeDomenic, Member

By: _____
Chris Ogle, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County