

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
October 11, 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	Not-Present
Barb Hackman	Auditor	Secretary	Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on October 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Lentz called the meeting to order.

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

The first item on the agenda was the approval of minutes from previous meetings. Due to issues with the recordings as well as timing, all minutes will be ready at the November meeting.

The next item on the agenda was the Second Reading of the 2017 Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) as presented by Director Heather Siesel. Director Siesel explained that the 2017 budget is substantially lower than the 2016 budget. The 100's were lower though there were increases in PERF, insurance and a two-percent (2%) rise. The 200's there were no major increases, the 300's were

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slightly increased due to operating costs and the 400's included a new pickup truck and additional cardboard containers to expand the cardboard program. She has also included a Salary Resolution as it needs to be formally approved. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked about the increase in insurance. Director Siesel stated it was health insurance and liability insurance. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Second Reading of the SWMD Budget and Salaries. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion. President Lentz opened the meeting up for public comments. Hearing no comments, the vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Second Reading of the 2017 Flatrock Township Trustee Budget as presented by Auditor Hackman in Trustee Lisa Moore's absence. Auditor Hackman explained that Flatrock Township Trustee has two (2) volunteer firemen on her Advisory Board which requires that the County Council approve her budget. The total is eighty-one-thousand seven-hundred dollars (\$81,700). The breakdown is twenty-two-thousand two-hundred dollars (\$22,200) for Township General, seven-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$7,500) for Township Assistance, thirty-two-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$32,500) for Fire Protection and nineteen-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$19,500) for Cumulative Fire. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the Second Reading of the Flatrock Township Trustee Budget as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion. President Lentz opened the meeting up for public comments. Hearing no comments, the vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Second Reading of the 2017 Bartholomew County Budget as presented by Auditor Hackman. Auditor Hackman stated there were just a few minor changes made after the Work Session. Some issues were overtime budgets and the IT Department had not budgeted enough for an existing contract. The budget is still within six-thousand eight-hundred-one dollars (\$6,801.00) of their target budget. Jorge Morales asked if she would note where the changes are. Auditor Hackman stated she would and proceed to read the following 2017 Budget numbers:

(Note: Changed numbers are noted in italics and underlined)

2017 County General

Fund #	Office Name	2017 Approved
001-01	Clerk	<u>\$460,434.00</u>
001-02	Auditor	\$406,247.00
001-03	Treasurer	<u>\$215,545.00</u>
001-04	Recorder	<u>\$156,494.00</u>
001-05	Sheriff	<u>\$3,227,189.00</u>
001-06	Surveyor	\$339,960.00
001-07	Coroner	\$105,784.00
001-08	Prosecutor	<u>\$599,436.00</u>
001-09	Assessor	<u>\$306,030.00</u>
001-11	Code Enforcement	\$466,505.00
001-18	Emergency Management (EMA)	<u>\$148,089.00</u>
001-19	Drainage Board	\$11,975.00

001-22	Voter's Registration	\$82,418.00
001-23	Cooperative Extension	\$252,142.00
001-25	Park Board	\$182,030.00
001-27	Veteran's Service	\$128,860.00
001-28	Weights & Measures	<u>\$51,007.00</u>
001-29	County Council	\$88,520.00
001-30	Commissioners	<u>\$4,452,253.00</u>
001-31	Maintenance	\$1,283,945.00
001-32	Jail	<u>\$2,978,257.00</u>
001-33	Emergency Operations Center (EOC)	\$19,500.00
001-34	Youth Services Center	<u>\$1,556,537.00</u>
001-35	Court Services	\$507,543.00
001-36	Circuit Court	\$575,992.00
001-37	Superior Court I	\$356,576.00
001-38	Superior Court II	\$423,624.00
001-39	Circuit Court IV-D	<u>\$66,343.00</u>
001-40	Prosecutor IV-D	\$433,662.00
001-41	Information Technology	<u>\$895,315.00</u>
	Total Of County General Funds:	<u>\$20,778,212.00</u>

Jorge Morales stated that the changes seemed to be around two-thousand dollars (\$2,000) with the exception of the Sheriff, the Commissioners and the IT Department. Auditor Hackman stated that new Over Time rules from the Department of Labor that go into effect in 2017 are the reasons for most of the adjustments. The Highway Department did increase one salary to avoid more money in Overtime. Mark Gorbett asked about Grant

money being used for a vehicle for EMA. That Grant money is available to use for a vehicle. They did reduce the Sheriff's car allowance to three-hundred-thousand dollars (\$300,000) to purchase as many cars as he could and increased the EMA by fifteen-thousand dollars (\$15,000). The remainder of the money for a vehicle for EMA (\$15,000) will come from Riverboat. They explained to the Sheriff that his car allowance had been reduced to eighteen-thousand dollars (\$18,000). Mark Gorbett pointed out that the radios and cameras for the Sheriff's Department were down the road, but he asked Sheriff Myers if he had any updates. Sheriff Myers stated that the cameras that they were testing with Motorola are being worked through some issues they found. They are also in the process of testing Tasers with cameras. The Taser cameras do not work with the radios. He is not certain when they will be ready as they want to be satisfied before they purchase anything. Mark Gorbett stated that the Commissioners have agreed to pay year one, but years two through five would have to be funded by the Council. If he comes back after the end of the year, the money will still be in the Telecommunication Fund if the Sheriff comes back next year. Jorge Morales asked for clarification regarding the moving of a million plus dollars from Telecommunication. He was under the impression that the amount of money was all the money that was in the fund and included the purchase of the Premier Ag building, the Sheriff's tower and the radios. Auditor Hackman stated it is there and they could go forward in 2016 if they come through with the bids. Sheriff Myers stated he does not believe they will be purchasing this year. He believes the quote will still be valid as the testing brought forth problems that they are

working on. He wants to hold off on the talkies to see if they end up with the Motorola cameras. The Taser cameras may be more money so he is not certain they will go that route at this time. Motorola is working on the problems that have been identified regarding the cameras. One issue is that you have to download the camera which takes forty-five minutes to an hour, which means either they wait after their shift or they go home without their camera which defeats the purpose of the cameras. Motorola may provide two (2) cameras per officer at the same cost so they can leave one to download and wear the other one. There was discussion regarding the Longevity at the Sheriff's Department. Jim Reed had explained that the thirty (30) year cap for next year would be for new hires. It was clarified that the others would be grandfathered in, in other words if they have twenty-eight (28) years then they will go to thirty (30), but if they have thirty-two (32) years they will remain at thirty-two (32) years from here out. Hearing no further discussion, Auditor Hackman continued with the Second Reading of the non-County General Funds 2017 Budgets as follows:

Office	2017 Approved
Highway	\$3,106,442.00
Local Roads & Streets	\$499,700.00
Cumulative Bridge	\$1,565,152.00
Health Department	\$1,465,087.00
Election Board	\$248,003.00

Public Health Preparedness	\$16,707.00
Alcohol/Drug Program	\$150,227.00
Court Services Adult Probation User	\$463,149.00
Supplemental Juvenile Probation	\$13,929.00
Debt Service	\$1,810,500.00
Cornerstone Perpetuation	\$8,650.00
Convention, Recreation & Visitors	\$1,355,000.00
Local Health Maintenance	\$49,221.00
Misdemeanant	\$0.00
Statewide 911	\$1,877,245.00
Pretrial Diversion	\$88,515.00
Ct Srvcs Informal Adj/Juv Probation	\$0.00
Local Emergency Planning Com(LEPC)	\$15,018.00
Public Defender Superior II	\$42,260.00
Elected Officials Training	\$11,500.00
Recorder's Perpetuation	\$40,000.00
Indiana Local Health Dept. Trust Fund	\$34,636.00
Security Protection	\$15,000.00
Prosecutor IV-D Incentive	\$26,139.00
Clerk IV-D Incentive	\$24,231.00
2017 Reassessment	\$526,441.00
Total Of Other Funds:	\$13,452,752.00
Total of County General Funds:	\$20,778,212.00
CAGIT:	\$408,875.00
CEDIT:	\$2,119,469.00
Telecommunication:	\$613,912.00

Employee Trust Account:	\$5,307,375.00
Riverboat:	\$413,676.00
Grand Total All Funds:	\$43,094,271.00

Jorge Morales asked about the five-hundred dollars (\$500) reduction in Debt Service. Chief Deputy Auditor Beatty will research that. (*Attorney Chris Monroe joined the meeting*) The change in Statewide 911 was dealing with the Overtime issue. DLGF will lower the rate for the Debt Service once we have accurate numbers. If not, the County has ten (10) days when we receive the 1782 Notice that we can adjust amounts at that time. The CAGIT and CEDIT amounts will change next year to LIT (*Local Income Tax*).

President Lentz opened the meeting for any public comment. Hearing none, the public comment session was closed. Jorge Morales stated that he has a concern with putting one-million two-hundred-thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) from the Rainy Day fund to make the budget work which means it will put us that much behind when starting the next budget process. He voted against the budget on the First Reading but will vote for it on this reading. He just feels they have not made the hard decisions they need to make. A member of the audience asked where this money showed up in the Budget. Auditor Hackman stated that this was originally set aside from the Rainy Day fund for the Health Fund, if needed. It was not needed this year as the Health Fund is stable. That money will be utilized to avoid using the LIT money. Mark Gorbett stated that we started kicking a can down the road two (2) years ago. He believes we need to create revenue.

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Jorge Morales stated that they had spent more time on this budget than any others that he has been involved with in the past. The money is coming from our reserves. Mark Gorbett wanted to thank the Department Heads for their work on their budgets. It comes down to revenue or people. They have kept it pretty flat the last couple of years. Jorge Morales stated that the IT Department is still up in the air for 2017. He explained that the Rainy Day money would go from three-point-two-million dollars (\$3,200,000) to two-million dollars (\$2,000,000) when they take the one-point-two-million dollars (\$1,200,000) for 2017. It was explained that he was incorrect. President Lentz stated that we are arguing over something we don't have the information on as it is all speculation. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked about the insurance costs. Auditor Hackman stated it was up five-percent (5%). The employees' portion will not increase. Mark Gorbett also wanted to commend Rick Flohr and the other Commissioners as it was contentious at times during this budget process but he appreciates that they were able to end up working together. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence wanted to know about the open positions that are being filled. She believes they should not be filled until the Department under goes a Six Sigma. Jim Reed stated that if it is in the Budget, there is nothing the Council can do. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the Second Reading of the 2017 Bartholomew County Budget and Salary Ordinance as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion.** President Lentz stated that he appreciated Jorge and Mark's comments but it is the taxpayers' money and there were no services cut with a

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two-percent (2%) raise. **Hearing no other comments, the vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).**

Auditor Hackman updated that the Rainy Day Balance was three-million three-hundred-sixty-eight-thousand four-hundred-eighty-two dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$3,368,482.59).

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation from the Telecommunications Fund as presented by Commissioner Chairman Rick Flohr. This was to appropriate the funds that remain in the Telecommunications Fund. He stated he was glad that the discussion was held with the Sheriff and the Auditor. They were originally going to request just the money for the purchase of the Premier Ag building, but in discussions with the Auditor, it was suggested they appropriate all the funds as they have other commitments for the funds that are coming up later this year. **Jim Reed made a motion to approve the request for an Additional Appropriation from the Telecommunication Fund for the total of all monies currently in that fund. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation from the Health Fund as presented by Nursing Director Amanda Organist. This is a request to appropriate thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000) for funds to their vaccines fund. This is money that they are reimbursed from insurance and fees. They have brought in eighty-thousand five-hundred-seven dollars and nine cents (\$80,507.09) with their private vaccines and have spent sixty-seven-thousand five-hundred-sixty-seven dollars and

twenty cents (\$67,567.20). **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request for an Additional Appropriation for the Health Fund in the amount of thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000) as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation from County General as presented by Sheriff Matt Myers. Sheriff Myers had discussed this issue at Work Sessions earlier in the year. He believes he can get the money he is going to need for overtime from the Jail's budget. He believes this will get them through. He had handed out a sheet at the Work Session as to where the overtime funds are going. They had some injured and sick deputies this year that caused some of the problems. He raised the shift minimums. He has also doubled the training which takes deputies off the streets to attend. He believes they will run into the same issue next year. Jorge Morales asked if the forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000) is money that has not been used to pay merit deputies because it is coming from the Jail Fund. He is fine as long as he lives within his budget. Sheriff Myers appreciates that and will do all that he can, but he may not be able to do that. Chris Ogle asked how they can take money from the Jail and move it to the Sheriff. Auditor Hackman stated that you are actually reducing the Jail Fund and increasing the Sheriff Fund. Sheriff Myers stated that as far as living within the budget. He believes they have done a good job of doing that. He knows there are people that are critical of some of the things they are doing. It is hard when budgets have stayed the same because we have no new revenue. He will continue to do everything he can to live

within the budget but it is hard when it has been cut to the bone. He is frustrated that council members are making statements outside of this chamber. Chris Ogle stated that the Sheriff Myers took the initiative to put people on the DEA in Indianapolis and other initiatives. He is not blaming former Sheriff's Gorbett or Whipker, but he (*Sheriff Myers*) chose to utilize his people in different ways and now he is asking the Council to pay for it. You chose to spend the money and then worry about whether we have it or not. You made choices that the past three (3) Sheriffs did not make and now we have to fund them. He would like to be able to give him three (3) more deputies and twelve (12) cars but to do that they would have to tell one (1) person in the Auditor's Office and one (1) person in three (3) other offices that they don't have a job anymore because we need a deputy. Sheriff Myers noted that there is concern with his Public Information Officer (*PIO*) but he has to have it. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request for an Additional Appropriation of forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000) to the Sheriff's 100's Fund by decreasing the 100's in the Jail Fund. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a request for a Transfer of Funds in the Cumulative Bridge Fund as presented by County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. He is asking to reduce Bridge #16 by three-hundred-forty-thousand dollars (\$340,000), increase Contract Services by three-hundred-twenty-thousand dollars (\$320,000) and increase Supplies by twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000). They received a Grant for Bridge #16 so they will not need this money for this bridge. It is on 750 East near Quarry

Ridge Golf Course. **Jim Reed made a motion to approve the Request for Transfer as presented. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

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 – changing their rules regarding Special situations – January will be down two (2) deputies hoping for experienced hires to save on training – issues getting recruits – attending colleges – had camera demo from Motorola day/night – went well – thirty (30) year cap on longevity – one (1) in four (4) departments in the US are testing cameras

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

Community Corrections Bd – seeking additional grants and funding

Liaison to Work Release Center Bd – nothing to report

He stated that at the Work Session they had discussed someone contacting the Non-For-Profits. President Lentz said he would after he was done with harvest.

Jorge Morales:

County 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

President Bill Lentz:

Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – nothing to report

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

County Parks & Recreation Bd – Visitor's Center giving the County one-hundred-fifty-thousand dollars (\$150,000) for restrooms at Dunn Stadium and they are now waiting for the bids to come in.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – nothing to report

JDAI – nothing to report

Laura DeDomenic:

Computer & Data Processing Bd – cancelled

Columbus Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

Chris Ogle:

Liaison to Health Bd – nothing to report

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County Extension Bd – nothing to report

Solid Waste Management District Bd – nothing to report

Auditor Hackman – attended two (2) conferences back to back. AIC was attended by Laura DeDomenic, Pia O'Connor, Tami Hines, Anita Hole, Dewayne Hines and herself. State Called Auditor's Conference was last week – three (3) days of intense work sessions regarding settlement, new laws and regulations.

Mark Gorbett verified that the five-percent (5%) Health Trust increase was picked up in the budget so that the employees did not have to lose that amount from their paychecks.

Auditor Hackman stated that open enrollment will be starting next week. The incentive is there to do the health screening to save on the premiums.

Jorge Morales stated that he received a reminder to pay his November taxes.

President Lentz opened the meeting for public comment. Pam Clark (*in the audience*) stated that the microphones are live and she believes the members forget that as it makes it extremely hard to hear in the audience. Chris West stated it also makes it hard to hear when doing the minutes from the recording.

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

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Jorge Morales, Member

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Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

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Laura DeDomenic, Member

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Chris Ogle, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County