The Bartholomew County Council met on January 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

Auditor Pia O’Connor 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 officers. Auditor O’Connor called for nominations for President. **Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence nominated Matt Miller as President.** Jorge R Morales seconded the nomination. Mark E Gorbett made a motion to close nominations with a second by Jorge R Morales which passes 7-0. With nominations closed, the vote was called for and passed 7-0 for Matt Miller as President for 2019.

President Miller took over the meeting. He called for nominations for Pro-Tem. **Jorge R Morales nominated Bill Lentz as Pro-Tem.** Mark E Gorbett seconded the
nomination. Mark E Gorbett made a motion to close nominations with a second from Laura DeDomenic which passed 7-0. With nominations closed, the vote was called for and passed 7-0 for Bill Lentz as Pro-Tem for 2019.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of meeting minutes of December 11, 2018. Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with the noted corrections by Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Adult Drug Treatment Court in the amount of one-hundred-twenty-four-thousand sixty-three dollars ($124,063.00) as presented by Judge Kelly Benjamin and Court Services Director Brad Barnes. This is the first year of a four-year Grant that is a reimbursable Grant. Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mark E Gorbett seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding the timing of this Court. This is not the same Grant that Rob Gaskill received last year. Judge Benjamin will oversee this court but the other courts will refer people to it. They hope to be up and running by April 1, 2019. The vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).

The next item on the agenda was the Request for 2019 Salary Ordinance Amendments for Position #27 to two-thousand nine-hundred-forty-eight dollars and fifty-eight cents ($2,948.58) bi-weekly and Position #62 to two-thousand three-hundred-thirty dollars and ninety-six cents ($2,330.96) bi-weekly as presented by Court Services
Director Brad Barnes. Director Barnes stated that position #62 is a new position. It will be filled with an existing Probation Case Manager and then they will back fill that individual’s position. The position will pay two-thousand three-hundred-thirty dollars and ninety-six cents ($2,330.96) bi-weekly. Jorge Morales asked if this is comparative to the other Case Managers. This is the amount the person is currently making, so yes. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if this person was from the Youth Services Center. It is not, this person is from the Alcohol Program will work well in this spot. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented for Position #62. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

**Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented for Position #27. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was Consideration of a Contract for Legal Services. Jorge R Morales asked why this was being approved again. Attorney Monroe stated it was due to new Council members as well as a typo with regards to the date. He wanted to make certain the new Council was okay with the contract. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge R Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Consideration of an Agreement for Services with the Greater Columbus Economic Development Corporation. Laura DeDomenic and Commissioner Kleinhenz sit on this board. The Commissioners have approved this
earlier this year. **Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented.** Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion. Mark Webber asked if this was to pay for a seat on the board. It was stated that it is. This is for two positions; one for the Council and one for the Commissioners. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Review of the Community Health Center Report for 2018 from CenterStone. This is on the agenda only to make the Council aware that CenterStone has met the requirement of submitting an annual report to the Council. It will be on file in the Auditor’s Office if anyone wishes to view it. Attorney Monroe stated that he is uncertain if the statute requires written or verbal. Auditor O’Connor stated that once the Council has had time to review the report, they can call CenterStone in at a later meeting for any questions or comments.

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

**Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:**

*County Parks & Recreation Bd* – Will have a review for the public of a final version of the Master Plan

*Job Review/Classification Committee* – nothing to report

*Youth Services Center Advisory Committee* – nothing to report

*JDAI* – nothing to report
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**Affordable Housing Meeting** – nothing to report

**Scott Bonnell:**

*County Extension Bd* – nothing to report

*Solid Waste Management District Bd* – nothing to report

*Health Bd* – nothing to report

**Bill Lentz:**

*Job Review/Classification Committee* – nothing to report

*Personnel Administrative Committee* – nothing to report

*Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd* – have met to request money from the State & Federal agencies through Grants

**Matt Miller:**

*Personnel Administrative Committee* – nothing to report

*Job Review/Classification Committee* – nothing to report

**Jorge Morales:**

*County Plan Commission* – nothing to report

*Sheriff’s Merit Bd* – changed to allow facial hair for six-month trial basis.

*Cols Economic Development Bd* – nothing to report
Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – met and he was re-elected as President, with Dan Arnholt as Vice-President and Laura DeDomenic as Secretary.

Laura DeDomenic:

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Greater Columbus Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

ASAP – expecting 2 proposals to the ASAP Funding Board on January 18

Mark Gorbett:

Emergency Management Bd – nothing to report

It Council Emergency Dispatch Services – nothing to report

Community Corrections Bd – nothing to report

Data Board – nothing to report

Drug Epidemic Committee – nothing to report

Auditor O’Connor stated that we had received our 2019 Budget Order today and will have it ready for the Council at their February Work Session.

Mark E Gorbett thanked Auditor O’Connor for sending out a reminder to the employees to check their pay and deductions due to the new year.

The Department Round Table meeting will be on January 17th at 9:00 a.m.
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President Miller and Auditor O’Connor had a conversation a few days ago and they would love to hear any suggestions to help the Council function better. If you have any suggestions throughout the year, please make them known.

Bill Lentz asked about the Legislative Session of the AIC and how to register for it. Auditor O’Connor advised them to contact Chief Deputy Auditor Dalene Pattingill.

Jorge R Morales made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark E Gorbett and passed unanimously.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____________________________
Matt Miller, President

By: _____________________________
Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

By: _____________________________
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

By: _____________________________
R. Scott Bonnell, Member

By: _____________________________
Jorge R. Morales, Member

By: _____________________________
Laura DeDomenic, Member

By: _____________________________
Mark E. Gorbett, Member

ATTEST: _____________________________
Pia O’Connor, Auditor
Bartholomew County