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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
March 20, 2018

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

The Bartholomew County Council met on March 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Mark Gorbett called the meeting to order.

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

The first item on the agenda was a Request for Additional Appropriations for Cooperative Extension for six-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$6,500) as presented by Continuing Education Director Elisabeth Smith. She wants to increase it to seven-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$7,500) but she understands she can only be approved tonight for the advertised six-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$6,500). This is a request for the appropriation of money from the 4-H Council so that they can hire staff. She will ask for the other one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) at next month. It was determined she did not need to be here at the next month. Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the

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request for six-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$6,500). Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously. This money is from fund raisers.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation of the Thrive Alliance Guardianship Program (037) for twenty-five-thousand dollars (\$25,000) as presented by Judge Worton. This is a State Grant money and this is just the appropriation of those funds. Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request for the twenty-five-thousand dollars (\$25,000) as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation in the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund (503) for sixty-five-thousand dollars (\$65,000) as presented by Clerk Jay Phelps. This is to appropriate the money as the process was changed by the State. If it does not go through a budget process, then it needs to go through this process so that the funds can be properly appropriated. There were questions regarding the scanning of marriage certificates. Clerk Phelps explained the process and his plan for the scanning. Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. Do to the way his funds come in and are spent, he has to request Additional Appropriations for unspent money from the prior year. That is what the first part of his request is. He then will be requesting transfers so that he can cover expenses in other funds and pay back funds from Grants. They are as follows:

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Additional Appropriation – Community Crossing Grant (*CCMG*) (864) - \$836,011.50. Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Additional Appropriation – Covered Bridge Fund (023) - \$30,350. All bridges, even those in the City, are under the County. Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion. It was asked if this amount would cover the entire cost of the roof replacement. It will not. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

Additional Appropriation – Highway Fund (002) - \$1,042,008. These are unused funds from 2017 due to an increase in the gas tax at the end of the year. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion. Dave Jones (in the audience) asked for clarification. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

Additional Appropriation – Local Roads & Street Fund (003) - \$911,056. Bill Lentz made a motion to approve. Same issue as the Highway Fund. Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Additional Appropriation – Cumulative Bridge Fund (004) - \$2,053,861. Again, unused funds from last year, including the unappropriated Fall Settlement money as well as a bridge contract that rolled over as it wasn't signed last year. Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request as presented. Matt Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Transfer from CCMG (864) to Highway (002) - \$278,547.35. Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request as presented. This is to pay back the money from the Grant. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Transfer from CCMG (864) to LR&S (003) - \$247,848.77. There was clarification that “Highway” does not mean the roads maintained by the State. Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion. Auditor Hackman stated that normally the State would not allow the transfer of money from fund to fund but it was the State that instructed the County to do it this way due to the Grant. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

Transfer from Highway (002-04-04-42) to Highway (002-03-04-60) - \$142,100.00. This is to an equipment item into a paving item. This has to be done because it is between different categories (04 to 03). Matt Miller made a motion to approve the request as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Chris Ogle asked when the bids for paving would go out. Engineer Hollander stated about six (6) weeks.

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

Matt Miller:

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

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Laura DeDomenic:

Liaison to Health Bd – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Columbus Economic Development Bd – have had 4 companies' due expansions which will result in quite a few more jobs.

Jorge Morales:

County Plan Commission – Cindy Boll is the retiring attorney – having a snack type thing after the meeting tomorrow in honor of her retirement.

Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Cols Economic Development Bd – 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 – nothing to report

Data Board – staff in place – nothing to report

Drug Epidemic Committee – nothing to report

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Chris Ogle:

County Extension Bd – nothing to report

Solid Waste Management District Bd – nothing to report

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

County Parks & Recreation Bd – Owens Bridge Park closed due to weather. Sheriff's Department will mow Azalia, Elizabethtown and Petersville.

Chuck Wells has great interest with Anderson Falls.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – nothing to report

JDAI – nothing to report

Affordable Housing Meeting – nothing to report

Bill Lentz:

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – nothing to report

Auditor Hackman reminded the members of the Southeast District meeting at Belterra on April 5. This is an evening meeting/meal. There is also a Budget/Finance class from 1 to 4 that day as well.

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Auditor Hackman stated that the YSC Annual Report is in their packets.

Auditor Hackman noted that Mrs. Erin Anderson had invited the Council and other Public Officials to tour Atterbury and Muscatatuck Training Centers on March 28.

Jorge Morales noted that German Township Volunteer Fire Department has been doing an excellent job with the number of runs they have.

Auditor Hackman wanted to commend Sandy Beatty (*Chief Deputy of the Auditor's Office*) for completing the Annual Report. She also wanted to commend Chris West (*Real Estate & Tax Billing Administrator for the Auditor's Office*) for completing the tax calculation and billing. The abstract has been approved by the State and the bills are currently being reviewed. Jorge Morales asked for an analysis by Chris West for the tax rates.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if they could have an update regarding the Sheriff's Pension at an upcoming meeting. She was hoping to be able to reduce the payments. Mark Gorbett stated that you can't play that every year of raising it and lowering it. This is based on a 30-year actuary so that it remains solvent. They believe there is about sixteen-million dollars (\$16,000,000) in the fund.

Jorge Morales made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris Ogle and passed unanimously at 6:50.

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By: _____

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Mark Gorbett, President

By: _____
Chris Ogle, Pro-Tem

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Bill Lentz, Member

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Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

By: _____
Jorge Morales, Member

By: _____
Laura DeDomenic, Member

By: _____
Matt Miller, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County