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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
November 12, 2013

The Bartholomew County Council met on November 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Members present were: President Jorge Morales, Pro-Tem Ryan Lauer, Jim Reed, Bill Lentz, Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Rob Kittle & Chris Ogle. Also in attendance were Auditor Barbara J Hackman and Council Attorney Chris Monroe.

President Morales called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Rob Kittle gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the meeting minutes of October 8, 2013. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with the changes that had been made prior to the meeting. Jim Reed seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request for Transfer of Funds of seven-thousand dollars (\$7,000) for Superior Court I as presented by Judge Worton. This request will be from the following funds: Repair & Maintenance for \$1,000, Professional Services for \$4,000 and Other Services for \$2,000 to the Machinery line item. Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds request for seven-thousand dollars (\$7,000). Rob Kittle 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) for the Prosecutor's Office as presented by Office Manager Brenda

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Mijares. This request is from the 100's to the 300's and 400's. They will receive 66% reimbursement from the State. Three-thousand dollars (\$3,000) is for postage and seven-thousand dollars (\$7,000) is for 2 laptops and 7 thin client computers. Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds for ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000). Jim Reed seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request for Transfer of Funds of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the County Park Board as presented by Park Board President Tom Hawes. He stated that he had overspent his salary budget by a small amount. He also wanted to let the Council know that when he started with the Parks Board there were 3 parks. They now have 12 parks and a BMX track comprising over 150 acres. They had 25 baseball and softball tourneys this year. They have already signed up 36 tourneys for next year. The budget they are running with allows them to maintain the parks but not improve the parks. They may start talking with the Council next year regarding the direction to proceed with the County parks. Most of the work is done by volunteer help. There are only 3 paid employees. County Stadium requires the constant attention of 1 of the 3 employees. The other 2 employees are responsible for the other 11 parks. They still need a restroom at Dunn Stadium. President Morales suggested they get with Lynn Lucas of the Visitors Center or Jeff Baker, President of the VIP Commission about getting some of their funds for the restrooms. Mr. Hawes stated they have been in contact with the Visitors Center but they keep running into issues with permitting and what they will actually be allowed to install. President Morales asked Collis Mayfield,

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Director of the Health Department (*in the audience*) to assist Mr. Hawes with this issue. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds from Utilities to Part-time employees of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000). Rob Kittle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request for Transfer of Funds of one-thousand twenty-five dollars (\$1,025) for Superior Court II as presented by Judge Coriden and Chief Court Reporter Janet Ketron. This is for the purchase of hearing assist devices for the court room. Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds for one-thousand twenty-five dollars (\$1,025). Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of a Resolution of the Bartholomew County Council Setting the Rate of Per Diem Compensation for Members of the County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (*PTABOA*) as presented by County Council Attorney Monroe. (*See Attached*) Attorney Monroe stated that the Commissioners set the number of Board members and the Council sets the Per Diem amount for those members. There was clarification as to the number of Level II's required to be on the Board. There is only one member, the member appointed by the Council, which is required to be a Level II. Jim Reed made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Amendment to the 2013 Salary Ordinance as presented by Brad Barnes, Director of Court Services. Director Barnes is

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requesting a change for the Juvenile Probation Officer #27 in Court Services (001) and Juvenile Probation Officer #27 in Juvenile Probation (012). Some of the money they use to pay this position is paid for by User Fee funds. They are not going to have enough funds in those accounts so they are requesting to pay these amounts out of the General Fund. Auditor Hackman stated that they have to approve the By-Weekly salary amount. One amount is increasing while the other amount is decreasing. The total salary of \$57,717 is paid between 3 funds. The Council is amending the Salary Ordinance for the By-Weekly amount for the Payroll Vouchers that will be turned in. They will have to look at the 2014 funding after the new year starts. Rob Kittle made a motion to approve the Amendment to the 2013 Salary Ordinance as requested. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation for sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000) from the Rainy Day Fund for an update to the Video Retention at the Jail as presented by Auditor Barbara J Hackman. This item has been discussed at previous meetings. They will have to put this out for bid. They estimate it will come in around one-hundred ten-thousand dollars (\$110,000). The Sheriff will have approximately fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) left in the CEDIT Professional Services Fund and this request will cover the balance of the project. President Morales stated the issue that currently exists is due to not being able to maintain video recordings past 3 months. This project will increase the length to about a year of retention. They feel if they can avoid a lawsuit by making this upgrade, it will save the County money in the

long run. Auditor Hackman suggested using the Rainy Day Fund. Pro-Tem Lauer has had discussions with IT Director Jim Hartsook and the Data Board. He recommends that the dollar amount should be a not to exceed amount. He believes that the requirement by law is 180 days that a potential litigant has to file a complaint. He is suggesting a system that would save recordings for about 225 days and maybe not the 360 days. He believes that is a discussion that the Data Board and Commissioners will need to have. He believes this could save the County some money. Also, there are 2 other companies that can do this work and therefore can bid on it. Pro-Tem Lauer made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation not to exceed sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000) from the Rainy Day Fund. Jim Reed seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of updates/changes of Job Descriptions for Code Enforcement, Commissioners, Animal Control, Health Department and Cooperative Extension as presented by Pro-Tem Lauer who is a member of the Job Review/Classification Committee. The updates were done at the last Committee meeting. They have made changes to a number of offices. He asked if the County Administrator was a part of this. Auditor Hackman stated it is and it is within the Commissioners portion. They are changing the title in the Commissioner's Office from Chief Deputy to County Administrator and the Second Deputy title will be changed to Assistant County Administrator. That was the largest changes of the offices. Rob Kittle made a motion to accept the recommended changes from the Committee as presented. Pro-Tem Lauer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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The next item on the agenda was updates by Council Members of Boards and Commissions as follows:

Jim Reed (*County Extension Board*) had nothing to report.

Ryan Lauer had a Data Board meeting this morning. The largest item was 37 monitor replacements for Community Corrections. They are moving to 24” monitors and are not to exceed \$7,000. They also approved about \$5,300 for new unity software which will allow easier updates and better login performance for the users.

Bill Lentz stated that they had been treated to a nice luncheon by the Extension Board and some members were able to tour the Johnson County Extension Office for ideas.

Jorge Morales had nothing to report.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence stated there had been a break-in at Heflin Park and they were working with the insurance company. They have already scheduled 36 events for next year and will be requesting more funds in next year’s budget hearings. She had traveled with Judge Mollo to a JDAI meeting which discussed the over reliance on detention centers and steps to avoid it.

Collis Mayfield did get with Mr. Hawes of the Park Board and they will be working with him.

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Rob Kittle had nothing to report from the Economic Development Board. The LEPC had a table top exercise this morning of first responders that focused on an incident around the airport.

Chris Ogle had nothing to report (*SWMD*).

Auditor Hackman reminded the members that they had until midnight to pay their property taxes. She also reminded them of the open enrollment dates for insurance.

Chris Ogle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Reed seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Jorge Morales, President

By: _____
Ryan Lauer, Pro-Tem

By: _____
Chris Ogle, Member

By: _____
Rob Kittle, Member

By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

By: _____
Bill Lentz, Member

By: _____
Jim Reed, Member

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ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-_____
RESOLUTION OF THE BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL SETTING THE RATE
OF PER DIEM COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY PROPERTY
TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS (PTABOA)

WHEREAS Lew Wilson, the Bartholomew County Assessor, has requested an increase in the per diem for the members of the Bartholomew County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals from Fifty Dollars (\$50) to Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75), and;

WHEREAS the County Council is given the authority to "fix the rate" of said compensation under I.C. 6-1.1-28-3 for meetings actually attended, and;

WHEREAS the County Council finds that said request is well taken.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bartholomew County Council hereby approves the request to raise the per diem so that the per diem compensation for the members of the Bartholomew County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals is increased from Fifty Dollars (\$50) to Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75) for meetings actually attended.

Effective upon passage of said resolution this ____ day of November, 2013.
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Ayes:

Nays:

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