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**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**January 14, 2014**

The Bartholomew County Council met on January 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana. Members present were: Bill Lentz, Jorge Morales, Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Ryan Lauer, Rob Kittle and Jim Reed. Chris Ogle was not present. Also in attendance were Auditor Barbara J Hackman and Council Attorney Chris Monroe. As this was the first meeting of the year, Auditor Hackman opened the meeting. Bill Lentz gave the invocation and led the pledge.

Auditor Hackman called for nominations for County Council President. Rob Kittle nominated Ryan Lauer for President with Bill Lentz seconding the motion. Rob Kittle motioned to close the nominations. Bill Lentz seconded the motion and the vote was 6-0 to close the nominations. Auditor Hackman called for the vote for those in favor of Ryan Lauer for Council President for 2014. The vote was 6-0.

At this point, Auditor Hackman turned the meeting over to President Lauer.

President Lauer called for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Bill Lentz nominated Rob Kittle. Mr. Kittle thanked him but declined the nomination. Jim Reed nominated Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence with a second by Jorge Morales. Hearing no other nominations, President Lauer called for the vote. The vote was 6-0 for Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence as President Pro-Tem for 2014.



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The next item on the agenda was the consideration of an Agreement for Legal Services for the County Council with Attorney Chris Monroe. Jorge Morales motioned to approve the Agreement with Attorney Monroe as Legal Counsel for the County Council for 2014. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of an Agreement with the Columbus Economic Development Board. This is for two (2) seats on the Columbus Economic Development Board for a cost of fourteen-thousand dollars (\$14,000 - one Council seat & one Commissioner seat) for 2014. It is a joint agreement with the County Commissioners. Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Rob Kittle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the 2014 Member/Liaison to Boards, Commissions and Committees for Council members as follows:

<i>Community Corrections Advisory Board</i>	<i>Ryan Lauer</i>	<i>4 year – ends 12/31/2014</i>
<i>Computer &amp; Data Processing Board</i>	<i>Ryan Lauer</i>	<i>1 year – ends 12/31/2014</i>
<i>County Plan Commission</i>	<i>Jorge Morales</i>	<i>Coincides with term</i>
<i>County Extension Board</i>	<i>Bill Lentz</i>	<i>1 year – ends 2/2015</i>
<i>Parks &amp; Recreation Board</i>	<i>Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence</i>	<i>4 year – ends 12/31/2017</i>
<i>Local Emergency Plan Commission</i>	<i>Rob Kittle</i>	<i>1 year – ends 12/31/2014</i>
<i>Job Review/Classification Committee</i>	<i>Bell Lentz Ryan Lauer Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence</i>	<i>1 year –ends 12/31/2014</i>
<i>Personnel Administrative Committee</i>	<i>Jorge Morales Bill Lentz</i>	<i>1 year – ends 12/31/2014</i>
<i>Solid Waste Management District Board</i>	<i>Chris Ogle</i>	<i>1 year – ends 12/31/2014</i>
<i>Youth Services Center Advisory Board</i>	<i>Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence</i>	<i>1 year – ends 12/31/2014</i>
<i>Columbus Economic Development Board</i>	<i>Jorge Morales Chris Ogle</i>	<i>1 year – ends 12/31/2014 Proxy, 1 yr – ends 12/31/14</i>



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<i>Joint Council of Emergency Dispatch Services</i>	<i>Jorge Morales</i>	<i>1 year – ends 12/31/2014</i>
<i>Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Org Board</i>	<i>Jorge Morales</i>	<i>1 year – ends 12/31/2014</i>
<i>Liaison to City Plan Commission</i>	<i>Jorge Morales</i>	<i>1 year – ends 12/31/2014</i>
<i>Liaison to Health Board</i>	<i>Jim Reed</i>	<i>4 year – ends 12/31/2016</i>
<i>Liaison to Sheriff Merit Board</i>	<i>Ryan Lauer</i>	<i>1 year – ends 12/31/2014</i>

Jim Reed motioned to approve the Member/Liaison positions as read. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was 2014 Council Appointments to Commissions, Boards and Committees as follows:

<i>Alcoholic Beverage Commission</i>	<i>Phyllis Apple (1 yr – ends 12/31/2014)</i>
<i>County Board of Zoning Appeals</i>	<i>Gil Palmer (4 yr – ends 12/31/2016)</i>
<i>Cols Economic Development Commission</i>	<i>Richard Lovelace (1 yr – ends 12/31/14)</i>
<i>Bartholomew County Library Board</i>	<i>Brenda Tallent (4 yr – ends 12/31/2016)</i> <i>Gayle Loesch (4 yr – ends 12/31/2015)</i>
<i>Parks &amp; Recreation Board</i>	<i>Jim Mahoney (4 yr – ends 12/31/2016)</i> <i>Nancy Hoeltke (4 yr – ends 12/31/2015)</i>
<i>Property Tax Adjustment Board of Appeals</i>	<i>Chris West (1 yr – ends 12/31/2014)</i>

President Lauer motioned to approve the 2014 Appointments as read. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the Council meeting of December 10, 2013. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Rob Kittle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request for a Tax Abatement for Kramer Property, LLC as presented by Thomas H Kramer, owner. Jason Hester, Executive



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Director of the Columbus Economic Development Board was also in attendance. Mr. Kramer explained that he has been in the cabinet manufacturing business for the past 27 years. In 2007, they built a new facility just North of the Edinburgh Outlet Mall. They are in need of a 32,000 square foot expansion that will cost \$1.3 million dollars. An abatement would help defray the cost of the additional employees he will be hiring. Rob Kittle asked if the 7 positions would be full time with benefits. Mr. Kramer stated yes. The pay range would be between \$11 and \$20 per hour depending on the skill level. He hopes to complete the addition by June or July of this year (2014). Jorge Morales asked if he found it difficult in filling positions from the community. Mr. Kramer stated that it has not been easy. The last few years, he has experienced people coming to him. They have added five employees since 2007. Jim Reed asked if the trouble hiring within the community was due to a lack of skills. Mr. Kramer stated he will train people but it hinges on a person's attitude. President Lauer asked how long they have done business in Bartholomew County. Mr. Kramer stated 27 years. Pro-Tem Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if they had international requests. He stated they were more national. They have done the Bigfoot and Circle K cabinets in 5 states. They just received a request for 400+ restaurants for one chain over 14 states. They just recently finished the Chicago Reserve Center. They have already spent about eight-hundred-thousand dollars (\$800,000) in preparation for the expansion. Rob Kittle asked what the expansion would be used for. Mr. Kramer stated it would be principally for storage, shipping and the storage of trucks. The new facility will also allow the entire tractor-trailer to enter for easier loading and



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unloading. The current building is 24' to the eaves and the new portion will be 32' to the eaves. Jason Hester spoke in favor of the abatement. Based on the \$1.3 million investment it will add 7 new permanent jobs with the company and will create 11 immediate construction jobs with an overall estimated impact of \$2.7 million in spending over 10 years. The abatement will allow a phase in over the next 10 years of the additional property taxes, if a 10 year abatement is granted. Mr. Kramer is only talking about shop floor positions, but as the need increases, they will then need front office help also. Jorge Morales motioned to approve the Resolution 2014-02 (*see attached along with page 1 of the SB-1*) for an abatement of 10 years. Rob Kittle seconded the motion and stated that this was a company that had invested over \$3 million dollars during their time here. President Lauer noted that a 10 year abatement is the maximum amount that could be allowed. Bill Lentz asked if it should be for less than 10 years to be consistent with what the Council has approved in the past. Rob Kittle stated that the last couple of requests had not requested a specific number of years to his recollection. Chris West, Real Estate and Tax Billing Administrator for the Bartholomew County Auditor's Office stated that was correct. The vote was 5-1 with Bill Lentz as the dissenting vote.

The next item on the agenda was a request for Additional Appropriation for thirty-six-thousand seven-hundred fifty-four dollars and sixty-two cents (\$36,754.62) from the Covered Bridge Fund (023) as presented by County Engineer Danny Hollander. Every year the County receives one-thousand two-hundred dollars (\$1,200) from the State for maintenance of covered bridges that is placed in the Covered Bridge Fund. This



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requested appropriation is to cover the expense of a new roof on the covered bridge at Mill Race Park. The appropriation amount should actually be twenty-two-thousand nine-hundred fifty dollars (\$22,950.20) as that is the total amount in this fund. Bill Lentz asked if the City had any responsibility towards this. Engineer Hollander stated they did not as Bartholomew County had adopted a Cumulative Bridge Fund which placed the responsibility of all bridges on the County. The only exceptions are State bridges. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked the amount of the quote. It is the thirty-six-thousand seven-hundred fifty-four dollars and sixty-two cents (\$36,754.62). Rob Kittle asked what the life time would be for a roof like this. Engineer Hollander stated if done right, it should be about 40 years. Jorge Morales asked if this was a fair price. Engineer Hollander stated that based on the information he has he believes it is. One issue is removing the roof without letting anything enter the pond that it sits over. The additional amount will come from the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Rob Kittle motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation for twenty-two-thousand nine-hundred fifty dollars (\$22,950.20) from the Covered Bridge Fund (023). Jim Reed seconded the motion. Mr. Ron Speer (*in the audience*) asked why they had to use cedar shake shingles as opposed to putting a tin roof on it. Engineer Hollander stated that the State of Indiana had determined which bridges were “historically significant” and he believes this bridge is on that list but he would have to research to be certain. Rob Kittle stated it was a good question and he would withdraw his motion if Jim Reed would withdraw his second. Jim Reed withdrew his second and Rob Kittle withdrew his motion. Engineer Hollander will



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look into this and bring it back to the Council in February. Attorney Monroe stated that if they table the issue they will not have to re-advertise. Engineer Hollander stated he will need the money no matter which way they go. Jorge Morales motioned to table the request. Rob Kittle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the 2014 Substance Abuse Council Grant. Larry Perkinson, from the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation, presented the request. The Substance Abuse Council has Drug Free Community funds to utilize. The money comes from violations and fines. Each County has the opportunity to create a Substance Abuse Council. The State then reviews the requests as submitted by the various Substance Abuse Councils. Last year there was sixty-nine thousand seventy-six dollars and eighty cents (\$69,076.80) in that fund. They meet yearly to review the use of these funds and then present them for approval. They have received 13 grant requests that were timely filed. The Substance Abuse Council also set aside five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a half day conference where they bring in guest speakers. Jorge Morales asked for clarification on the amount as it shows fifty-two-thousand five-hundred twenty-five dollars (\$52,525) and five-thousand (\$5,000) for programs. Mr. Perkinson stated the full amount is fifty-seven-thousand five-hundred twenty-five dollars (\$57,525). Jim Reed asked what the largest grant amount was. Mr. Perkinson stated that they are giving six-thousand dollars (\$6,000) to the City Police. They are also giving six-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$6,500) to the Sheriff's Department for their Drug Interdiction Program. Mr. Perkinson stated that he uses some



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of the funds to help with counseling sessions for students in Bartholomew County ranging from drug abuse to suicidal thoughts or anything that maybe causing a child to have issues. There was discussion about the use of tobacco as well as marijuana and illegal drugs. Mr. Perkinson stated they have seen declines in alcohol and tobacco use by youth. There was also discussion regarding suicide among youth. Jorge Morales motioned to approve the Substance Abuse Council Grants for fifty-seven-thousand five-hundred twenty-five dollars (\$57,525.00). Rob Kittle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was miscellaneous items. Attorney Monroe had reviewed the Supplemental Pay for County employees in the minutes from the 2014 budget hearings held in August of 2013. He has created a Resolution to clarify this supplemental pay. He also reviewed the Salary Ordinance. There were concerns regarding State set employees other than Probation Officers. He believes the Chief Deputy Prosecutor is receiving a check from the County for 25% of her pay and 75% from the State. She is full time though the Salary Ordinance states she is part-time. He included a statement that it was for all full-time employees that were employed on December 31, 2013. He also changed the wording from “bonus” to “supplemental”. Jorge Morales made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-01 (*see attached*) as presented. Rob Kittle stated that he believes Attorney Monroe had captured the intent of the Council. Mr. Kittle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.



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Mr. Ron Speer (*in the audience*) stated he was not at the work session last night but understood they had decided to build a new building to replace the current County Annex building. Jorge Morales stated they had discussed it but they do not make decisions during work sessions. Mr. Speer stated that he knows something needs to be done. He asked if they have they looked into renting a building? Bill Lentz stated that there are 10 people involved when you count the 3 Commissioners and the 7 Council members which means there are 10 different ideas. Jim Reed stated that he believes the consensus among all 10 people is that they do not want to maintain the current building. President Lauer stated they will be meeting again with the Commissioners for a public meeting.

The next item on the agenda was updates by the Council members as follows:

**Jim Reed** – had nothing to report.

**Ryan Lauer** – Sheriff Merit Board meets tomorrow.

**Jorge Morales** – a letter was received from the Extension Board for their annual meeting. Plan Committee has been cancelled. Economic Development Board meets tomorrow.

**Bill Lentz** – had nothing to report.

**Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence** – The Park Board is receiving requests for the use of Dunn Stadium. They are still trying to finalize the restroom issue at Dunn Stadium.

**Rob Kittle** – had nothing to report.



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Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked Auditor Hackman if the County would be receiving any money back from the Solar Company. Auditor Hackman was unaware if we would be receiving any of the \$100,000 CREDIT money back.

Auditor Hackman stated that the Annual AIC Legislative Conference will be February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. One of the guest speakers will be Larry Debord. If anyone would like to go, they need to contact her.

Rob Kittle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Lentz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Lauer, President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Pro-Tem

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Ogle, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rob Kittle, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jorge Morales, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Lentz, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Reed, Member



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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor  
Bartholomew County



RESOLUTION 2014-02

RESOLUTION OF THE BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING TAX  
ABATEMENT FOR KRAMER PROPERTY LLC

WHEREAS, Kramer Property LLC, of Edinburgh, Indiana (hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner") has submitted a Statement of Benefits on December 23, 2013 to the Bartholomew County Council (hereinafter referred to as "Council"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Petitioner has requested the Council to adopt a resolution authorizing a real property tax abatement for Petitioner to expand his pre-existing facility to an additional 31,825 square feet at the address of 12600 N Presidential Way, Edinburgh, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the property in question is within an area previously determined to be in an Economic Revitalization Area within the jurisdiction of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the investment would improve the real property located within the Economic Revitalization Area; and

WHEREAS, the Council may approve tax abatements pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 et seq, and now desires to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the Statement of Benefits and desires to adopt the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bartholomew County Council hereby determines as follows:

1. That the estimate of the value of the purchase/investment is reasonable for projects of this nature;
2. That the estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained based on the purchase/investment is reasonable;
3. That the estimate of the wages to be paid to those individuals who will be employed based on the purchase/investment is reasonable;
4. That the totality of benefits is sufficient to justify the deduction.

Based upon the above findings, the Council hereby determines that the benefits set forth in the Statement of Benefits justify the tax deduction for real property tax abatement.

Based upon the above findings, the Council hereby determines that the proposed described purchase/investment can be reasonably expected to yield the



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benefits identified in the Statement of Benefits.

The Council hereby determines, based upon the above findings, the Petitioner's deductions for real property tax abatement should be allowed for a period of Ten (10) years beginning with the 2014 tax year. The beginning percentage of abatement shall be one hundred percent (100%) and shall be reduced by a corresponding and equal percentage such that by the end of the aforesaid period of years, Petitioner will have a zero percent (0%) abatement towards real property taxes.

ADOPTED BY THE BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2014.

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

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ATTEST:

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Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor  
Bartholomew County



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Prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance

FORM SB-1 / Real Property

☐ Redevelopment or rehabilitation of real estate improvements (IC 6-1.1-12.1-4)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This statement

- SECTION 1 TAXPAYER INFORMATION**

## Name of taxpayer

Address of taxpayer (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)

E-mail address	kfcm@kramer-fcm.com
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## Name of designating body

Resolution number

DLGF taxing district number  
009 German

Estimated completion date (month, day, year)  
07/15/2014

Current number	Salaries	Number retained	Salaries	Number additional
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Salaries	\$211,120.00
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NOTE: Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.1 (d) (2) the <b>COST</b> of the property	<b>REAL ESTATE</b>
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1,082,900.00

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SECTION 9	WASTE CONVERTED AND OTHER BENEFITS PROMISED BY THE TAXPAYER

Estimated hazardous waste converted (*pounds*) \_\_\_\_\_

Other benefits

I hereby certify that the representations in this statement are true.

Date signed (month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_

12/17/2013



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RESOLUTION 2014-01

RESOLUTION OF THE BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL FOR AN AMENDMENT  
TO THE 2014 SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
PAYMENT OF ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY PAYMENT  
FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS: the Bartholomew County Council agreed to increase the salary of all full-time county employees by 2% and to also make a one-time supplemental salary payment of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) to those same employees except employees whose salaries or minimum salaries are set by the State of Indiana (Judges, Magistrates, Prosecuting Attorney, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Probation Officers); and

WHEREAS: the funds for those one-time payments have already been placed in the respective budgets of those offices having those certain full-time employees; and

WHEREAS the County Council intended that those employees who would receive these one-time payments would be only those employees employed by the county on December 31, 2013 **and** still employed on the date of the claim being filed to make the one-time payment; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bartholomew County Council hereby directs each elected official and department head who submits claims for salaries to include in the next claim submitted an additional one-time supplemental salary of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for all full-time employees who were employed in that office or department on December 31, 2013 and still employed for the period of time for which the claim is submitted excepting employees whose salaries or minimum salaries are set by the State of Indiana (Judges, Magistrates, Prosecuting Attorney, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Probation Officers).

Bartholomew County Council

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

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