

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**October 13, 2015**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Present:</b>
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large	President	Present
Bill Lentz	At Large	Pro-Tem	Present
Jim Reed	At Large		Present
Chris Ogle	District 1		Present
Laura DeDomenic	District 2		Present
Mark E Gorbett	District 3		Present
Jorge Morales	District 4		Present
Chris Monroe	- -	Attorney	Present
Barb Hackman	Auditor	Secretary	Not - Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on October 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Pence called the meeting to order.

Bill Lentz gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the previous meeting minutes. Due to multiple budget meetings and in an effort to keep them in chronological order, all meeting minutes will be approved at the November meeting so the members will have sufficient time to review them.

The next item on the Agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation in the Supplemental Public Defender Fund (327) for two-thousand six-hundred seventy-six dollars and sixty-five cents (\$2,676.65) as presented by Tammy Johannesen of Circuit Court. She explained that this money is from user fees and represents the balance at the

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time of the request. The next item on the Agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation in the Jury Supplemental Fund (310) for five-thousand dollars (\$5,000). She explained that this money should hold them until the end of the year as there could possibly be two (2) criminal trials and one (1) civil trial. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Request for Additional Appropriations for Circuit Court Jury Supplemental Fund (310) in the amount of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Request for Additional Appropriations for Circuit Court Supplemental Public Defender Fund (327) in the amount of two-thousand six-hundred seventy-six dollars and sixty-five cents (\$2,676.65) as presented. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the Agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation due to a VOCA Grant for sixty-six-thousand seven-hundred one dollars (\$66,701) as presented by Prosecutor Bill Nash. He explained that this money is from a State Grant. This will allow them to go from one (1) full-time position and one (1) part-time position to two (2) full-time positions and one (1) part-time position. The new position will only exist as long as there is full Grant Funding is available. If it is approved, there will also need to be a Salary Ordinance Amendment. **Jim Reed made a motion to approve the Request for Additional Appropriations for the VOCA Grant in the amount of sixty-six-thousand seven-hundred one dollars (\$66,701) as presented. Laura DeDomenic**

**seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** There was discussion regarding the Salary Ordinance. It was determined that the Salary Ordinance will have to be done in November's meeting after all the details are worked out.

The next item on the Agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation in Riverboat Fund (594) for one-hundred-twenty-thousand five-hundred sixty dollars (\$120,560) as presented by Chief Deputy Auditor Sandy Beatty. She explained that this money is for Video Retention in the Jail. The bill had come due and the only appropriation on record was for the Inmate Medical Expenses. This will allow them to pay the bill for the Video Retention. The funding was approved by the Council at an earlier meeting but it was not appropriated. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Request for Additional Appropriations for Riverboat (594) in the amount of one-hundred-twenty-thousand five-hundred sixty dollars (\$120,560) as presented. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed six to zero (6-0) with Mark Gorbett abstaining.**

The next item on the Agenda was a Request for a Transfer in the County General Jail Fund (001-32) from Salaries (01-11) to Supplies (02-11) for thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000) as presented by the Sheriff Department Chief Deputy Chris Lane. He explained that this money is remaining funds from salaries that were budgeted for 2015 but have not and will not be expended. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the Request for Transfer of Funds for County General Jail Fund (001-32) in the amount**

**of thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000) from Salaries (01-11) to Supplies (02-11) as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the Agenda was a Request for a Transfer in County General IT Fund (001-41) for twenty-four-thousand eight-hundred forty dollars (\$24,840) as presented by Kat Williams. She explained that this money is from 2015 approved Salaries that will not be expended due to open positions. Ms. Williams explained that six-thousand six-hundred dollars (\$6,600) would be placed in Professional Services (300's) for training and eighteen-thousand two-hundred forty dollars (\$18,240) would be placed in Machinery and Equipment (400's) for replacement of laptops for the IT Department and the Judges. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the Request for Transfer of Funds for County General IT Fund (001-41) in the amount of twenty-four-thousand eight-hundred forty dollars (\$24,840) with six-thousand six hundred dollars (\$6,600) to Professional Services (03-10) fund and eighteen-thousand two-hundred forty dollars (\$18,240) to Machinery and Equipment (04-40) as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Mark Gorbett asked that they suspend the rules to allow the LOIT Public Safety agenda item to be discussed prior to the Second Reading of the 2016 Budget as it may affect his vote on the 2016 Budget. Jorge Morales needed clarification as it was his understanding that since this issue had been brought up in a prior meeting it could not be brought up again for one (1) year from that meeting. Attorney Monroe stated he was aware of no such law. President Pence opened the floor for comment from the public.

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EOC Director Ed Reuter spoke and presented a Power Point presentation in favor of the LOIT Public Safety Tax (*see attached*). He stated that he does not favor this tax because it goes directly to Public Safety, but rather he favors it because it will free up money that the non-Public Safety departments can then utilize. Mark Gorbett thanked Ed for his comments.

Sheriff Department Chief Deputy Chris Lane read a letter from Sheriff Matt Myers (*see attached*) who was currently out of town. Chief Deputy Lane then stated that he had grown up in a poor southern Indiana County where his dad was a County Councilman for 20 years. At one point, the Sheriff was the only one making money for the County by housing State DOC inmates. That made it hard for his dad to deny a new police car request when the Sheriff was providing funding to the County. Mark Gorbett stated that the crime trend is increasing. He knows the Commissioners are helping by providing money from the CEDIT, but that money will not be there next year. He had read the article in today's paper with Sheriff Myers. He stated that charging for funeral escorts would be a drop in the bucket. He does not know where the revenue is going to come from. Chief Deputy Lane stated that the Deputies are working with four (4) on each shift. That is an increase from three (3) Deputies last year but the time is coming that services will have to be cut, which will cut down in response time to the public as well as the time for backup to respond to a Deputy if he is in a violent situation.

Lisa Deaton, taxpayer, spoke regarding this tax. She stated that we are finally at a point where there is no longer time to play. Sitting in this room listening since 2007, her

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income hasn't changed. She wants to see something from the Council if it is going to cost her more. She wants to see a long range plan of five (5) years or more. She doesn't want to get down the road two (2) or three (3) years and the Council state they need more funding. She supports the LOIT Public Safety but only if there is a plan that would prevent future tax increase needs. She appreciates what they are doing, but the Council has to give the public something more. Mark Gorbett thanked her and stated it was 2006 when she started sitting in the audience. He feels the LOIT Public Safety should be totally earmarked for Public Safety only. Ms. Deaton asked if there was a way for the Council to have their two (2) readings and tie it to a concrete plan for the future as some of the Council members may not be here in the future.

Ann Heimann, taxpayer and wife of Judge Steve Heimann, stated that she appreciated Ms. Deaton's thoughts for a plan, but in Government, you can't have a concrete plan. You do not know when there will be another 9/11, a flood or other events that may occur requiring the Government to react. We are at a point that something needs to be done regarding the revenue. The concern should be for what is for the good for the community. Her husband is currently working and works late every night. She knows the other Judges work many hours as well and she knows of the stress on Public Safety. This tells her that we have cut what we can cut and it is time to generate revenue.

Chris Ogle wanted to address Ms. Deaton. Just in this year alone, the County has had to pay for many items that were not and would not have been on a long range plan. When Governor Daniels was in office, he cut the State Budget by pushing the items down

to the Counties without funding them. Obamacare has cost us more in funding due to Federal law changes. We have encountered refunds from tax appeals due to changes in assessment rules by the State Legislature. It always bothered him that the paper would show that Cummins and Arvin's would have record profits and then the next day there would be an article where they had laid off five-hundred (500) employees. That is just not right. Ms. Deaton stated that we have "plans" for floods or disasters, but she wants a plan that shows we are proactive, not reactive. It seems to her we are not functioning as well as we can if we are only "reacting" to issues. Mr. Reuter stated that he believes that the last tax passed by this Council was in 2010 as the CEDIT tax. He believes we should approve the LOIT Public Safety but he too would be opposed to next year having to pay a LOIT Public Safety Tax and a Wheel Tax. Bill Lentz had been looking at the Farm Bureau books during the public hearing. In comparing Floyd County, our populations are very similar. We have a Net AV of about four billion (4,000,000,000) while Floyd County has a Net AV of two-billion eight-hundred-million (2,800,000,000) assessed. Our County portion of the tax rate is forty-three cents (\$0.43) while their County portion of the tax rate is twenty-eight cents (\$0.28). He would like to know why there is a difference.

Mark Gorbett spoke regarding the financial state that we are in today. We need to establish revenue streams and provide some long term planning. He and Laura DeDomenic started with the Council at the same time and they had come to the meetings in the year prior to learn how the system worked. He saw in today's paper that crime

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trends are going up. Mr. Reuter noted that Public Safety is a requirement of government. He has seen Sheriff's not ask for cars but rather raises for their Deputies. The Council has cut cars and at some time that will come back to haunt us. He does not see that we will be any better off in a year from now if the LOIT Public Safety tax is not enacted. Employees are the most valuable asset the County has. He asked that some long term planning take place by this Council. We need to create a revenue stream.

**Mark Gorbett made a motion to adopt a LOIT Public Safety Tax for 2016.**

**Chris Ogle seconded the motion.** The meeting was open to public discussion. Ms. Deaton asked if the rate was a fixed rate or was it something that would change. Chris Ogle stated that it was a fixed rate.

Eric, from the audience, stated that he works in the County and it does not create money, it just takes from the tax payers.

There being no further comments, the public portion of the meeting was closed. Jorge Morales stated that there are a lot of kids in our schools that are on the school lunch program meaning their parents are living paycheck to paycheck. He has supported the Sheriff and Public Safety. When this process started, we were four million dollars (\$4,000,000) short. With changes that have been made, we are now five-hundred-thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the good. He believes they have not been given accurate numbers. He has talked with his State Representative and State Senator and they stated that they had taken away funding from the Counties. They stated that they had hoped that the Counties would start thinking outside the box. If the LOIT Public Safety brings



in two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and then you subtract the Commissioners CEDIT money of one-point-four million dollars (\$1,400,000) then we are only up six-hundred-thousand dollars (\$600,000) and will be back in the same boat next year. He is hearing that the EOC and the Sheriff's Department will need new employees next year. He is against adding a tax until we have a plan to go forward. The total LOIT Public Safety tax would collect about five-million dollars (\$5,000,000) across the County.

Mark Gorbett addressed the comments by Jorge Morales. He asked who he was referring to that was giving him wrong numbers. Jorge Morales stated that he didn't make any accusations but that they received numbers that kept changing from the Auditor and the Financial Consultant. Mark Gorbett asked that as far as planning, how does he propose they make up the one-point-four million dollars (\$1,400,000) when the Commissioners take back the CEDIT money next year.

Judge Coriden spoke regarding the LOIT Public Safety tax. She has been here many years with budgets. Her staff is not getting a raise and in fact they are taking a major pay cut due to the changes in the insurance next year. Where is the funding to fix this coming from? Every year they have cut year after year. We are cut to the bone and there is no more money to give. If that means you have to pass a tax then pass the tax.

Ann Heimann returned and stated that the first time she had talked about services and hadn't even discussed the road conditions. If we switch money from roads to services, when will we fix the roads? She spends more than the one-hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) a year in tires and repairs due to the current road conditions. When do we

work on the other things that are priorities? Jorge Morales stated that the roads he and she drive on are mostly City and that the County roads are in good shape. Ms. Heimann pointed out that she does not drive on mostly City roads; she knows where she is driving. Mark Gorbett stated that she is discussing the fact that the Commissioners will be taking back the one-point-four million dollars (\$1,400,000) in CEDIT Funds next year to work on the roads.

Tom Heller commented that this is his first year he has observed the County Council meetings. He has only seen two members of the public commenting on this issue. He does not believe that there is any public outcry that the services provided are inadequate. He believes Bill Lentz comments regarding the comparison with Floyd County is interesting and deserves to be looked into.

Commissioner Chairman Kleinhenz stated that he knows what our revenues are and what our expenses are. If there is not new revenue streams then drastic cuts in services and employees will have to occur. He asked that if the Council knew they would be getting an additional one-million dollars (\$1,000,000) from other units if this tax was passed, would they vote for it then? He didn't want them to answer the question. If they don't vote for it tonight, it is not an issue. If they pass it tonight, then we could look at having talks with the other units to help fund County Public Safety by creating inter-local agreements for a portion of their LOIT Public Safety money that they would receive from the new tax. That portion would be paid back to the County to support the EOC or other Public Safety items. He does not know what the outcome would be. He feels like a

million dollars (\$1,000,000) is hanging in the balance and that money would continue year after year as a steady source of funding. Bill Lentz stated that he believes the City would be open for the dialogue, with or without the new tax.

Wilma Yeley commented as a former employee of the County as well as a taxpayer. She had worked in several County offices. She would like to see the tax added. Everything has been cut to the bone and there is nothing left to cut. The employees are getting less next year. She likes the services we have and would like those services to continue. It feels like we are going backwards. She feels there is so much apathy out there that people will not attend meetings like this as they believe that whatever is going to happen will be done regardless of their involvement.

Mr. Reuter spoke again. He agrees with Judge Coriden that her staff works very hard. As a County, if we want the best employees doing the job, then we need to take care of them. He has worked with several Counties that do not have the quality of employees Bartholomew County has. EOC 911 answers the call regardless of the type of call. If someone calls in on 911 they need to speak to a live person, not an automated answering system. The Council Chairman of the County he had mentioned earlier stated they would never ever raise taxes. Mr. Reuter said that he himself had learned not to use the word "never".

Judge Steve Heimann stated that there are a couple of issues. People in their jobs need to be able to do their job. He has lost three (3) staff members over the course of the last couple of years. Two (2) have left for better paying, less demanding jobs in that they

do not have to deal with angry customers. He has not been able to hire people to fill these positions that have any previous legal experience. This has been going on for some time. Last November there was an e-mail regarding no reserves in the insurance funds. Why hasn't the last year been spent studying this? He is only here one more year and next year's 2017 Budget process will not affect him. He thinks it is time to act.

The public portion of the meeting was closed. President Pence called for the vote. **The vote was two to five (2–5) resulting in the motion not being passed. Mark Gorbett and Chris Ogle were the two (2) votes in favor while Jim Reed, Jorge Morales, Evelyn Pence, Bill Lentz and Laura DeDomenic were the five (5) dissenting votes.**

There was a five minute break

The next item on the agenda was the Second Reading of the 2016 Bartholomew County Budget & Salary Ordinance read by Real Estate and Tax Billing Administrator Chris West of the Auditor's Office as follows:

**County General**

<b>Fund #</b>	<b>Office Name</b>	<b>2016 Adjusted</b>
<b>001-01</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>\$456,082.00</b>
<b>001-02</b>	<b>Auditor</b>	<b>\$401,235.00</b>
<b>001-03</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>\$233,163.00</b>
<b>001-04</b>	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>\$151,465.00</b>
<b>001-05</b>	<b>Sheriff</b>	<b>\$2,586,785.00</b>
<b>001-06</b>	<b>Surveyor</b>	<b>\$313,325.00</b>

<b>001-07</b>	<b>Coroner</b>	<b>\$93,463.00</b>
<b>001-08</b>	<b>Prosecutor</b>	<b>\$588,107.00</b>
<b>001-09</b>	<b>Assessor</b>	<b>\$297,882.00</b>
<b>001-11</b>	<b>Code Enforcement</b>	<b>\$457,914.00</b>
<b>001-18</b>	<b>Emergency Management (EMA)</b>	<b>\$144,868.00</b>
<b>001-19</b>	<b>Drainage Board</b>	<b>\$11,575.00</b>
<b>001-22</b>	<b>Voter's Registration</b>	<b>\$88,548.00</b>
<b>001-23</b>	<b>Cooperative Extension</b>	<b>\$249,246.00</b>
<b>001-25</b>	<b>Park Board</b>	<b>\$157,332.00</b>
<b>001-27</b>	<b>Veteran's Service</b>	<b>\$123,120.00</b>
<b>001-28</b>	<b>Weights &amp; Measures</b>	<b>\$47,460.00</b>
<b>001-29</b>	<b>County Council</b>	<b>\$76,520.00</b>
<b>001-30</b>	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>\$2,216,661.00</b>
<b>001-31</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$1,198,499.00</b>
<b>001-32</b>	<b>Jail</b>	<b>\$2,583,779.00</b>
<b>001-33</b>	<b>Emergency Operations Center (EOC)</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>
<b>001-34</b>	<b>Youth Services Center</b>	<b>\$1,525,691.00</b>
<b>001-35</b>	<b>Court Services</b>	<b>\$483,749.00</b>
<b>001-36</b>	<b>Circuit Court</b>	<b>\$560,016.00</b>
<b>001-37</b>	<b>Superior Court I</b>	<b>\$308,438.00</b>
<b>001-38</b>	<b>Superior Court II</b>	<b>\$418,502.00</b>
<b>001-39</b>	<b>Circuit Court IV-D</b>	<b>\$65,941.00</b>
<b>001-40</b>	<b>Prosecutor IV-D</b>	<b>\$454,409.00</b>
<b>001-41</b>	<b>Information Technology</b>	<b>\$873,738.00</b>
	<b>Total County General Funds:</b>	<b>\$17,185,013.00</b>

**Other Funds**

<b>Fund #</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>2016 Requested</b>
<b>002</b>	<b>Highway</b>	<b>\$2,788,467.00</b>
<b>003</b>	<b>Local Roads &amp; Streets</b>	<b>\$495,580.00</b>
<b>004</b>	<b>Cumulative Bridge</b>	<b>\$1,600,000.00</b>
<b>007</b>	<b>Health Department</b>	<b>\$1,537,716.00</b>
<b>008</b>	<b>Election Board</b>	<b>\$259,610.00</b>
<b>009</b>	<b>Public Health Preparedness</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>010</b>	<b>Alcohol/Drug Program</b>	<b>\$155,803.00</b>
<b>011</b>	<b>Court Services Adult Probation User</b>	<b>\$453,708.22</b>
<b>012</b>	<b>Supplemental Juvenile Probation</b>	<b>\$13,929.00</b>
<b>013</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>\$1,810,000.00</b>
<b>015</b>	<b>Cornerstone Perpetuation</b>	<b>\$30,095.00</b>
<b>017</b>	<b>Convention, Recreation &amp; Visitors</b>	<b>\$1,200,500.00</b>
<b>019</b>	<b>Local Health Maintenance</b>	<b>\$44,809.00</b>
<b>026</b>	<b>Misdemeanant</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>122</b>	<b>Statewide 911</b>	<b>\$1,806,214.33</b>
<b>312</b>	<b>Pretrial Diversion</b>	<b>\$86,324.63</b>
<b>314</b>	<b>Crt Srvcs Inf Adj/Juv Probation</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>320</b>	<b>Local Emergency Planning Com (LEPC)</b>	<b>\$15,018.00</b>
<b>329</b>	<b>Public Defender Superior II</b>	<b>\$42,260.00</b>
<b>501</b>	<b>Elected Officials Training</b>	<b>\$11,500.00</b>
<b>504</b>	<b>Recorder's Perpetuation</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<b>507</b>	<b>Indiana local Health Dept Trust Fund</b>	<b>\$34,636.00</b>
<b>509</b>	<b>Security Protection</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>681</b>	<b>Prosecutor IV-D Incentive</b>	<b>\$25,381.43</b>

682	Clerk IV-D Incentive	\$24,534.00
684	2017 Reassessment	\$519,549.00
	<b>Total Of Other Funds:</b>	<b>\$13,000,634.61</b>
	<b>Total of County General Funds:</b>	<b>\$17,185,013.00</b>
	<b>Total of CAGIT:</b>	<b>\$5,760,000.00</b>
	<b>Total of CEDIT:</b>	<b>\$1,913,000.00</b>
	<b>Grand Total All Funds:</b>	<b>\$37,858,647.61</b>

President Pence opened the meeting up to the Public for comment. As there were no comments, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

**Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Second Reading of the 2016 Budget as presented. Jim Reed seconded the motion. The vote was six to one (6-1) with Mark Gorbett as the dissenting vote.**

President Pence stated that she had sent out some items that needed to be included on the Salary Ordinance. Mark Gorbett suggested they be discussed as he had just seen these items today. Attorney Monroe stated that the second sentence in the first paragraph regarding “attrition will be followed” is not something he understands nor does he believe it can be made to be understood so he recommends it be removed. As to the “No travel paid out of State” he does not believe the Council has legal authority for this action. That would be like telling the departments what kind of paper to purchase. President Pence stated that they had also stated that new employees would pay all the PERF, meaning the Council would not pay the three-percent (3%) employee

contribution. Mark Gorbett has an issue with that as back in the 1990's that was given in lieu of raises. Currently the County pays fourteen-percent (14%), which is the employee's three-percent (3%) as well as the County's required portion of eleven-percent (11%). He stated that if we have a hiring freeze on then this shouldn't be an issue. Jim Reed stated that a hiring freeze is not absolute. If a department comes before the Council because they have to have the employee, then they have to have that employee. It was stated that the hiring freeze wording is already in the Salary Ordinance but it also exempts the Youth Services Center. Judge Heimann stated that the Youth Services Center does have requirements that are more stringent regarding staffing than the Jail would have as the Jail deals with adults. Those restrictions are by Indiana Administrative Code. There are staff ratio requirements including specific male/female staffing. Mark Gorbett asked if they could have Attorney Monroe review these items and deal with this at the next meeting. Chris Ogle stated he doesn't believe we need to do anything as all of it is already covered in the current Salary Ordinance. Attorney Monroe stated that they have significant language that has been in place for years. It is his understanding that other members had not seen these items before the work session. There is no reason this needs to be decided tonight. It can be done as an amendment at a later time after further review. Bill Lentz would like to see the required ratio for the Youth Services Center. Judge Heimann stated that it varies as needed depending on the number/gender of kids at the facility but they have to have a large pool of employees to be able to call and get the required staffing as needed. Last week he had thirteen (13) removal hearings. **Chris**



**Ogle made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was the Second Reading of the 2016 Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) Budget as presented by Director Heather Siesel. Nothing has changed since the first reading. Their budget is proposed at one-million ninety-eight-thousand six-hundred-ninety-three dollars (\$1,098,693) in Personal Services, one-hundred-fourteen-thousand one-hundred-fifty dollars (\$114,150) in Supplies, two-million two-hundred-sixteen-thousand eight-hundred-twenty-eight dollars (\$2,216,828) in Professional Services and three-hundred-fifty-one thousand three-hundred dollars (\$351,300) in Capital Expenditures for a total budget of three-million seven-hundred-eighty-thousand nine-hundred-seventy-one dollars (\$3,780,971). Their budget is down due to the lack of cell construction and should continue to be down for about six (6) years. President Pence opened up the meeting for Public comment. There being no comments, the Public portion of the meeting was closed. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve on Second Reading the SWMD 2016 Budget. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was the Second Reading of the 2016 Flatrock Township Budget as read by Real Estate and Tax Billing Officer Chris West of the Auditor's Office. Their budget is proposed for the Township General Fund of twenty-two-thousand three-hundred ten dollars (\$22,310), Township Assistance at seven-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$7,500), Township Fire Fighting at thirty-two-thousand

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five-hundred dollars (\$32,500) and Township Cumulative Fire at nineteen-thousand three-hundred forty-two dollars (\$19,342) for a grand total of eighty-one-thousand six-hundred fifty-two dollars (\$81,652). President Pence opened up the meeting for Public comment. There being no comments, the Public portion of the meeting was closed. **Jim Reed made a motion to approve the Second Reading of the Flatrock Township 2016 Budget. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

Duane Hines addressed the Council to thank them for the job they have done this year.

The next items on the agenda were updates by the Council members regarding their respective Board and Commission appointments as follows:

**Jim Reed:**

*Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd* – Morale is better than it was before. They are losing a Deputy and would like to possibly fill from current Jail employees.

*Job Review/Classification Committee* – Nothing to Report

*Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission* – Nothing to Report

**Mark Gorbett:**

*County Extension Bd* – Nothing to report

*Emergency Management Bd* – Nothing to report

*Emergency Dispatch Services* – Nothing to report

*Liaison to Work Release Center Bd* – Nothing to report

**Jorge Morales:**

*County Plan Commission* – Nothing to report

*Liaison to City 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 Pence:**

*County Parks & Recreation Bd* – They are finishing up work on their diamonds. They have a gentleman that is volunteering to work at Anderson Falls and do some repairs of vandalism damage as well as removing a dead tree at the Petersville Park. The Park Board would like to invite everyone to visit the parks.

*Job Review/Classification Committee* – Nothing to report

*Youth Services Center Advisory Committee* – Nothing to report

*JDAI* – Nothing to report

President Pence stated there is a meeting on October 29 that she cannot attend so she is looking for a volunteer to attend. Jorge Morales asked Laura DeDomenic to attend an Economic Development Board meeting as he will be out of town. She stated she would. Jim Reed stated the Sheriff would like to invite each Council member to do a ride along with the Deputies.

**Bill Lentz:**

*Job Review/Classification Committee* – Nothing to report

*Personnel Administrative Committee* – Nothing to report

*Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd* – Nothing to report

**Laura DeDomenic:**

*Computer & Data Processing Bd* – There is a problem with individual's personal e-mails being checked on County equipment and bringing viruses into the County network. The cost to scan the personal e-mail accounts would be about fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) so the current thought is that they are going to ban employees from checking their personal e-mails. Also, Jeff Wehmiller has accepted the position of IT Director.

*Columbus Economic Development Bd* – Nothing to report

*Liaison to Health Bd* – Met but nothing to report

**Chris Ogle:**

*Solid Waste Management District Bd* – Nothing to report

Hearing no other business, Chris Ogle made a motion to adjourn. Jim Reed seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

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

November 12, 2015

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura DeDomenic, Member

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark E. Gorbett, Member

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

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