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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
July 12, 2016

Name:	Representing:	Title:	Present:
Bill Lentz	At Large	President	Present
Jim Reed	At Large	Pro-Tem	Present
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large		Present
Chris Ogle	District 1		Present
Laura DeDomenic	District 2		Present
Mark 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 July 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Lentz called the meeting to order.

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

The first item on the agenda was the approval of minutes from June 14, 2016.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds in County General Youth Services (001-34) for the amount of two-thousand four-hundred dollars (\$2,400) as presented by Deputy Auditor Sandy Beatty. They are requesting moving money from the Youth Care Workers Part-Time (001-34-01-28) to Machinery & Equipment (001-34-04-40). **Jim Reed made a motion to approve the Transfer of**

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Funds for County General Youth Services from Youth Care Workers Part-Time (001-34-01-28) to Machinery & Equipment (001-34-04-40) in the amount of two-thousand four-hundred dollars (\$2,400). Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation from the LOIT Special Distribution Fund (128) in the amount of one-million eight-hundred-sixty-four-thousand two-hundred-fifty dollars and forty-two cents (\$1,864,250.42) as presented by County Engineer Danny Hollander. This is money that was released by the State with the stipulation that seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds be used for roads. He has applied for Grants from the State which will require matching funds that will be paid out of this money as per State Guidelines. Jorge Morales asked why some roads have no centerlines marked on them. Engineer Hollander explained that they try to get the edges marked but some roads are not very wide which makes placing a centerline difficult. Chris Ogle asked what determines the width of roads such as Carr Hill which is wide at some points yet narrow in other spots. Engineer Hollander explained that is based on the developer and the requirement by the Planning Department at the time of the development. Laura DeDomenic asked how they determine whether to asphalt or chip & seal. Engineer Hollander stated that chip & seal adds seven (7) years to the life of the road. It costs eight-thousand dollars (\$8,000) per mile for chip & seal versus fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) per mile for asphalt. Jim Reed asked about the bridge on 300. Engineer Hollander stated that they had temporarily fixed it today but it will need a more

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permanent repair. **Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion to approve the request for an Additional Appropriation from the LOIT Special Distribution Fund (128) in the amount of one-million eight-hundred-sixty-four-thousand two-hundred-fifty dollars and forty-two cents (\$1,864,250.42) as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a request for an Additional Appropriation for the Veteran's Treatment Court (VTC) Grant (725) in the amount of seven-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$7,500) as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes. They received this Grant for the Veteran's Court. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request for an Additional Appropriation for the Veteran's Treatment Court (VTC) Grant (725) in the amount of seven-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$7,500) as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of a Resolution for the Intent to Purchase Real Estate. Commissioner Chairman Rick Flohr, Commissioner Larry Kleinhenz and Commissioner Carl Lienhoop presented the information. They have made an offer to purchase property for the extension office. Jorge Morales believes this is a good purchase but is concerned with the timing. The Sheriff has asked to purchase body cameras and that request has been denied. He feels the body cameras should be paid for out of the Telecommunication Fund as well as other electronic IT items. He does not feel it is prudent at this time. Commissioner Chairman Flohr stated that they did not deny the

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Sheriff the body cameras. The Sheriff was told by the Commissioners to put the body cameras in the budget and they would go from there, working with the Council. Jorge Morales stated it was a matter of semantics. Mark Gorbett stated that the Commissioners have been looking at buildings for quite some time. He asked Council Attorney Chris Monroe if the Council had control of the Commissioners on how they spend their money from the Telecommunications Fund. Attorney Monroe stated no, but for the purchase of Real Estate, State Law requires the Council to pass a resolution in order for the Commissioners to move forward. Laura DeDomenic asked if the Commissioners would be willing to utilize the Telecommunications Fund going forward to pay a portion of the IT salaries. Mark Gorbett asked about their long term plans. Commissioner Chairman Flohr stated that there is more space than needed for the Co-Op Extension in the office building and more room in the storage building that could be utilized by Maintenance and/or Highway. If they don't do something they could be moving again in six (6) months when the lease is up. Jorge Morales stated there were plenty of places to rent. Commissioner Carl Lienhoop stated that moving offices every year or so is not a good thing. Commissioner Kleinhenz stated that he would be against using the Telecommunication money for salaries. He feels that would be a bad idea. It is the tax payer's money; he is just not comfortable funding salaries out of it. Jim Reed asked about the fiber optics situation at the location. Laura DeDomenic stated that the Data Cave has good fiber and it is only a short distance from this building, but the Extension Office only uses the phone system, not the internet system. Jim Reed asked if they could

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move the Health Nursing to this location and sell that property, thus paying for part of the building. Commissioner Chairman Flohr stated it was definitely open for discussion. As far as the Sheriff, they want his department to get what they need, but they hope the decision regarding this building would not be hinged on the body cameras. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that he had a very critical Republican who had stated that this purchase was a good move. Mark Gorbett asked if they were going to have any issues with the maintenance. They said they would not. Mr. Brooks (*in the audience*) stated that of the forty-five-thousand dollars (\$45,000) in rent, the Soil and Water pays fifteen-thousand dollars (\$15,000). NRCS pays sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000), while FSA pays fifteen-thousand dollars (\$15,000). He believes this is a good and proactive step. If they could get the Federal Government Contract, it could be a ten (10) or fifteen (15) year lease so it would be a lengthy income flow. Laura DeDomenic asked when he anticipated the Federal Government would bid for a new lease. Mr. Brooks stated that it could be at any time as there are several issues with the current location. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence likes the idea of going to this building as it is cheaper than what we were going to build plus it is already in the form of the offices. Chief Deputy Auditor Beatty stated that there is still seven-hundred fifteen-thousand dollars (\$715,000) in the Annex Fund. She is uncertain what portions of the demolition bills have been paid.

Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the Resolution that they proceed with the purchase of the property at 785 South Marr Road. Chris Ogle seconded the motion.

Chris Lowe asked when the appraisal would take place and how old are the buildings.

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The appraisal would be as soon as they can get someone hired. The buildings were renovated in 2010. Jim Reed stated he wants them to look at moving the Nursing to the building before looking at Soil & Water. **The vote was called for and passed six to zero (6-0) with Jorge Morales abstaining.**

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

Jim Reed:

Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – 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

Liaison to Work Release Center Bd – nothing to report

Jorge Morales:

County 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 Bill Lentz:

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Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – 11:30 Friday there is a gathering at City Hall in memory of the Dallas Police shootings. Judge Coriden is asking for another Public Defender to be paid out of County General.

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – nothing to report

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

County Parks & Recreation Bd – looking at changes to Anderson Fall. They are still looking at a County Park Foundation. They are still working on the rest room project.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – nothing to report

JDAI – nothing to report

Laura DeDomenic:

Computer & Data Processing Bd – normal ratifications and the Commissioners are in process of interviewing for the Director position.

Columbus Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

Chris Ogle:

Liaison to Health Bd – nothing to report

County Extension Bd – nothing to report

Solid Waste Management District Bd – nothing to report

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Lisa Deaton asked why the City body cameras seemed to be about a thousand dollars (\$1,000) cheaper than what the Sheriff is wanting to purchase. Mark Gorbett is not certain what the differences are. Laura DeDomenic knows their radios are at the end of life and she believes they are looking at an integrated camera/radio setup.

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

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ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor

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