

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL  
December 13, 2016**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Present:</b>
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	Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on December 13, 2016 at 5:55 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Lentz called the meeting to order.

Jim Reed gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Lentz did a short presentation for retiring member Jim Reed. He has served two different times on the Council. Council members spoke nice words of Jim. Sheriff Matt Myers (*in the audience*) also commented on Jim's retirement on behalf of the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Lienhoop (*in the audience*) also commented for the Commissioner's Office. Don Strietelmeier (*in the audience*) also spoke highly of Jim Reed. Auditor Hackman spoke on behalf of the Auditor's Office. Shari Lentz (*in the audience*) spoke well of Jim from the Voter's Registration Office.

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President Lentz left the meeting due to his mother being in the hospital. Pro-Tem Jim Reed took over the meeting.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the following meeting minutes: August 9, September 13, October 11, November 9 and the Budget Hearing of August as well as the Special Meeting in August. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Consideration of a Resolution for Personal Property and Real Estate Tax Abatement for Georg Utz, Inc. as presented by Jason Hester, Economic Development Director and Penny Grubs, with Georg Utz, Inc. Ms. Grubs asked for a ten (10) year abatement on the building and a five (5) year abatement for the new equipment. The building and equipment should be ready by the end of 2017. They are currently at fifty-three (53) employees which are up from the forty-four (44) they had last year, so they are continuing to expand. The average salary would be \$18.84 per hour per new employee. They are also considering an e-shop which would require more warehouse storage. They are currently leasing warehouse space from Columbus Container. They will start with one machine and then continue to add as the need continues to arise. This abatement is just for the first machine. They have experienced a thirty-five percent (35%) growth this year. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve a new Abatement for ten (10) years for Real Property as presented with a standard schedule (the State's old 10 year schedule). Mark Gorbett seconded the**

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**motion which passed unanimously (6-0). Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve a new Abatement for five (5) years for Personal Property as presented with a standard schedule (the State's old 5 year schedule). Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a request for Additional Appropriation of Funds for Circuit Court IV-D as presented by Circuit Court Judge Elect Kelly Benjamin. They had extra expenditures for interpreters and are requesting four-hundred dollars (\$400) from the 210's to the 390's. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds in Circuit Court (001-39) in the amount of five-hundred dollars (\$500) as presented by Circuit Court Judge Elect Kelly Benjamin. This is to cover the cost of the purchase of a table. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the Agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds of one-hundred-thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Gasoline line item to Consulting Services for sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000) and the remaining forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000) into Improvements other than buildings. Commissioner Rick Flohr presented the request. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the request for Transfer as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).** Commissioner Flohr

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also noted that the County Mechanic Dave Ness will be leaving the County as of December 31 for another opportunity.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer for one-thousand two-hundred-seventy-eight dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$1,278.67) in 001-41 as requested by Information Technology Director Scott Mayes. Director Mayes explained this was for the purchase to add to the backup capacity. **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Transfer as presented. Marg Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer for the Office of Emergency Management in the amount of nine-hundred forty-one dollars and eighty-five cents (\$941.85) as presented by OEM Director Shannan Hinton. This is to help cover the EverBridge amount. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the Transfer. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Lease Purchase from Motorola for radio equipment for the Sheriff's Department as presented by Sheriff Matt Myers. Sheriff Myers stated that they had wanted to purchase the radios and body cameras at one time but they have run into issues with the body cameras. Because of that, they are putting the camera purchase on hold. This lease will replace the walkie-talkies in the Jail and the road deputies. The cost is three-hundred-thirty-eight-thousand three-hundred twenty dollars (\$338,320) which can be broken down in to five (5) payments. The Commissioners have set aside one-hundred-eight-thousand dollars (\$108,000). After that

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amount, the Council will have to find it in their budget. The camera price will not be the same as was quoted if they end up purchasing them at a later date. Mark Gorbett asked what would happen if a talkie was broken in year four (4) after the three (3) year warranty runs out. The lease is just basically financing the amount. There is a two-hundred dollar trade-in built into the lease for each existing radio. The life expectancy for these is ten (10) years. **Chris Ogle made a motion to commit to the five (5) years of funding for the lease of the radio equipment. Jorge Morales seconded the motion.** There were a few clarification comments. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously (6-0).** Jorge Morales stated that the Council consensus was to support the Sheriff for the purchase of body cameras at a later date.

The next item on the agenda was a 2017 Salary Ordinance Amendment as presented by Clerk Jay Phelps. Clerk Phelps updated everyone on the condition of his family members that had been involved in a car wreck. He stated that tonight he is here to make some changes to the 2017 Salary Ordinance. He is eliminating one position in his office for next year. The person is going to retire. With salary and benefits the total amount is over fifty-three-thousand dollars (\$53,000). He would like to move some of the funds to the Juvenile and Civil Claim Court Administrators. They do the exact same job as the Superior and Circuit Court desks. He wants to bump these two positions from Second Deputy to First Deputy positions. It will still result in a savings of about forty-eight-thousand five-hundred-seventy dollars (\$48,570). **Jorge Morales made a motion to increase the Juvenile Claims Court Administrator to a First Deputy with an**

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**increase in yearly salary of two-thousand one-hundred-seventy-eight dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$2,178.28) and to increase the Civil Claims Court Administrator to a First Deputy with an increase in yearly salary of two-thousand one-hundred-seventy-eight dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$2,178.28). Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).** Auditor Hackman stated that they then would need to eliminate the Second Deputy from the Election Board Budget. **Laura DeDomenic made the motion. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the 2017 County Council Appointments. Laura DeDomenic made a motion to accept the Appointments as presented and Chris Ogle seconded the motion. Sandy Beatty asked Jim Reed if he had been asked to serve on the PTABOA Board instead of her. She felt he would be a better choice. Jim Reed thanked her but he was not at all interested. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence suggested having a Liaison to the County Commissioners. Jorge Morales agreed. Mark Gorbett did not see the purpose of this appointment. Council Attorney stated that the Commissioners are an elected Board so there is no protocol for such a position. They could have a designated member attend the meetings. Jorge Morales stated that the Commissioners Work Sessions are open to the public. The Council may want to have someone designated to attend their meetings. Attorney Monroe stated again that there is no legal basis to have a Liaison to the Commissioners. Treasurer Pia O'Connor stated that the Monday Commissioner Meetings have an agenda that is posted as well as the minutes of the

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meetings are posted on the website. There was a change to the Health Board. Pro-Tem Reed read the appointments as follows:

- County Extension Board – Chris Ogle – 1 year term
- Office of Emergency Management Board – Mark Gorbett – 1 year term
- Job Review/Classification Committee:
  - Bill Lentz – 1 year term
  - Matt Miller – 1 year term
  - Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence – 1 year term
- Personnel Administrative Committee:
  - Matt Miller – 1 year term
  - Bill Lentz – 1 year term
- Solid Waste Management District Board – Chris Ogle – 1 year term
- Youth Services Center Advisory Bd – Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence – 1 year term
- Columbus Economic Development Board:
  - Jorge Morales – 1 year term
  - Laura DeDomenic – proxy – 1 year term
- County Redevelopment Commission:
  - Jorge Morales – 1 year term
  - Laura DeDomenic – 1 year term
- Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – Bill Lentz – 1 year term
- Liaison to Health Board – Laura DeDomenic – 4 year term (*changed to 2020*)

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- Liaison to Sheriff Merit Board – Jorge Morales – 1 year term
- Alcoholic Beverage Commission – Phyllis Apple – 1 year term
- County Board of Zoning Appeals – TBD – 4 year term
- Columbus Economic Development Commission – Roger Hackman – 1 year term
- Parks & Recreation Board – Jim Mahoney – 4 year term
- Property Tax Adjustment Board of Appeals – Sandy Beatty – 1 year term

**Laura DeDomenic revised her motion to approve the above read Appointments. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the 2017 Council Schedule. The March meeting was revised to March 21. Due to the fair, the July date has been moved out a week. Mark Gorbett made a motion to accept the 2017 Council Schedule. **Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

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* – trying to hire existing law enforcement – not skipping any steps in the process. They have 4 applications at this time. Minor changes to the Merit Board. Discussion of Class A's or Class B's.

*Job Review/Classification Committee* – nothing to report

*Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission* – nothing to report

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**Mark Gorbett:**

Emergency Management Bd – nothing to report

Emergency Dispatch Services – nothing to report

Community Corrections Bd – User fee issues.

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 – meeting January 3<sup>rd</sup>

**President Bill Lentz:**

Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – nothing to report

**Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:**

County Parks & Recreation Bd – in 2016 – they brought in \$31,889 and in 2015 they brought in \$23,316. Restroom plans are in Indianapolis. They have started a Foundation.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – nothing to report

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JDAI – nothing to report

**Laura DeDomenic:**

Computer & Data Processing Bd – nothing to report

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

The next item on the agenda was any miscellaneous items. Auditor Hackman stated that since Mary Ellen was paid out of the Election Board, they need to leave the position in Election Board. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to leave the position in the Election Board. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

Auditor Hackman has request for Transfer of Funds. She explained that while the painting was done in the office, they had determined to replace a file cabinet and to purchase a VariDesk. She is asking to move one-thousand five-hundred-eighty dollars (\$1,580). **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Transfer. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

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

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Lentz, President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Reed, Pro-Tem

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

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

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

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

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

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