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**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
February 14, 2017**

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

The Bartholomew County Council met on February 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President DeDomenic called the meeting to order.

Chris Ogle gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the meeting minutes for December 13, 2016. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence had noted changes and given them to Chris West right before the meeting. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the meeting minutes for January 10, 2017. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

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The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) Circuit Court IV-D as presented by Office Manager Tammy Johannesen. She had left off the line item for office supplies when she created the 2017 Budget. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Ratification of Transfer of Funds for County General/Jail as presented by Chief Deputy Auditor Sandy Beatty. Chief Deputy Beatty explained that she had transferred internally within the Sheriff/Jail budget four-thousand six-hundred-sixty-six dollars and seventy-four cents (\$4,666.74) to keep them out of the red: **Chris Ogle made a motion to approve the Ratification as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).** Jorge Morales asked if there were any encumbrances or was everything returned. Chief Deputy Beatty explained the printout that she had given the Council regarding the 2016 yearend figures.

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

Chris Ogle:

County Extension Bd – nothing to report

Solid Waste Management District Bd – nothing to report

Bill Lentz:

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

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Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – nothing to report

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

County Parks & Recreation Bd – a few hiccups in the bathroom plans.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – had returned \$16,223.

JDAI – nothing to report

AIC Meeting – Mental health was a big topic. They need to explain how they are spending the money we give them (CenterStone). Attorney Monroe is still working on investigation. There was discussion with the Commissioners regarding CenterStone providing information as to what we are getting for our money. AIC also discussed Annexation laws that may be going into effect. The new law could possibly require the Commissioners to sign off on any Annexations.

Laura DeDomenic:

Liaison to Health Bd – discussed spending the Grant money they have received. Not going for free Narcan for the County. Anyone needing it can get it. Five Guys is getting close to opening.

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Columbus Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

Consultants – Auditor Hackman has called three or four companies. Barb and I hope to have information prior to the next work session. August 1st is the

last date to enact a Cumulative Capital Development Tax. There is also the LIT and Wheel Tax.

Jorge Morales:

County Plan Commission – nothing to report

Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd – talked that they have 3 positions open and are having issues filling the positions with qualified personnel.

Cols Economic Development Bd – 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

Data Board – should be resolving issues with the current contract with Sharp for support.

Mark Gorbett stated that Deputy Coroner Jay Frederick had contacted him about concerns with the Coroner's Budget. Also he had met with the judges regarding security at the Court House. He asked the Sheriff if he had filled the two positions regarding the serving of papers. He has filled the positions with retired deputies. Jorge Morales asked if there had been incidents at the Court House prior to this. Mark Gorbett stated that there had been incidents at the Court House when he was Sheriff. They can anticipate when they are sentencing

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someone, but it is the unknowns, like this one. It has happened for years. Laura DeDomenic stated that they also need to look at security in this building as well. She stated that we need to look at the safety of all our employees. Jorge Morales asked if the Prosecutors were officers of the Court and were supposed to be providing security. Attorney Monroe stated they are "Officers" of the Court, but not for security purposes. They are not required to carry. He stated that Johnson County has two separate buildings and at least two officers at each entrance with metal detectors. There are not officers in the Court Rooms. Decatur County has two officers and a metal detector at the entrance. Jennings County has one officer and a metal detector. Brown County has almost nothing. Jackson County has three courts in three buildings. In one of the buildings they have an armed bailiff. In Shelby County, they have built an alcove on the back of the building. They have six full-time deputies there at all times as well as an officer in each court room. He stated that the worst cases are mainly the divorce cases. Mark Gorbett stated that there are just issues with the layout of the Court House as far as security is concerned. Attorney Monroe had suggested years ago that the Officer(s) at the door should be able to hear what is going on in the court room. There are panic buttons in the offices. Mark Gorbett stated that he had read the first part of the letter from the judges and they are requesting an officer on each floor and other additional staff. The Sheriff just can't do it. It is a funding issue. Bill Lentz said that with this recent request in addition to the additional public

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defenders they are requesting there just is not enough money. Attorney Monroe stated that it is not just the Court House that has concerns over the safety of County employees. Jorge Morales stated that not only do we not have enough taxes but we can't raise enough. Judicial Officers can carry a weapon. Judge Worton has the most experience of anyone but his weapon is locked in a box in his office.

Matt Miller:

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Lisa Deaton asked for verification of the three taxes available to the Council for additional revenue. It was explained that there is a Cumulative Capital Development Tax, additional LIT Taxes and a Wheel Tax.

Hearing no other business, Matt Miller made a motion to adjourn. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Chris Ogle, Member

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ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County