

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**July 18, 2017**

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

The Bartholomew County Council met on July 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Laura DeDomenic called the meeting to order.

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

President DeDomenic jumped to the Additional Appropriation/Salary Ordinance request from the Prosecutor's Office due to a time constraint for the presenter, Office Manager Brenda Mijares. Office Manager Mijares stated that this is the Adult Protective Services Contract. She has to do the fiscal budgets prior to the County Budget as it is due by July 31. This is totally funded by Grant money with no money from the County. She will be back later with an Additional Appropriation for twelve-thousand dollars (\$12,000) that is being received from three (3) other Counties. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if, the other Counties helping offset janitorial or IT service expenses since we are providing

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the office space. Manager Mijares stated that the funds are for the positions. Matt Miller stated that they had discussed adding a statement that if the funding goes away, so does the position. Manager Mijares stated that they have received additional funds for an additional investigator. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Adult Protective Services in the amount of two-hundred-sixty-nine-thousand five-hundred-ninety-nine dollars and one cent (\$269,599.01).** Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The new position will be an additional investigator that will work in the five (5) counties. Chris Ogle asked which County of the five is not contributing. Manager Mijares stated it is Jennings County that is not participating with additional funds. Matt Miller asked if she knew what percentage of the work is in Jennings County. She did not. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance Amendment to include the new APS investigator position.** Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked how many clients are involved in this. Manager Mijares does not have that information at this time.

The next item was the STOP Grant appropriation in the amount of forty-six-thousand six-hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$46,638). Manager Mijares explained that this is a Grant they have received that pays for an investigator in the Prosecutor's Office and it includes a three-percent (3%) raise. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to accept the STOP Grant in the amount of forty-six-thousand six-hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$46,638).** Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Auditor

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Hackman stated that this also requires a Salary Ordinance Amendment as the Salary Ordinance contains a not-to-exceed amount that will need to be increased. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to amend the Salary Ordinance to increase the not-to-exceed amount for this position. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was the Consideration of an Ordinance Adopting a Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) Fund. President DeDomenic asked if any members of the Council had anything to say before she opened it up to the public. Hearing none, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

**Russell Poling** was the first person in the audience to speak. He stated they had some very good discussion on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He understood from that meeting that the County is strapped. Then two (2) days later he reads the paper and sees that we are getting a new overpass and the County is kicking in two-million dollars (\$2,000,000). He had never heard anything about this and wonders where it is coming from. President DeDomenic stated that it has not come before the Council for a vote as of yet. She supports this as it is not just an employer issue, but a safety issue as far as public safety getting to the West side of the County. She knows that the Commissioners have earmarked some money, about one-million five-hundred-thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for Economic Development. County Commissioner President Carl Lienhoop stated that they had set this money aside over several years. They consider this an Economic Development project. They will use that money, which is one-million three-hundred-thousand dollars

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(\$1,300,000) in addition to two-hundred-thousand dollars (\$200,000) in Telecommunications. That will put the total at one-million five-hundred-thousand dollars (\$1,500,000). They then plan over the next two years to use two-hundred-fifty-thousand dollars (\$250,000) out of EDIT Funds to finish funding the County's portion of the project. They have been led to believe that the State will look more fondly on this project if everyone is a player. He knows the timing of the announcement was unbelievable. Mr. Poling understands replacing money that was taken away. He understands that the County is limited to a rate of \$0.0333. The City can increase their Cumulative Rate to \$0.0500. Mark Gorbett stated that the County is strapped and even if the full rate is put in place, that will still not be enough to fund our budgets. Mr. Poling stated that he also understands that the different funds have specific uses.

Matt Miller thought the overpass project was going to be funded as one-million five-hundred-thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) from the Commissioners and five-hundred-thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the Council. President DeDomenic stated that the additional five-hundred-thousand dollars (\$500,000) would be coming from the LIT or possibly from other funds such as Rainy Day or elsewhere. Commissioner President Lienhoop stated that as long as railroads are used, the problem will not go away. Hoping that the railroad would relocate to the bottoms is like wishing for a blizzard in July. Jorge Morales stated that the County had been working on Lowell Road and he wanted to know how much we had spent on that project. Commissioner Flohr stated approximately one-hundred-thousand (\$100,000) to one-hundred-fifty-thousand dollars (\$150,000). He went

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on to clarify that technically the Commissioners have been setting aside two-hundred-fifty-thousand dollars (\$250,000) every year for Economic Development. That is where this money will come from and they plan on using the next two years amounts of two-hundred-fifty-thousand dollars (\$250,000) to finish funding the project. Mr. Poling wanted to go on record as a fan of the overpass and he is glad at the way they are doing it. He believes the County needs a PR firm. He stressed again that it is very important that there are different pots of money that have specific uses. The public needs to understand that the EDIT money can be used for an overpass but not to hire a Sheriff's Deputy.

President DeDomenic brought the discussion back to the meeting's purpose. **Lisa Deaton** was the next person in the audience to speak. She supports what the Council is trying to do. She has not found any Legislatures that can explain why the County is in the position it is in. Auditor Hackman stated that Representative Milo Smith did contact Ben Tooley who is the Director of Fiscal Policy with the Indiana House of Representatives. Mr. Tooley did send a synopsis of what had occurred with the Senate Enrollment Act of 2016 that changed the CCD Fund and its effects on Bartholomew County. Auditor Hackman had contacted Courtney Schaafsma, DLGF Commissioner. Commissioner Schaafsma looked into the matter and sent the following response that was received today.

*The statutory change being referred to was SEA 321-2016, though the issue goes deeper than that bill. This issue also impacted Knox County (in*

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*addition to some other county units), and Knox County pursued a legislative fix in HEA 1450-2017. I point that out just because this may sound familiar as I give the background.*

*In SEA 321-2016, we modified the calculation of the maximum levy adjustment for cumulative capital development funds for counties and cities and towns to remove the second part of the test relating back to levies from 1984. This change is in IC 6-1.1-18.5-9.8. This left just the first part of the calculation which says that the maximum levy adjustment for CCD funds is the amount of taxes that would be imposed if the county, city or town imposed the maximum permissible property tax rate allowable for the CCD fund for the budget year. Because the CCD fund has to be specifically established following the procedures of IC 6-1.1-41, the Department's official position is and has been that if a unit has not established the CCD fund, they are not eligible for this maximum levy adjustment as they had no authority to impose a levy for the CCD fund.*

*This was the situation facing Bartholomew County for 2017. They did not have a CCD fund and chose not to establish one for 2017. The Department provided notice to Bartholomew County that they would receive no levy adjustment for CCD in the levy estimates released in July 2016. I also had a separate conversation with the Bartholomew County Auditor and I know they were aware of the impact the lack of the CCD fund would have on their levy for 2017.*

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*While SEA 321-2016 didn't change the statutory language associated with the first part of the test, what we found out after the fact is some of our field reps had previously been giving a maximum levy adjustment under the first part of the test even if the county or city/town did not have a CCD fund. They apparently had been trained many years ago to give the levy adjustment "as if" the unit had imposed the tax. Bartholomew County is one of the units that was receiving the levy adjustment even though they didn't have the CCD fund. For budget year 2016, there were 249 counties, cities or towns that did not impose a CCD fund. Of those, 220 did not receive a CCD maximum levy adjustment and 29 units did. Bartholomew County and Knox County were a part of the 29 units. Given the Department's official position being that the unit must have the fund established in order to receive the levy adjustment, I believe these 29 units benefitted in error and were treated differently than almost 90% of the units in the same situation. Unfortunately, these units had benefitted for many years from this error.*

*When the Department retrained its team in light of the change in SEA 321 and consistently applied its position for 2017, these units no longer received the levy adjustment. Of these units, Knox County was the only unit that protested the impact to their 2017 budget, which led to their language in HEA 1450-2017. To my knowledge, this issue was not raised by the other impacted units. For all of these units, they have the ability to reinstate their levy adjustment by establishing a CCD fund, which appears to be what Bartholomew County is doing for 2018.*

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*I apologize for the long explanation on this, but I hope it helps to explain what happened. While it is unfortunate that these units were negatively impacted in 2017, I believe it is important that this statute be consistently applied across all units in the same situation, especially now that we know that there was an inconsistency in the manner in which the Department applied the law previously. Please let me know if you have questions on the above or need any other information.*

*For legislative questions, you can send those over to me or to Dave Marusarz, our Deputy General Counsel, while we get a new legislative person figured out. We'll let you know as soon as we have an official point person identified.*

*Thanks – Courtney L Schaafsma, Commissioner, Indiana DLGF*

Auditor Hackman also sent the Council members the 1782 notice that shows the levy amounts. Lisa Deaton stated that she understands that they are in a bind. She supports the overpass project. Her problem is that she remembers really appreciating a Council that was passionately concerned about budgeting for more than one year. She is concerned that if they do not start planning for something five (5) years down the road we will be right back where we are. Mark Gorbett stated that they have been looking five (5) and ten (10) years down the road. That is why they are looking at the CCD fund and the

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LIT tax. They are looking at impacts in the following years regarding their revenue streams. President DeDomenic stated that two (2) months ago Umbaugh was here to present a plan for three (3) years. Unfortunately some departments are growing quicker than was planned, such as the Jail due to the Level 6 Felons now being housed in our jail. Lisa Deaton stated that everything she said was meant in the upmost respect. She did state that the PR is the big perception. No disrespect to any consultants, but she has never heard anyone come before the Council to explain why we didn't need a new tax. She believes we need to work more with the State to stop these unfunded mandates.

**Patrick Badgley** was the next person in the audience to speak. He wanted to speak about the jail. His wife goes in to the jail as a jail minister for six (6) hours every week. The overcrowding in the women's part has them sleeping on the floor. This is a powder keg waiting to explode. He fears for the safety of the inmates, jail ministers and the staff. As a taxpayer he is willing to pay more taxes for more staff for the jail.

**Ron Speer** was the next person in the audience to speak. He is confused on the money for this thing. Two weeks ago we were six-hundred-eighty-thousand dollars (\$680,000) short and then a week ago we have two-million dollars (\$2,000,000) for an overpass. He believes it is more important to support the Sheriff than it is to build an overpass. Mark Gorbett stated that he has seen what the Sheriff is up against. The Council has cut everything in all the departments' budgets except the personnel. We may have to use the Rainy Day funds for the Sheriff's request later tonight. Chris Ogle asked for hands showing who in the audience were taxpayers but were not County employees.

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He counted five (5) hands at this second public meeting. Only five (5) taxpayers is not a great representation. He is glad that those five (5) are here, but where are the rest of the taxpayers that will complain about the decisions made by Council. There was further discussion regarding the overpass. Bill Lentz stated that they have commitments of thirty-million dollars (\$30,000,000). The designer thinks that it can be done for twenty-seven-million dollars but that is further in the future and we may not need to contribute the full two-million dollars (\$2,000,000).

Auditor Hackman explained that there is no revenue stream for the Rainy Day Fund. There was over one-million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Miller Estate that was placed in the Rainy Day fund as well as about two-million dollars (\$2,000,000) from the welfare when the State took that over. That is why there is money in the fund at this time. There are small amounts added occasionally. It is like a savings account that once it is gone, it is gone. You can't spend down every dime and expect to continue with no new revenue. Matt Miller asked Dan Hedden of Umbaugh what his recommendation was for the Rainy Day fund. He stated that cash reserves should be in total somewhere between two (2) months to six (6) months so that you do not have to pursue short term borrowing for day to day operations. There are currently reserves and we need to discuss what reserves we want to ideally have. The general rule is somewhere between fifteen-percent (15%) to fifty-percent (50%). President DeDomenic stated that the report from Umbaugh recommends that we have about six-million two-hundred-thousand dollars (\$6,200,000) in our cash reserves. We currently have three-million two-hundred-

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thousand dollars (\$3,200,000). Matt Miller clarified that if we continue as we are without any new employees, we are okay, but if we want to hire more people we have to have new revenue. Mr. Hedden stated that would be correct for the next three (3) years, but that would be with no changes including raises or any other items. Jorge Morales stated that this has been a good conversation but we need to get back on topic. Mark Gorbett stated that we need a new revenue stream. The CCD fund is a curveball that was thrown to us by the State. He is in favor of enacting the CCD fund for the low rate to cover the loss, but we will have to find additional revenue from there. The LIT is from income of people that are making money. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence stated that we heard from people at the last meeting that do not want their taxes increased. Mark Gorbett stated that no one wants taxes increased. Bill Lentz doesn't want to see the CCD and then the LIT. He wants to wait until the budget cycle process has been completed. Mark Gorbett stated that just knowing what the Sheriff needs are for 2018, we do not have the funds for that alone. He just wants to get back where we were. Bill Lentz stated that the Council works for the people. They need to work on what they can do without additional taxes. Chief Deputy Auditor Sandy Beatty stated that currently the budget requests are for three-million dollars (\$3,000,000) more than last year's approved budget. Chris Ogle stated that he is not in favor of the CCD because it will penalize the commercial property owners. Auditor Hackman asked if Mr. Hedden had an estimate of costs average affects. He stated that for homestead properties would be nine dollars (\$9.00). The dollars brought in in 2018 would be basically the same as the 2016 year.

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**Dave Jones**, from the audience spoke. He is a City resident. The City has already enacted a three-million dollar (\$3,000,000) increase. Is the part-time County Council willing to give up their insurance benefits? The Council stated that that is a Commissioner decision. There have been a lot of tax increases in the past couple years. He agrees that five (5) people are a poor showing of the taxpayers.

**Lisa Deaton** wanted to clarify that only nine dollars (\$9.00) is not a good statement because it needs to be combined with all the other tax increases they have seen.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence stated that the 2016 Republican platform called for budgeting without increased taxes. Matt Miller stated that the community has a drug problem, but when they get out of jail they will need a job. This tax will hurt the small businesses that could supply those jobs. He thinks this is the wrong way to go about it. Jorge Morales called for a motion. There have been two (2) public hearings so if we have a motion let's hear it. Mark Gorbett stated that it is nice to cut and forget about it, but he was paying this tax for years then the State said it was a mistake and took it away so all he is asking is to reinstate it so that we are back where we were two years ago. We have spent thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000) for a consultant that has stated that we need to increase revenues and yet we are not going to generate the revenue. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to put the rate at \$0.0167. The motion died for lack of a second.**

Mr. Jones stated that we need to get away from the idea that tax is revenue. There are other ways to get revenue.

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The next item on the agenda was a Request for Job Description changes for the Health Department, Sheriff Department and Highway Department. They have all been through the Personnel Committee and were all voted on favorably by the Committee. These are only name/title changes at this time. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the requested job changes for the Public Health Clinic Secretary to Public Health Access/Administrative Assistant; Public Health Receptionist to Public Health Patient Access; Sheriff Department Clerical to Investigation Administrative Assistant; and Highway Department Mechanic to Chief Mechanic. Matt Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was Sheriff Matt Myers with a request for an Additional Appropriation in the amount of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000). They were budgeted seventy-thousand nine-hundred-sixty-seven dollars (\$70,967) dollars in this year's budget for overtime in the jail. They have spent to date one-hundred-ten-thousand three-hundred-eighty-three dollars (\$110,383) dollars. They have transferred seventeen-thousand four-hundred-seventy-one dollars and eighty-three cents (\$17,471.83) from part-time due to unfilled positions in the jail. They also transferred two-thousand dollars (\$2,000) from longevity. They are averaging roughly fifteen thousand seven-hundred-sixty-eight dollars (\$15,768) a month in overtime in the jail alone. They have used that average to come up with the amount they are requesting for the rest of the year. They believe they will need an additional seventy-eight-thousand eight-hundred-forty-three dollar (\$78,843) for the rest of the year. They also believe they may have twenty-five-

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thousand dollars (\$25,000) at the end of the year from unspent salaries that they could apply to this. This would leave roughly fifty-three-thousand eight-hundred-forty-three dollars (\$53,843) to cover jail overtime. Jorge Morales clarified that this is not for road deputies but rather jail staff. Sheriff Myers agreed. They are running roughly two-hundred twenty (220) inmates or forty (40) more inmates a day. Thirty (30) or thirty-five (35) of the total number are Level 6 offenders. Sixty-seven-percent (67%) are awaiting sentencing while the other thirty-three percent (33%) are serving time. Eighty-five percent (85%) are there on felony charges. Mark Gorbett asked about the control points. He had gone in one day and saw the medical staff was overcrowded and there were jail staff performing medical care. Jail Commander John Martoccia stated the overtime is a bit of everything, even the kitchen staff has to stay longer to wash dishes due to the numbers in the jail. Sheriff Myers stated that the Council has a hard job as they represent all the departments of the County. They have worked with him and he appreciates it. Jorge Morales asked for clarification regarding the numbers. He knows the Level 6 inmates that we have to take, but where is the other increase. Sheriff Myers stated the drug issue is a big part of it. They are making more arrests this year involving drugs. They have released seven-hundred-fifty (750) that met the criteria of the new Immediate Release Program. If not for that, the overcrowding would be much worse. The jury is still out on this new program but so far so good. The Level 6 inmates are a big chunk of the problem. Judge Benjamin stated that they kept having repeat offenders when they were releasing on proxy. So the judges got together to establish appropriate bonds and

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conditions. The State shows pre-trial release people make up seventy-five percent (75%) of the jail population while Bartholomew County's pre-trial release make up is only twenty-five percent (25%). Sheriff Myers stated it is a variety of different things. Commander Martoccia stated that last year the County General received three-hundred-one-thousand dollars (\$301,000) and this year would be about three-hundred-thirty-six-thousand dollars (\$336,000) if we maintain the same numbers of Level 6 prisoners. President DeDomenic figured that based on twenty-five (25) Level 6 inmates it would cost the County around four-hundred-fifty-thousand dollars (\$450,000) above the reimbursement amount from the State. Mark Gorbett asked about opening the old portion of the jail. Sheriff Myers stated that he is not ready to do that just yet. If he can get some relief with the 2018 budget, then he will know next year if they will need to open the old part. Jorge Morales stated that the alternative to the overtime issue would be to hire at least seven (7) people to the jail staff as determined by the Six Sigma program. He stated that overtime is the cheaper of the two (2) options. Jail Commander Martoccia stated that yes it is cheaper but you can only work people so much. Sheriff Myers stated that they are here today to request overtime funding for this year and will discuss employee numbers in the 2018 Budget process. Matt Miller asked if they were still utilizing reserve officers for medical transports. Jail Commander Martoccia stated they were but now most medical facilities are requiring two officers accompany any inmate for appointments so it has become even more difficult. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation amount of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000).**

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Matt Miller appreciated the comments of the Sheriff that they (the Sheriff's Department) are doing everything they can, but that is also what the Council is here for. Sheriff Myers stated he was in no way insinuating that the Council wasn't involved, but he was just letting them know what they have done and are trying to prepare them for the 2018 Budget Session. **Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was Court Services as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes. Director Barnes had three (3) Grants that they needed to have appropriated. The first one was for seventy-five-thousand five-hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$75,537) for salaries and benefits. They have funds from the Indiana Supreme Court to fund the Veteran's Court. They will also need to do the Salary Ordinance for Position #19 that is currently funded under Adult Probation User Fees. The bi-weekly amount would be for one-thousand nine-hundred seventy-six dollars and sixty-one cents (\$1,976.61). **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the bi-weekly Salary and the remaining money of the seventy-five-thousand five-hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$75,537).** President DeDomenic noted that this needed to be done in two (2) separate motions. **Mark Gorbett amended his motion to be to approve the Additional Appropriation of the seventy-five-thousand five-hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$75,537) for Court Services Veteran's Court. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mark Gorbett made a motion for within Court Services to amend the Salary Ordinance for Position #19 to the bi-weekly amount of one-thousand nine-hundred seventy-six dollars and sixty-one cents (\$1,976.61).**

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**Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Chris Ogle made a motion to reduce the Salary Ordinance Position #19 in Adult Probation to the bi-weekly amount of one-thousand nine-hundred thirty-five dollars and ninety-six cents (\$1,935.96). Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Problem Solving Grant for the Veteran's Court in the amount of nine-thousand six-hundred twenty-five dollars (\$9,625) as presented by Director Barnes. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation of the Grant in the amount of nine-thousand six-hundred twenty-five dollars (\$9,625). Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was a Pre-Trial II Grant in the amount of twenty-five-thousand dollars (\$25,000) as presented by Director Barnes. This is for first appearance public defender and is a contract position. Judge Benjamin stated that the Judicial Center came down and reviewed our processes. They determined that we needed to have a first appearance public defender. The Judicial Center stated they had money for one (1) year to get this started. Chris Ogle asked if this would be divided up between the current public defenders or would they hire someone new. Judge Benjamin stated it would be someone new. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation of the Grant for the Public Defender II in the amount of twenty-five-thousand dollars (\$25,000). Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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The next item on the agenda was an Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for Position #29 as presented by Director Barnes. Director Barnes stated that they wish to increase the bi-weekly amount for Position #29 from one-thousand eight-hundred forty-seven dollars and ninety-six cents (\$1,847.96) to two-thousand three-hundred ninety-one dollars and sixty-five cents (\$2,391.65). He has an employee that they are moving into this position that due to their position on the salary scale, they need to increase this amount. They have the funds for this. Jorge Morales asked about the six (6) people that were moved to County General; are they still there. Director Barnes stated that they had only moved one (1) and that is the position they are discussing at this time. Treasurer Pia O'Connor asked for clarification (*as Auditor Hackman had been out of the room*) that a Salary Ordinance Amendment could occur without it having been advertised. Director Barnes restated his request for Auditor Hackman. President DeDomenic asked him to explain how it was going to be short term. Director Barnes stated that he had an employee that was getting ready to retire and they also need to hire a Supervisor. The new hire will have to be paid based on the Indiana Probation Officer Schedule. Matt Miller asked if they would be doing the same job just higher pay. Director Barnes stated they are currently being paid higher from County General position. Jorge Morales had a question for the Judges but it did not relate to the item under discussion. **Mark Gorbett made a motion for the Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for Position #29 from a bi-weekly amount of one-thousand eight-hundred forty-seven dollars and ninety-six cents (\$1,847.96) to two-thousand three-hundred ninety-one dollars and sixty-five**

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**cents (\$2,391.65) as presented. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item on the agenda was any miscellaneous items. Jorge Morales asked the Judges if they had hired the additional person at half-time. Judge Coriden stated that they have hired someone and the workload is much better as well as the attitude in the office. It was also noted that Auditor Hackman was “stealing” an employee from Judge Benjamin’s Court to the Auditor’s Office.

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

**Matt Miller:**

*Personnel Administrative Committee* – nothing to report

*Job Review/Classification Committee* – 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* – staff in place – needs infrastructure updates next year

*Drug Epidemic Committee* – discussed the heroin epidemic – more information to come

**Jorge Morales:**

County Plan Commission – approved an 8 acre parcel into 4 lots

Liaison to Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Cols Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

**Laura DeDomenic:**

Liaison to Health Bd – reviewed 2018 budget

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Columbus Economic Development Bd – Duke gave a ten-thousand dollar (\$10,000) Grant for the Meadow Lawns Farm parcels in German Township to help in developing it for businesses.

**Bill Lentz:**

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – discussion of the new overpass – of the fifteen-million dollars (\$15,000,000) pledged by the State, they (the State) are requesting a Federal Grant for twelve-million dollars (\$12,000,000) of it – standard practice.

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**Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:**

County Parks & Recreation Bd – restroom walls up but no doors – Heflin Park was having a lot of homeless people staying in tents. They have instituted a rule that you must have a vehicle to stay in the park. Johnson County was having the same issues.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – nothing to report

JDAI – nothing to report

Affordable Housing Meeting – nothing to report

**Chris Ogle:**

County Extension Bd – nothing to report

Solid Waste Management District Bd – nothing to report

Jorge Morales made a motion to adjourn. Chris Ogle seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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