

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
August 8, 2017

Name:	Representing:	Title:	Present:
Laura DeDomenic	District 2	President	Present
Bill Lentz	At Large	Pro-Tem	Present
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large		Not-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 August 8, 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.

The first item on the agenda was an Additional Appropriation Request for the Office of Emergency Management in the amount of one-thousand eight-hundred sixty-nine dollars and fifty-four cents (\$1,869.54) as presented by Director Shannan Hinton. Director Hinton explained that the request was for EverBridge costs for the year that had not been properly budgeted. In addition to the incorrect budget amount, EverBridge did also increase their cost. Jorge Morales asked for an explanation regarding EverBridge. Director Hinton explained the EverBridge system sends alert messages to anyone that is signed up. The County pays forty-one percent (41%) of the cost while the City picks up

the remaining amount. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation Request of one-thousand eight-hundred sixty-nine dollars and fifty-four cents (\$1,869.54) as presented. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

Due to the amount of time that may be required with the next agenda item, President DeDomenic skipped to the Telecommunications Fund/CEDIT Fund item on the agenda and moved to the 2017 Salary Ordinance Amendment as presented by Court Services Director Brad Barnes. Director Barnes stated that he wanted to move Position #1 out of County General and into the Veterans Court for the bi-weekly amount of one-thousand nine-hundred seventy-six dollars and sixty-two cents (\$1,976.72). **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the 2017 Salary Ordinance Amendment as presented to move Position #1 out of County General and into the Veterans Court for the bi-weekly amount of one-thousand nine-hundred seventy-six dollars and sixty-two cents (\$1,976.72). Matt Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

Director Barnes next stated that he wanted to move Position #19 from the Veterans Court to Adult Probation User Fees for the bi-weekly amount of two-thousand one-hundred twenty-nine dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$2,129.57). **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the 2017 Salary Ordinance Amendment as presented to move Position #19 from the Veterans Court to Adult Probation User Fees for the bi-weekly amount of two-thousand one-hundred twenty-nine dollars and fifty-seven**

cents (\$2,129.57). Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).

President DeDomenic returned to the Telecommunications Fund/CEDIT Fund item on the agenda. Commissioner Chairman Carl Lienhoop stated that this request is to use two-hundred-thousand dollars (\$200,000) in the Telecommunications Funds and one-million three-hundred-thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) in CEDIT Funds towards the construction of an overpass on Indiana 46 over the railroad. Jorge Morales asked about the CEDIT Funds. He understood that we are changing this Fund to the LIT (*Local Income Tax*). He understands that the Commissioners have been putting money back in reserves. He asked if there will still be a “plan” presented by the Commissioners and how will that work. Auditor Hackman stated that the LIT is made up of three (3) buckets which consist of CEDIT, Certified Shares and Public Safety, but the County does not currently utilize the Public Safety portion at this time. The CEDIT Plan is not approved by the Council; the Commissioners approve the plan and the Council appropriates the Funds for the plan. Mark Gorbett stated that he understood that if the project came under budget, the units that are contributing would be paid back proportionally. That is the plan. Chris Ogle asked if this money had already been approved each year, why would the Council have to approve it today. Commissioner Lienhoop explained that they needed the Council to appropriate the money they had been putting back for a good project as it has never been appropriated for use. It was asked if there would be a document between the entities to assure the correct and continued future funding. There

will be an agreement signed by all entities involved. Bill Lentz asked about the continuing payments of two-hundred fifty-thousand dollars (\$250,000). That amount is already built into their CEDIT plan. Commissioner Lienhoop stated that when the Commissioners were first approached by the Mayor with this request, they felt it was a reasonable request. The Mayor impressed upon them that INDOT is hoping to see the City and the County participate with this. When CEDIT first started it was to be for Economic Development. Since then, the legislatures have opened it up for other uses. They feel this is an appropriate use of these funds. Jorge Morales asked for the breakdown of the project costs. Mayor Lienhoop stated they presented the project to INDOT as a twenty-seven-million two-hundred-thousand dollars (\$27,200,000). INDOT called the project a thirty-million dollar (\$30,000,000) project. INDOT divided it by two (2) and said they would cover fifteen-million dollars (\$15,000,000). The Mayor explained that four-million dollars (\$4,000,000) would come from the Central TIF and five-million five-hundred-thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) from the Cummins TIF. They approached the railroad and they agreed to fund one-million five-hundred-thousand dollars (\$1,500,000). Those amounts combined with the two-million dollars (\$2,000,000) from the County would result in thirteen-million dollars (\$13,000,000) which is very close to half of the original estimate. Jorge Morales stated that during the Council Work Session, a citizen was concerned that the County was spending their Economic Development Funds for the project while the City was using their TIF Funds and none of their Economic Development funds. Bill Lentz pointed out that INDOT is

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putting up fifteen-million dollars (\$15,000,000) but they are putting in for a Federal Grant for twelve-million dollars (\$12,000,000) of the fifteen-million dollars (\$15,000,000). Mark Gorbett noted that we also want to get this project started as soon as possible as the impact to the community will start next year. Jorge Morales stated that Cummins is not putting money in but rather allowing the City to use money from the Cummins TIF Funds. It was also mentioned at the Council Work Session that State Road 11 floods anytime there is a heavy rain. It was discussed that it would be great if this could be mediated at the time of the construction of the overpass. The Commissioners had talked with the railroad a couple of weeks ago, discussing several road crossings. The railroad reminded the Commissioners that the railroad did not cross the County roads; the County roads crossed the railroad. It was mentioned that the City is working with Purdue to develop a cell phone application that would give updates on train crossings and such to assist the 911 Center and citizens. The railroad stated that they will work with the City regarding the marathon, but once they go to their full schedule they will not. The Commissioners will earmark the remaining payments for appropriations in 2018 and or 2019. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented.**

The meeting was opened for public comment. Tom Heller had two (2) points to discuss. He agrees that the project should include the State Road 11. His other point is the financing. He suggested that the County offer the two-million dollars (\$2,000,000) as an in-kind contribution by offering a design. He also believes that the County has already

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paid the two-million dollars (\$2,000,000) by the funds that have gone to TIF. Also, he had contacted Senator Walker about a year ago to inform him that sixty (60) parcels had not been tagged as TIF until just last year. Matt Miller had asked the Mayor about the design of the overpass. It is not set in stone at this time. INDOT will do the design. There is also a possibility of the architectures fees could be paid from another source. Don Strietelmeier asked if they could explain this in percentages. He would like to know specifically how much the City residents would be paying into this. Property owners in Flatrock or Hawcreek Township would not be affected very much by this project. The County portion would be coming from income, not property taxes. Jorge Morales stated that the project will not even start until 2019 or 2020, but the trains will increase to twenty (20) or more trains a day during the fourth quarter of 2018. Mr. Strietelmeier stated that he just believes you should pay for a project based on your benefit and a lot of the County will not benefit greatly from this overpass. Mark Webber from the Republic confirmed with the Mayor that two (2) additional trains will be added soon. He asked if we knew what time they would be coming through. The Mayor stated that they had asked the railroad to be mindful of our peak rush hour times. The railroad responded that if they are not here during those times, they will be somewhere else during those times. **Mark Gorbett reiterated his motion to appropriate the two-hundred-thousand dollars (\$200,000) in the Telecomm Fund as requested. Jorge Morales seconded the motion.** Bill Lentz stated that it is a public safety concern but it is bad timing with the extremely tight budget that we are going to be dealing with. He wishes that we could

find the other five-hundred-thousand dollars (\$500,000) elsewhere. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously (6-0).**

Mark Gorbett made a motion to appropriate the one-million three-hundred-thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) in the CEDIT Fund as requested. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).

Mark Gorbett asked about the other funds. Auditor Hackman stated that the Agreement would have the Council and Commissioners on it and it would probably be sometime next year. Jorge Morales requested that we build a working bridge, not the Taj Mahal.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the 2018 Budget Review Schedule. It was discussed that several people from the Council were invited to go to Decatur, Illinois to review an Opioid program that is in use there. It was decided by the Council not to meet on Thursday, moving scheduled departments to Friday. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to remove Thursday from the schedule, moving those scheduled departments to Friday. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

Commissioner Lienhoop gave a brief explanation of the trip and what led up to it. President DeDomenic asked when we would have the “target” number for the 2018 Budget. Auditor Hackman asked if that was something they had wanted Umbaugh to come up with? It was requested that Dan Hedden come Friday for the deliberation portion of the Budget Hearings.

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The next item on the agenda was the Non-Binding Review. There were members from the Library present in the audience. Auditor Hackman stated that these are the estimates by the Taxing Units based on their meetings with the DLGF last week. Also included with the information is the Tax Cap Impact Projections. The DLGF does estimate this number on the high side so as not to undercut the units. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the Non-Binding Reviews and the Tax Cap Impact Projections. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** They asked if anyone from the audience had any comments. There were none.

Jorge Morales spent six (6) hours with Merit Deputy Andrew Dugan. They drove about two-hundred (200) miles. Four (4) hours were driving while two (2) hours were processing individuals.

County General 2018 Budgets spreadsheets were handed out to the Council members. The 2017 amounts on the sheets are what were paid out of County General only.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Mark Gorbett, Member

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Matt Miller, Member

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Hackman, Auditor
Bartholomew County