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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
October 8, 2019

Name:	Representing:	Title:	Present:
Matt Miller	At Large	President	Present
Bill Lentz	At Large	Pro-Tem	Present
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large		Present
R. Scott Bonnell	District 1		Present
Laura DeDomenic	District 2		Present
Mark E. Gorbett	District 3		Present
Jorge R. Morales	District 4		Present
Chris Monroe	- -	Attorney	Present
Pia O'Connor	Auditor	Secretary	Not - Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on October 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

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

President Matt Miller called the meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of meeting minutes of the August Budget Hearings as well as the August 13, 2019 and September 10, 2019 meetings.

Jorge Morales 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 a Tax Abatement for Peer Food Group, Inc./Golden Endeavors as presented by Jason Hester, President of the Greater Columbus Economic Development Corporation and Mr. Sutton of Peer Foods Group. They are planning a new 53,000 square foot warehouse/distribution center. It will be a

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build to suit lease-back through a triple-net lease. Building costs will be about \$13,600,000 and equipment costs will be about \$2,400,000. They will create 11 new jobs at an average of \$17.13 per hour. They are requesting a 10-year abatement on the real property and 5-year abatement on the personal property. Jorge Morales asked about the abatement that was granted last year. Mr. Sutton stated that they had been planning that project at about \$30,000,000 but when the costs were finalized, it was closer to \$50,000,000. Because of the increase, the project was not started. President Miller asked what would happen if the company leaves in 3 years, does the abatement stay with the building or the company. Mr. Hester stated that the Council would be reviewing this year to year and would then make any determinations. Deputy Auditor Chris West explained that if the building was to change hands during the abatement time frame, the new owner could apply to continue the abatement if they file the correct paperwork and meet the requirements. It was asked if the 11 positions would be existing employees coming from the Indianapolis Facility. The current employees will be offered to move here, but it is unknown if or how many would take the opportunity. This is in the TIF District. It was asked if abatements in TIF Districts were common. Mr. Hester stated that it slows down how quickly the TIF begins capturing funds. He would never suggest a “double-dip” but this company is only asking for an abatement. They are not asking for anything from the TIF. Council Attorney Monroe presented the Resolution for the Abatement. He explained that currently the property is assessed as farm ground and is at a very low amount of taxes. Next year, there will be a new warehouse facility. It will receive a

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100% deduction, but in year 2 the percentage drops so there is new taxes being collected. TIF is just where the money goes when it is collected. Deputy Chief Auditor West added that on year one, there is additional revenue as the land will change from Agricultural to Commercial which is a drastic increase in assessment. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented with a 10-year Real Estate Abatement and a 5-year Personal Property Abatement. Jorge R Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for a Tax Abatement for Georg Utz, Inc. as presented by Jason Hester, President of the Greater Columbus Economic Development Corporation and Penny Grubbs, Finance Manager at Georg Utz. This is for new equipment only. They will maintain 87 jobs and create 14 additional jobs. They are requesting a standard 5-year abatement. Scott Bonnell asked about the other continuing abatements. They are in the last year of their original abatement and have the remainder of the 2016 building abatement. They continue to grow and continue to add new injection molding machines. Chris West, as the German Township Trustee for this area, spoke on behalf of the company as they could have walked away when they lost a USPS contract, yet they changed their work plan and continued on. With this addition, they will be at the 100 employees they had planned on originally. Council Attorney Monroe presented the Resolution for the Abatement. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented for a 5-year Personal Property Abatement. Laura DeDomenic 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 the Community Crossing Matching Grant (8924) in the amount of \$407,429.03 as presented by County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. This is just to appropriate money that they have received this year. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge R Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of \$381,708.16 to the Highway Funds to pay back the amounts already spent. This will be done in two amounts as follows:

Transfer to Highway Fund (1176) in the amount of \$116,303.29 as presented by County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge R Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

Transfer to Highway Fund (1173) in the amount of \$265,404.87 as presented by County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge R Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).** Mark Weber of the Republic asked the difference between Restricted and un-Restricted funds. Engineer Hollander stated that a Restricted Fund states that 50% has to be used for road preservation. The other 50% can be used on salaries, insurance and maintenance. He is working within the new guidelines that the

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State has put on them. He has used some Local, Roads & Streets for equipment purchases to meet the requirement.

This is a Transfer from Bridge 57 to Contractual Services. Bridge 57 will not be done this year so he is transferring \$105,000 to Contractual Services. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mark E Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

Engineer Hollander distributed a handout that showed that while the overall amounts are up, the local units have been cut. MVH is up 7% but our portion is down 10%. They have reduced the percentages that the Counties receive. State Highway income is up 21%. There is a bridge on Carr Hill that has to be redone prior to the new Overpass. It will have to be done this fall to meet the deadline and will be shut down at least 4 months. There was discussion regarding a 2nd left turn lane at 46 where Starbucks is located. That is in the State's control.

The next item on the agenda was the Second Reading of the 2020 Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District Budget as read by SWMD Director Heather Siesel. Director Siesel discussed the changes in their budget. For Personal Services (100's) the 2020 amount is \$1,103,129; for Supplies (200's) the 2020 amount is \$84,000; for Other Services and Charges (300's) the 2020 amount is \$1,978,500; and for Capital Outlay (400's) the 2020 amount is \$294,300 for a total 2020 Budget of \$3,459,929. Overall, it is just shy of \$500,000 lower than their 2019 Budget. **Jorge R Morales made**

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a motion to approve on Second Reading the 2020 SWMD Budget as presented.

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

The next item on the agenda was the Second Reading of the 2020 Bartholomew County Budget and Salary Ordinance. Chief Deputy Auditor Dalene Pattingill read the 2020 Proposed Budget as follow:

Department	#	Sub #	County General	Other Funds	LIT	LIT Public Safety	LIT Correctional
Clerk	1000	01	\$429,884				
Auditor	1000	02	\$462,304				
Treasurer	1000	03	\$230,634				
Recorder	1000	04	\$168,820				
Sheriff	1000	05	\$4,614,830				
Surveyor	1000	06	\$371,070				
Coroner	1000	07	\$122,073				
Prosecutor	1000	08	\$697,386				
Assessor	1000	09	\$256,237				
Code Enforcement	1000	11	\$513,717				
Emergency Management Office	1000	18	\$202,229				
Surveyor - Drainage Board	1000	19	\$9,300				
Clerk - Voter's Registration	1000	22	\$83,151				
Cooperative Extension	1000	23	\$254,629				
Park Board	1000	25	\$296,027				
Veteran's Services	1000	27	\$135,375				
Weights & Measures	1000	28	\$53,050				
Council	1000	29	\$118,093				

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Commissioners	1000	30	\$9,573,555				
Maintenance	1000	31	\$1,170,706				
E911 - Operations Center	1000	33	\$231,331				
Community Corrections - YSC	1000	34	\$1,685,439				
Community Corrections - Court Services	1000	35	\$574,499				
Court - Circuit	1000	36	\$658,433				
Court - Superior I	1000	37	\$422,599				
Court - Superior II	1000	38	\$530,089				
Court - Circuit Court IV-D	1000	39	\$72,376				
Prosecutor - Prosecutor IV-D	1000	40	\$622,306				
Information Technology	1000	41	\$1,857,375				
Council - ASAP	1000	42	\$543,718				
Court - ASAP Drug Court	1000	42	\$297,565				
Jail - ASAP	1000	42	\$114,995				
Soil & Water	1000	44	\$96,655				
Commissioners - CEDIT	1112				\$3,233,000		
Sheriff - Jail	1114						\$4,933,097
Clerk - Clerk's Perpetuation	1119			\$76,156			
VIP	1127			\$1,443,100			
Assessor - Sales Disclosure	1131			\$11,770			
Highway - Cumulative Bridge	1135			\$1,600,000			
EMA - LEPC	1152			\$15,018			
Health Department	1159			\$1,716,369			
Recorder - Security Protection	1160			\$20,000			
Health - Local Health Maintenance	1168			\$48,859			

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Department	#	Sub #	County General	Other Funds	LIT	LIT Public Safety	LIT Correctional
Highway - Local Roads & Streets	1169			\$741,332			
LIT - Public Safety	1170					\$0	
Sheriff - Misdemeanant	1175			\$0			
Highway	1176			\$3,656,549			
Recorder - Recorder's Perpetuation	1189			\$137,085			
Auditor - Riverboat	1191			\$0			
Surveyor - Cornerstone Perpetuation	1202			\$44,415			
Health - Indiana Local Health Trust.	1206			\$34,636			
Clerk - Election Board	1215			\$258,227			
Auditor - Elected Officials Training	1217			\$15,000			
E911 - Statewide 911	1222			\$2,564,258			
Assessor - Reassessment	1224			\$485,629			
Community Corrections - Adult Probation	2000			\$321,248			
Community Corrections - Juvenile Probation	2150			\$6,947			
Community Corrections - Alcohol/Drug Prog	2501			\$144,641			
Prosecutor - Pre-Trial Diversion	2503			\$99,917			
Community Corrections - Inf Adj/Juv Prob	2504			\$0			
Auditor - Debt Service	4600			\$1,990,700			
Auditor - Employee Trust Account	4700			\$0			
Court - Public Defender - Sup II	4903			\$46,179			
Auditor - Telecommunications	7351			\$0			
Health - Public Health Preparedness	8891			\$22,964			
Prosecutor - Prosecutor IV-D Incentive	8896			\$43,924			
Clerk - Clerk IV-D Incentive	8899			\$28,619			
Prosecutor - Victims of Crime Acts (VOCA)	8921			\$87,554			

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Department	#	Sub #	County General	Other Funds	LIT	LIT Public Safety	LIT Correctional
Community Corrections - RSAT WRAP Grant	9103			\$79,874			
Community Corrections - RSAT REALM Grant	9206			\$94,121			
Community Corrections - Adult Drug Trtmt Ct	9207			\$124,259			
Grand Totals:			\$27,470,450	\$15,959,349	\$3,233,000	\$0	\$4,933,097
			County General	Other Funds	LIT	LIT Public Safety	LIT Correctional
						Grand Total:	\$51,595,896

The meeting was opened for the public hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed. **Jorge E Morales made a motion to approve on Second Reading the 2020 Bartholomew County Budget as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

Jorge E Morales made a motion to approve on Second Reading the 2020 Bartholomew County Salary Ordinance as presented. Mark E Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).

There are notes that have been added to the Salary Ordinance regarding the Loyalty Pay and the stipulation for hiring.

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

R. Scott Bonnell:

County Extension Bd – nothing to report

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Solid Waste Management District Bd – nothing to report

Health Bd – nothing to report

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

County Parks & Recreation Bd – nothing to report

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

Soil & Water – attended their meeting. It was very interesting.

Bill Lentz:

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – nothing to report

Thanked Dalene Pattingill on the hard work on the Budget.

Matt Miller:

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Jorge R. Morales:

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County Plan Commission – nothing to report

Sheriff's Merit Bd – he did tour of the old jail and the new body scanner.

Cols Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Laura DeDomenic:

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Greater Columbus Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

ASAP – nothing to report

Mark E. Gorbett:

Emergency Management Bd – nothing to report

Jt Council Emergency Dispatch Services – nothing to report

Community Corrections Bd – nothing to report

Data Board – meeting was yesterday.

Drug Epidemic Committee – nothing to report

Thanked Auditor O'Connor and Chief Deputy Pattingill on their work on the Budget this year. It was spot on. Major Martoccia stated they have another interview for the Drug position in the Jail. He also noted that Kim Rocker in the Auditor's Office has been a great help with the new positions including the new drug position in the jail.

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Chief Deputy Auditor Pattingill:

– Letter addressed to Laura in your packets

Open enrollment next week.

Flu Shots are Wednesday of next week.

Employees are very happy with the addition of Loyalty pay.

Wellness checks are not required this year for insurance. It was mentioned that if you have a Colonial policy and have a physical, you can turn it in for a refund.

Council Attorney Monroe:

– Based on job descriptions, the Sheriff’s Department does not have a Matron.

Jorge R Morales made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark E Gorbett which passed unanimously (7-0).

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Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

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Jorge R. Morales, Member

By: _____
Laura DeDomenic, Member

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Mark E. Gorbett, Member

ATTEST: _____
Pia O'Connor, Auditor
Bartholomew County