# BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL January 14, 2020

Name:	Representing:	Title:	<b>Present:</b>
Matt Miller	At Large	President	Present
Bill Lentz	At Large		Present
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large		Present
R. Scott Bonnell	District 1	Pro-Tem	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	Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

Auditor Pia O'Connor called the meeting to order.

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

The first item on the agenda was the Election of Officers. Bill Lentz made a motion for Matt Miller as President. Mark E Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

At this time, President Miller took charge of the meeting. He called for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion for R Scott Bonnell as President Pro-Tem. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the December 10, 2019 Council meeting minutes. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion approve the minutes as presented. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by Developmental Services, Incorporated (DSI) CEO Shane Burton. Mr. Burton presented a PowerPoint presentation (copies were handed out – on file in the Auditor's Office). Mr. Burton offered tours of their facilities to the Council members. Mark E Gorbett thanked him for his time and the insight into the work they do.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Superior Court II Jury Supplement Fund (2502) in the amount of \$15,000 as presented by Judge Kitty Coriden. Judge Coriden explained that they have a supplemental fund that they deposit collected user fees into. They come back as needed and move money from this fund to the jury fund. It is impossible to guess how many jury trials they will have in a year. Most of the cases will settle just prior to the start of a trial. The money will revert back to the supplemental fund if it is not used. Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge R Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Supplemental Public Defender Fund (4901) for the Circuit Court in the amount of \$2,540.14 as presented by Auditor Pia O'Connor. This is from a user fee fund, not County General. It is used for transcripts and appeals. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to** 

approve the request as presented. R Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the 2020 Contract for Legal Services with Attorney Chris Monroe. This was tabled until the February meeting.

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of the 2020 County Council Appointments as follows:

Alcoholic Beverage Comm.	Phyllis Apple	12/31/2020
Co Bd of Zoning Appeals	Eric Scheidt	12/31/2020
Cols Econ Development Comm.	Roger Hackman	12/31/2020
Library Board	Brenda Tallent	04/18/2020
Library Board	Gary Gron	04/18/2021
Parks & Recreation Board	Jim Mahoney	12/31/2021
Parks & Recreation Board	Nancy Hoeltke	12/31/2020
Property Tax Adj Bd of Appeals	Barb Dunlap	12/31/2020

Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the County Council Appointments as presented. Jorge R Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of the 2020 County Council Member/Liaison to Boards, Commissions and Committees as follows:

Members:

County Plan Commission	Jorge Morales	12/31/2022
County Extension Board	Scott Bonnell	12/31/2020
Parks & Recreation Board	Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	12/31/2022
Emergency Management Bd	Mark Gorbett	12/31/2020
Job Review Classification	Bill Lentz	12/31/2020
Job Review Classification	Matt Miller	12/31/2020
Job Review Classification	Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	12/31/2020
Personnel Adm. Committee	Matt Miller	12/31/2020
Personnel Adm. Committee	Bill Lentz	12/31/2020
Solid Waste Management Dist. Bd	Scott Bonnell	12/31/2020
Youth Services Center Adv. Bd	Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	12/31/2020
Greater Cols Econ Dev Bd	Laura DeDomenic	12/31/2020
Greater Cols Econ Dev Bd	Jorge Morales - Proxy	12/31/2020
County Redevelopment Comm.	Jorge Morales	12/31/2020
County Redevelopment Comm.	Laura DeDomenic	12/31/2020
Jt Council Emer Services. Dispatch	Mark Gorbett	12/31/2020
Cols Area Metro Plan Org Bd	Bill Lentz	12/31/2020

# Liaisons:

Health Board	Scott Bonnell	12/31/2020
Sheriff Merit Board	Jorge Morales	12/31/2020

R Scott Bonnell would like to change from the Health Board as the liaison. He feels that the appointments of Council members should move around. It was determined that no one wanted to switch at this time. R Scott Bonnell agreed to the list as presented.

Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the County Council Member/Liaison Appointments as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of the 2020 Agreement for Services with Greater Economic Development. Auditor O'Connor stated that this is the same contract that was signed last year. It has already been approved by the Commissioners. The cost per seat is \$7,500. We have one Council and one Commissioner on the board for a total of \$15,000. Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge R Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

## **R Scott Bonnell:**

<u>County Extension Bd</u> – nothing to report

<u>Solid Waste Management District Bd</u> – nothing to report

<u>Health Bd</u> – nothing to report

### **Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:**

<u>County Parks & Recreation Bd</u> – met but not able to finalize anything for a Grant. They did hire Rich Day as the full-time park supervisor. He is working with IT & Maintenance to get everything he needs as well as an office.

<u>Job Review/Classification Committee</u> – nothing to report

<u>Youth Services Center Advisory Committee</u> – nothing to report

#### **Bill Lentz:**

<u>Job Review/Classification Committee</u> – nothing to report

<u>Personnel Administrative Committee</u> – nothing to report

<u>Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd</u> – nothing to report

#### **Matt Miller:**

<u>Personnel Administrative Committee</u> – not present <u>Job Review/Classification Committee</u> – not present

## Jorge R. Morales:

<u>County Plan Commission</u> – nothing to report

<u>Sheriff's Merit Bd</u> – reappointed Scott Andrews as their 2020 attorney

<u>Greater Cols Economic Development Bd (proxy)</u> – nothing to report

<u>Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission</u> – nothing to report

#### Laura DeDomenic:

<u>Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission</u> – nothing to report

<u>Greater Columbus Economic Development Bd</u> – In the expanded TIF

District has 3 new businesses that are going in. R Scott Bonnell asked what would happen regarding fire and police.

<u>ASAP</u> – nothing to report

#### **Mark E Gorbett:**

<u>Emergency Management Bd</u> – had a meeting – discussed the new E911 phone system and it will be able to be absorbed in this budget. The cost should be kept down while still making the changes. Auditor O'Connor stated the company did not offer us enough of a discount for it to make sense to pay it all upfront.

<u>Jt Council Emergency Dispatch Services</u> – nothing to report

<u>Community Corrections Bd</u> – nothing to report

<u>Data Board</u> – nothing to report

<u>Drug Epidemic Committee</u> – nothing to report

Bill Lentz asked for clarification regarding the Edinburgh area. The statement made was that Edinburgh provides some of the fire protection to this area. Another issue

with this particular area is that Edinburgh is limited in the amount of water that they are able to supply the businesses. There were questions regarding the fire protection. Chris West (German Township Trustee) stated that the German Township Volunteer Fire Department has a good working relationship with Edinburgh Fire Department. As Trustee, he is looking at the purchase of a new truck for German Township due in part to the age of their current trucks as well as the growing commercial business in the area.

Chief Deputy Dalene Pattingill had tickets for the Council to the SWMA Annual Dinner. Also in their packets are the CenterStone Report and the monthly cash statement.

Auditor O'Connor stated that the insurance report should be in next month's packet as Dunn had an employee leave at the end of the year which has put them behind in their reports. Also, the County Council will have a Work Session on February 3. As far as moving to the new Chambers down stairs, things have been pushed back due to the sewage issue that occurred. She and IT Director Mayes are having conversations regarding the new Council Chambers and some sort of screens or tablets for the Council Members to help us continue to move to a more paperless system.

Jorge Morales asked Attorney Monroe if DSI in anyway qualified for any of the money that they give to CenterStone. Attorney Monroe stated that DSI is not a "community mental health facility" and as such does not qualify for any of that funding.

President Miller asked about the conflict with the next Council meeting and the AIC Meeting in Indianapolis. It was determined that the next Council meeting would be held February 18 instead of February 11, 2020.

There was no other business to come before the Council.

Mark E Gorbett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jorge R Morales which passed unanimously.

	BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
	By: Matt Miller, President
	By: Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem
	By: R. Scott Bonnell, Member
	By:Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member
	By: Jorge R. Morales, Member
	By:
	By: Mark E. Gorbett, Member
ATTEST: Pia O'Connor, Auditor Bartholomew County	