

September 25, 2020

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
August 11, 2020

Name:	Representing:	Title:	Present:
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		Zoom
Jorge R. Morales	District 4		Zoom
Chris Monroe	- -	Attorney	Zoom
Pia O'Connor	Auditor	Secretary	Zoom

Additional people in physical attendance of the meeting were:

Scott Mayes, IT Director	
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Additional people in “Zoom” attendance of the meeting were:

Chief Deputy Auditor Dalene Pattingill	Auditor’s Tax Administrator Chris West
EOC Director Todd Noblitt	County Prosecutor Bill Nash
County Recorder Tami Hines	Court Services Director Brad Barnes
Mark Webber, The Republic	John Clark, White River Broadcasting
Barney Quick	

The Bartholomew County Council met on August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Miller called the meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the meeting minutes of July 14, 2020. This will be tabled until the September meeting.

The next item on the agenda was a Request of Additional Appropriations in the Family Recovery Court (9211) in the amount of \$37,377.26. Bobbie Shake stated that this is carry-over money from last year. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request for \$37,377.26 as presented. R Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Request of Additional Appropriations in the JDAI 20-21 Grant (9105) in the amount of \$65,772.06. Bobbie Shake stated that JDAI was awarded this for the grant year 2020-2021. This is a State grant. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request for \$65,772.06 as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Request of Additional Appropriations in the STOP Grant (8897) in the amount of \$11,059.25 as presented by Prosecutor Bill Nash. This is the grant that pays entirely for the Spanish translations within his office. This is a 3-month extension of their current grant and is a Federal Grant that is administered by the State. Jorge Morales asked if this was the same as the \$30,000 that had been approved a few months ago. Prosecutor Nash stated no as that \$30,000 was for a specific murder trial.

Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the request for \$11,059.25 as presented.

Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Request of Additional Appropriations in the Veteran's Treatment Court (9108) in the amount of \$2,500 as presented by Court Services Director Brad Barnes. This is for supplies and is from a user fee account. **Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the request for \$2,500 as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Request of Additional Appropriations in the Drug Recovery Court (1147) in the amount of \$2,000 as presented by Director Barnes. This is for supplies and is from a user fee account. **R Scott Bonnell made a motion to approve the request for \$2,000 as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Request of Additional Appropriations in the Statewide 911 (1222) in the amount of \$445,224 as presented by EOC Director Todd Noblitt. This is the phone project that they have been working on for a couple of years. The current system cost \$1,500,000. With the consultant they hired, they were able to get the new system for \$1,200,000. The State 911 Board agreed to pick up about \$400,000 of this project. This \$445,224 is a Federal Grant that requires the County to pay the costs upfront and then we will receive reimbursement. He noted that this system will be paid for without tax dollars and will be under warranty for 8 years. Mark E Gorbett asked if this qualified for the City/County split and will we have funding in 8 years for another system. Director Noblitt stated it is a 55/45 split with the City/County. They are working on setting up a mechanism to fund the next system by saving some money each year towards the next system. Jorge R Morales asked if this is money to apply for the grant. Director Noblitt stated that they applied and did get awarded the grant. They just have to pay the costs upfront to be reimbursed. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request for \$445,224 as presented. R Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Mark Webber of the Republic asked when this would be in place. Director Noblitt stated they are scheduled for the third week of October for training and will go live the fourth week of October.

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer in Cumulative Bridge by County Engineer Danny Hollander. This is money that is in his budget but just needs moved to different accounts. This request is to reduce Bridge 170 (1135-01-41-70) by \$338,835.08, Bridge 26 (1135-01-40-26) by \$52,882.22 and Bridge 57 (1135-01-40-57) by \$108,282.75 and to increase Bridge Contractual (1135-02-03-91) by \$250,000 and Bridge Supplies (1135-02-02-34) by \$250,000. **Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Jorge R Morales asked how many miles of overlay have been done this year. Engineer Hollander believes it is a little over 30 miles with the help of 2 Community Crossing Grants they received. Jorge R Morales asked if he had heard any more information regarding the gas tax and COVID. Engineer Hollander stated that it was down but it has been coming back and they are close to what they were expecting to receive at this point.

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer in Highway by County Engineer Danny Hollander. This is due to some big equipment that they had to send out for repair. This request is to reduce Garage Equipment (1176-04-04-46) by \$5,000 and Office Equipment (1176-04-04-47) by \$5,000 and to increase Repair Road Equipment

(1176-04-03-63) by \$10,000. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge R. Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer in County General by the County Commissioners as presented by Auditor's Office Chief Deputy Dalene Pattingill. This request is to reduce Gasoline (1000-30-02-30) by \$50,000 and to increase Worker's Compensation (1000-30-03-43) by \$50,000. Their Liability Insurance was higher and they had to transfer \$10,000 out. They have made an adjustment for their 2021 Budget. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. R Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Discussion regarding an Appointment to the Bartholomew County Library Board. Auditor O'Connor stated that they had received a letter from the Library Board that one of the Council appointments had decided not to continue on this board. She had sent President Miller a list of names. President Miller will pass that on and they will determine this at the September meeting.

The next item was a review of the budget binders that have been created and presented to the members by Auditor O'Connor. She reviewed each section of the binders.

She explained that they had met with their DLGF Representative and determined that we could reduce the levy for Election and Reassessment. They want to make certain that they have enough money held back to make the Debt payments in the event that we are unable to collect fall 2020 or spring 2021 taxes due to the pandemic getting worse. The LIT fund revenue estimates are based on DLGF suggesting that we reduce last year's amounts by 10% due to the current situation. DLGF will have better guidance but it will be after the First Reading of our budget. The Treasurer had stated that the interest rates have dropped significantly. Mark Gorbett asked about the Sheriff Sale revenues after it was outsourced. Auditor O'Connor stated that it was a small amount. As it stands now, the Council would need to cut about \$1,600,000 to have the expenses meet the anticipated revenues. Auditor O'Connor went through the changes in Revenue as well as in Expenses. President Miller asked if they would be receiving the more detailed line item spreadsheets. Mark Gorbett is fine with what they have been given. Jorge R Morales is okay with what he has. Chief Deputy Pattingill reminded everyone that the Auditor will have the detailed spreadsheets on the screen for the meetings. Auditor O'Connor stated that they could also provide any specific spreadsheet that is requested. Laura DeDomenic stated that she is using her laptop in the room and found it quite easy to follow along. Jorge R Morales asked if there is any possibility of giving an increase to the employees. It was stated that is a discussion for next week. Bill Lentz asked what the Auditor's thought process was on having to use the Rainy Day Fund in the 2022 Budget. Auditor O'Connor stated that she has some work to do to project the revenues for those later years. She has not received any good directives

from the State or Federal government. She will come up with something for the discussions. Laura DeDomenic stated that the Growth Quotient is based on an average so it will take a few years to affect the number. Auditor O'Connor stated that is correct, but she has no information on what the income tax will do. She has heard that Cummins will be going back to their pre-COVID salaries for 2021. But for 2020, they had a 10% decrease in salaries. Bill Lentz would like to see if we are down 10% going forward, where would we be in that case. Auditor O'Connor stated that she would have something for them next week. She stated that we are fortunate to have a reserve in the General Fund. We went into COVID in good financial shape. R Scott Bonnell stated that the matrix system in place for the Sheriff's Department will give some employees a raise. Auditor O'Connor stated that she shows that in the line titled Other Raises. R Scott Bonnell stated that the City had frozen the matrix positions. Jorge R Morales is concerned that certain County employees pay is set by the State and he is concerned that other employees will not receive increases.

The next item was Auditor O'Connor with the Financial & Health Trust Updates. She stated that they currently have ample reserves in the Health Trust in the amount of about \$4,000,000. Jorge R Morales asked if she had any guidance regarding the Payroll Order regarding taxes that was signed by President Trump. Auditor O'Connor stated that at this time, she does not.

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

Solid Waste Management District Bd – nothing to report

Health Bd – nothing to report

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

County Parks & Recreation Bd – volunteer help is down.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – several open positions that they are not seeking to fill at this time.

Bill Lentz:

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – nothing to report

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 – last week – approved rules and regulations to assure we are in sync with the City rules and regulations.

Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Greater Cols Economic Development Bd (proxy) – 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 – had a Zoom meeting - nothing to report

Data Board – nothing to report

Drug Epidemic Committee – nothing to report

Laura DeDomenic made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark E Gorbett which passed unanimously.

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Matt Miller, President

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Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

By: _____
R. Scott Bonnell, Member

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Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

By: _____
Jorge R. Morales, Member

By: _____
Laura DeDomenic, Member

By: _____
Mark E. Gorbett, Member

ATTEST: _____
Pia O'Connor, Auditor
Bartholomew County