

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL

August 16, 2021

Name:	Representing:	Title:	Present:
Matt Miller	At Large		Present
Bill Lentz	At Large	Pro-Tem	Present
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large		Present
R. Scott Bonnell	District 1	President	Present
Greg Duke	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 August 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Bonnell called the meeting to order.

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

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the meeting minutes for July 13, 2021. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mark E. Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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The next item was the Request for Additional Appropriations & Salary Ordinance Changes for County General Solid Waste (1000) as presented by SWMA Director Heather Siesel in the amount of \$48,000 in Services. In the 2021 Budget they appropriated \$27,000 for the hauling of convenience sites. The plan they had with the City will not work in the 2021 Budget. They hope it will work out in 2022 with the City. They do not have funds available for this. This will provide for the staff to collect and haul trash from Petersville and Harrison Township. **Bill Lentz motioned to approve the request as presented. R. Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** They have streamlined the collection of recyclables thanks to an IDEM Grant that allowed them to pay for half of a new compactor.

The next item was the Request for Additional Appropriations for increases for Liability as presented by Auditor's Chief Deputy Dalene Pattingill in the amount of \$135,000. Auditor O'Connor stated it is paid once a year. They are requesting \$150,000 increase for the 2022 Budget. Mark E. Gorbett asked if they would be seeing an increase in health insurance premiums. **Mark E. Gorbett motioned to approve the request as presented. Jorge R. Morales seconded the motion.** Bill Lentz had received calls regarding mowing without guards, hitting cable lines, etc. which adds to the costs. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously.**

The next item was an Additional Appropriations Request for \$34,492.42 from the Tax Warrant line item to County General due to the Sheriff wanting to be paid from the Tax Warrants. Auditor O'Connor stated he is, by Statute, allowed to do this. The State

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Board of Accounts stated that this needed to be transferred and approved by the Council. The JDAI request was removed from the agenda. Auditor O'Connor clarified that the amount is \$29,492.42 which will match the Prosecutor Salary that he is entitled to. Mark E. Gorbett motioned to approve the request for \$29,492.42. Jorge R. Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Attorney Monroe asked if the Sheriff's Salary includes the extra \$5,000 that the Prosecutor receives. Auditor O'Connor stated that the Sheriff does not. Attorney Monroe stated that the Statute states the Sheriff should receive the additional amount of \$5,000 as it is outside the salary the current Prosecutor receives as the current Prosecutor is grandfathered in. Attorney Monroe stated that some time ago, they County chose to add the additional \$5,000 for the Judges & Prosecutor. Auditor O'Connor stated that the \$29,492.42 does not include the additional \$5,000. Attorney Monroe stated that the Statute states the maximum the Sheriff is to receive is what the Prosecutor makes. Greg Duke asked Attorney Monroe if there is anything precluding him receiving that amount. Attorney Monroe stated that they would have to transfer money. They will look at this down the road.

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

Sheriff's Merit 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

Bill Lentz:

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – nothing to report

Health Bd – nothing to report

Matt Miller:

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Greater Columbus Economic Development Bd – July meeting cancelled.

Bartholomew County Broadband Initiative – nothing to report

Jorge R. Morales:

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County Plan Commission – nothing to report

Greater Cols Economic Development Bd (proxy) – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Broadband Initiative – nothing to report

Greg Duke:

Emergency Management Bd – nothing to report

Jt Council Emergency Dispatch Services – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Mark E. Gorbett:

Community Corrections Bd – nothing to report

Data Board – nothing to report

Drug Epidemic Committee – nothing to report

ASAP – nothing to report

There being no further business to come before the Council, **Bill Lentz made a motion to adjourn at 1:25 p.m. Jorge R. Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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By: _____
R. Scott Bonnell, President

By: _____
Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

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Matt Miller, Member

By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

By: _____
Jorge R. Morales, Member

By: _____
Greg Duke, Member

By: _____
Mark E. Gorbett, Member

ATTEST: _____
Pia O'Connor, Auditor
Bartholomew County