

August 10, 2023

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL

May 9, 2023

Name:	Representing:	Title:	Present:
Matt Miller	At Large		Present
Bill Lentz	At Large		Present
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large		Present
Greg Patterson	District 1		Not Present
Leah Beyer	District 2		Present
Mark E. Gorbett	District 3		Present
Jorge R. Morales	District 4	President	Present
Chris Monroe	- -	Attorney	Present
Pia O'Connor	Auditor	Secretary	Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on May 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Jorge R Morales called the meeting to order. Pastor Larry Rowe of the Second Baptist Church gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the Approval of the Minutes from the meeting on April 11, 2023. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to Approve the Minutes from April 11, 2023 as presented. Leah Beyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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The next item was a Request for Additional Appropriation from the Cell Tower Fund (4938) in the amount of \$14,996, presented by E-911 Director Todd Noblitt. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to Approve the Appropriation for \$14,996 as requested. Matt Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Request for Additional Appropriations of the Public Health Preparedness Grant (8891) in the amount of \$25,000, prepared by Director Link Fulp and presented by Auditor's Chief Deputy Dalene Pattingill. **Bill Lentz made a motion to Approve the Appropriation of \$25,000 as presented. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Request for Additional Appropriation of the Supplemental Public Defender Fund (4901) in the amount of \$1,124.96, presented by Office Manager of the Circuit Court, Tammy Johannesen. **Bill Lentz made a motion to Approve the Appropriation of \$1,124.96. Leah Beyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Request for Additional Appropriation of the Problem Solving Court Fund (9210) in the amount of \$10,000, presented by Office Manager Johannesen. **Leah Beyer made a motion to Approve the Appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 as presented. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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The next item was a Request for Additional Appropriation of the State Grants for Veterans Court (9208) for \$8,000 presented by Court Services Director Brad Barnes. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to Approve the appropriation for \$8,000 as presented. Matt Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Request for Additional Appropriation of the Veterans Court (VTC/PSC) Grant (9208) in the amount of \$8,000 presented by Director Barnes. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to Approve the appropriation for \$8,000 as presented. Matt Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Request for Additional Appropriation of the Drug Recovery Court (DRC/PSC) Grant (9208) for \$8,000 presented by Director Barnes. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to Approve the appropriation for \$8,000 as presented. Bill Lentz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Request for Additional Appropriation of the Mental Health Grant (MHC/PSC) (9216) in the amount of \$10,000 presented by Director Barnes. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to Approve the appropriation for \$10,000 as presented. Leah Beyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Director Barnes noted that invitations for Graduation Ceremonies would be forthcoming. The Veteran's Treatment Court Graduation would take place at 1:00 pm on Thursday, June 8 in the Commons, and the Drug Treatment Court Graduation will be held at noon on Tuesday, July 25 at the

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Commons. Reporter Mark Webber, via Zoom, asked if the State grants had been reduced from previous years. Director Barnes confirmed that the award requested was lower due to a modified State fiscal year, shortening the identified time period.

The next item was a Request for Additional Appropriation of the Cumulative Bridge Fund (1135) for \$1,000,000 for Bridge Projects and Maintenance, presented by County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. **Bill Lentz made a motion to Approve the appropriation for \$1,000,000, as requested. Leah Beyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a request for Additional Appropriation of the Local Roads and Streets Fund (1169) in the amount of \$949,250 for Roadside Mowing and Infrastructure, presented by Engineer Hollander. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to Approve the appropriation for \$949,250 as requested. Leah Beyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a request for Additional Appropriation of the County General Fund (1000-23) for the Summer Intern for the Co-op Extension Office, in the amount of \$6,600, presented by Auditor Chief Deputy Dalene Pattingill. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to Approve the appropriation for \$6,600. Matt Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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The next item, under new business, was a Request by the Sheriff's Department for Signatures to Approve using the Commissary Money to pay for the Department Marketing, Advertising, Community Involvement and Recruitment. No vote was required for this approval; this request was signed by all members present. Council asked for an update on the status of recruitment. Chief Deputy Martoccia shared that there are currently five recruits in the hiring process and two potential candidates coming in from out of state.

The next item was a request for Additional Appropriation of the County General Fund (1000-07) for the Purchase of and Up-fitting of a Cargo Van for use by the Coroner's Office, totaling \$109,953.00. As Coroner Clayton Nolting was not able to attend to present the request, **Mark Gorbett made a motion to Table appropriation for the Coroner's van until he is able to appear. Matt Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was an update from President Morales. He has received a resignation letter from Phyllis Apple, vacating her position on the ABC Board (Alcohol Beverage Board). Council Members were asked to send contact biographical information of suggested replacements to President Morales to be presented in next month's meeting.

The next item was an update from Evelyn Strietelmeier-Pence, sharing that the Park Board Members may attend a future Council meeting. They have not yet replaced anyone to run the Visitor's Center. They should be receiving \$1,500 from the Visitor's Center but have not yet decided how it will be spent.

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Bill Lentz had no updates.

Mark Gorbett stated that he had spoken with Todd Noblitt from the Joint City-County Council Emergency Dispatch Service regarding the Six Sigma project over the next 12 to 15 months. This should not affect the budget until 2025. He also spoke with Sheri Jewett regarding ASAP funding and anticipates that funding requests will be reduced in upcoming hearings due to receiving some grants.

Matt Miller stated that the Economic Development Committee meets May 10, 2023 with a company they have met in several previous visits. President Morales will be attending as our representative.

Leah Beyer attended the Health Department Meeting, reporting that they are pursuing regulatory policies for Tattoo and Piercing Parlors in Bartholomew County, which currently has none. There are currently no regulations.

President Morales noted that he had sent an email with latest expenditures and activities for BCRC, including information from ASAP Director Sheri Jewett. There has been nothing new from the Bartholomew County Plan Commission.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, **Mark Gorbett** motioned to conclude the formal portion of the meeting. Leah Beyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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By: _____
Jorge R. Morales, President

By: _____
Mark E. Gorbett, Pro-Tem

By: _____
Matt Miller, Member

By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

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Leah Beyer, Member

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Bill Lentz, Member

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Greg Patterson, Member

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ATTEST: _____
Pia O'Connor, Auditor
Bartholomew County