

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
May 14, 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		Not Present
Chris Monroe	- -	Attorney	Present
Pia O'Connor	Auditor	Secretary	Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on May 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Matt Miller 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 meeting minutes of April 9, 2019. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. R. Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

A Boy Scout was in the audience and introduced himself.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Bartholomew County Immunization Program Fund (8920) in the amount of \$68,000 as presented by Director of Nursing Amanda Organist and Health Administrator Collis Mayfield. This is about the same amount as last year. The state wants to see this used to

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raise awareness of vaccinations. It also requires the employees to attend the Public Health Convention. Not every county that applies receives this Grant. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve \$68,000 as requested. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

Health Administrator Collis Mayfield stated that for 2018, they have 4 grants that total to \$190,915. In 2017 the amount was \$209,000 and \$215,000 in 2016. He stated the Grants received are deposited and earn interest until the money is spent.

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Bartholomew County Health Department Fund (1159) in the amount of \$25,328 as presented by Director of Nursing Amanda Organist and Health Administrator Collis Mayfield. This would take a part-time nurse position to a full-time position. Director Organist presented a handout showing the numbers by the years from 2014 to 2018 and other information regarding the need for the position to be full-time. The amount of money brought in for immunizations was listed. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence stated that by law they are not supposed to approve Additional Appropriations unless an emergency exists. Laura DeDomenic asked if some temporary personnel would help alleviate the issue at this time and then bring this position before the Budget Hearings for 2020. Mark E Gorbett stated that he can see the numbers, but doesn't understand why this wasn't on the radar a year or so ago. He is hesitant at this time to do this. Have they looked at a part-time person to fill the gap? Administrator Mayfield asked if he wanted them to wait and put it in the budget for 2020. Mark E Gorbett stated that he would like to see all

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avenues explored before creating another full-time person. He understands that the current person in the part-time position would not require insurance if moved to full-time, but that does not mean the next person in that position wouldn't. Laura DeDomenic asked if they have looked at a part-time position to use when they get into these busy periods. Bill Lentz clarified that the amount was only the additional amount for the remainder of 2019. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if the personnel were cross trained? Director Organist stated that for the most part, but the STD portion is more detailed as is disease investigations. She stated that some of the pharmacies are dropping out of the State programs. Also, pharmacies cannot administer vaccines to children less than 11 years of age. She stated that regarding investigations, paperwork has increased to a 6-page report, more than doubling what was required. Each investigation can last from 45 minutes to an hour and a half. They must also contact all the infected person's partners. Bill Lentz stated that he understood her concern but with all the requests at this time he is just not comfortable doing this. Administrator Mayfield asked if this does not receive approval tonight, is there any reason to come back at budget time. Mark E Gorbett stated that he would like to see them at budget time with some more information. Laura DeDomenic stated that they are 1 of 11 new employee requests and there are probably more requests that they do not know of yet. It was questioned if they could hire a part-time employee at this time. They do not have it in the budget. Administrator Mayfield stated that they need something, part-time or full-time, but with all the clinics they have and are having they definitely need something. President Miller stated that the Health

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Department has not had any increases in staffing in 25 years. He could go either way on this. He has seen other Health Departments on the news. **President Miller called for a motion. Hearing no motion, the request died at this time.** Lynn Fleming was in attendance representing the Health Board. She stated that the Board was concerned when they saw the numbers and they would be supportive of the request during the budget hearings. Some of the increase is due to people without insurance as well as physicians not carrying certain vaccinations. They have been discussing this for a while but it recently ballooned due to the clinics for Hepatitis A. Administrator Mayfield wanted to also state that they have purchased every vehicle in the last 6 or 7 years with Grant money. They also purchased all the furniture in their office when it was remodeled from Grant money as well. He has also maintained his operating budget for several years. Through fees, they raised about \$387,000 in 2018. They try to not spend County funds when they can avoid it. Mark E Gorbett asked about the statement about help from other counties. Administrator Mayfield stated they have done that for clinics and they have helped other counties with their clinics. They did also get 2 nurses from the State for the Amazing Joe issue. The Epidemiologist stated that this county has just begun getting into these types of issues. It can take 50 days to show symptoms once you are exposed. They had probably 4,000 people possibly exposed but only immunized around 400. Laura DeDomenic asked for clarification for the amounts on the 2nd page of the report. Director Organist stated that it was just from immunizations.

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The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for Bartholomew County Substance Abuse (1148) in the amount of \$38,492 as presented by Larry Perkinson and Rachel David. This committee has been working since the early 90's. They take money collected from drug and alcohol fees and can reinvest them into the community. They have a new comprehensive plan every 4 years. They are not ASAP. This mission is the whole continuum of the issue. The Grant is broken down into 4 categories and was awarded as follows:

- Prevention/Education \$13,015
- Treatment/Intervention \$11,963
- Criminal Justice Services \$11,514
- Administrative \$ 2,000

Mark Gorbett stated that this group has multiple procedures for those requesting funding and they don't always get everything they request. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$38,492 as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).** Rachel David stated that they had applied for a Federal Grant. It is \$125,000 in Federal funds that are coming in for prevention and is matched by local moneys. This money is for each year and will be in effect for 5 years.

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for a Financial Analytics Module for SSI from the Riverboat Fund (1191) in the amount of \$35,500 as presented by Auditor Pia O'Connor. With this module, individual departments will enter their own budgets into the system. This will eliminate the large

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spreadsheet that the Auditor's Office has been producing each year. Once the budget is completed it will upload directly into our system. This package will track paid time off that is accrued/used and the amounts will be placed on pay stubs. The Data Board and Commissioners have agreed to this. Auditor O'Connor wants to run this system and the spreadsheet this year. Mark Gorbett commended Auditor O'Connor for getting the costs down from the original amounts that were quoted. **Mark E. Gorbett made a motion to approve the request for the \$35,500 for the Analytics Module for SSI as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for Salary Ordinance Amendment for the Jail as presented by Sheriff's Chief Deputy Chris Lane. This change will take a full-time nurse position to part-time positions. They have had an open full-time nurse position for 2 years. They are hoping to move the money to part-time and fill the evening shifts that they are currently lacking. It will save the cost of benefits. He wants to be able to pay them at \$23.25 per hour which is what the full-time nurses make. There is a high demand for nurses at this time. If this does not work, then they will have to take another look at it and see what can be done. Mark Gorbett asked what needed to be done to accomplish this. They need to do a Salary Ordinance Amendment to reduce from 3 nurses to 2 nurses and then note that the part-time positions will be paid at \$23.25 per hour. The jail environment and the third shift/weekends are issues that they are contending with. Mark Gorbett asked if by moving money from the Salary Ordinance, will they run short with funds for overtime? It is uncertain at this time. **Bill Lentz made**

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a motion to approve the request to change the full-time nurse position to part-time positions for the jail as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).

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 – reviewed a Grant they have been approved for.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – pleased with high rating from the State

JDAI – nothing to report

Affordable Housing Meeting – nothing to report

Bill Lentz:

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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 – not present

Job Review/Classification Committee – not present

Jorge R. Morales:

County Plan Commission – tomorrow morning

Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Cols Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Laura DeDomenic:

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – TIF change has passed the County Commissioners and the Planning Departments.

Greater Columbus Economic Development Bd – company looking North has postponed decision to next year. Mark Pratt stated they have someone who is in the late stages of looking at Meadow Lawn Farms area.

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 – nothing to report

Drug Epidemic Committee – nothing to report

Auditor O'Connor handed out a sheet showing the requested new positions for the 2020 budget and cost they would be to the County. She has asked all the departments again for anything else that might come up in the 2020 budget but has not heard of anything else to date.

Bill Lentz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark E. Gorbett which passed unanimously (6-0).

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Matt Miller, President

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Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

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By: NOT PRESENT
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By: _____
Laura DeDomenic, Member

By: _____
Mark E. Gorbett, Member

ATTEST: _____
Pia O'Connor, Auditor
Bartholomew County