

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
June 11, 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		Present
Chris Monroe	- -	Attorney	Present
Pia O'Connor	Auditor	Secretary	Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on June 11, 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 May 14, 2019. **Jorge R. Morales made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Additional Staff, Salary Ordinance Change and Appropriation for the E-911 Center (1222) in the amount of \$73,717.70 for 2 Full-time positions starting July 1, 2019 as presented by Director Todd Noblitt. Director Noblitt has presented information at other meetings. He is requesting 2 additional dispatchers to be hired in July of this year. He will also be asking for additional

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dispatchers in the 2020 Budget process. The entire cost to employ 2 new dispatchers with benefits is \$73,717.70 with the County portion being \$33,172.96. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve \$68,000 as requested. Jorge Morales seconded the motion.** Matt Miller asked if there were any current openings. Director Noblitt stated they had 2 positions open up in the last 45 days. Bill Lentz asked what the staffing numbers were for other Counties. Director Noblitt stated that if they get the 6 positions, they will still be 2 dispatchers under Monroe County's number. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked what the backup plan was in the event they did not pass this. Director Noblitt stated that he does not have one. He waited for a year after he started before he began pulling numbers and looking at the needs. Another issue is that it is a 4 month training program for each new dispatcher. Mark Gorbett asked which Boards he has met with. Director Noblitt stated he met with the E-911 Board, the County Commissioners and the City Council of which all had favorable responses. Mark Gorbett stated that he had attended many of the meetings with Director Noblitt but he felt the numbers should be 3 and 3, not the 2, 2 and 2 that Director Noblitt is proposing. Director Noblitt changed his mind after explaining the training required and the effect that had with the staff. It would be an easier migration to bring on 2 at a time. Matt Miller asked if Director Noblitt is trained to run a Dispatch Console. Director Noblitt stated that he is not. He deals with personnel issues. He came to the conclusion through staff statements and observations as well as looking at the number of calls per year. Bill Lentz stated that he had told everyone to wait until the budget time. If it is approved at budget time, they

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could allow him to start the people later this year. Director Noblitt stated that his job is to see the issues and bring them to the attention of this Council. Mark Gorbett stated that he believes this is an issue of public safety and needs to be done. Laura DeDomenic asked for the call volume increase numbers. Director Noblitt stated that in 2002, there were 98,009 calls while in 2018 there were 155,510 which results in a 58.6% increase for calls of service. R. Scott Bonnell asked if the \$33,172.96 was for both employees. Director Noblitt stated that amount was for both employees including all benefits. **President Miller called for the vote which failed 3 to 4 with Mark Gorbett, Laura DeDomenic and Jorge Morales voting yay and Matt Miller, Bill Lentz, Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence and R. Scott Bonnell voting nay.**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for Additional Staff and a Salary Ordinance Change for a Jail Addiction Recovery Counselor (1000-42) at \$70,000 as presented by Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Chris Lane. President Miller asked Auditor O'Connor if this money had already been appropriated. Auditor O'Connor stated yes, this is the money they have set aside for ASAP. Chief Deputy Lane presented a power point, reviewing the need for this position. The numbers show that overdose deaths have decreased from 2017 to 2018. Narcan is now available over the counter so some people are "self" medicating when needed. The benefit of having treatment at the jail is that they have a captive audience that is at a low point in their life. They have many repeat offenders so this program can hopefully reduce their chances of coming back to jail. The program needs to be an evidenced base program. For every \$1 spent, it

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saves about \$4 in health care costs and \$7 in law enforcement/justice costs. There is no treatment program as of today. They have worked with CenterStone in the past but they are very limited in the amount of openings that are available. Also, there was no accountability; if the person didn't want to go, they didn't go. They regularly had different counselors so there really wasn't any connections being made. Currently they have 267 in jail today. A lot of the inmates want to get help but don't meet the requirements to get into the program. They used Dearborn County, Monroe County and Morgan County as benchmarks when they started this process. All three of these counties had segregated living areas and a minimum of 90 days. Dearborn County though does not have a re-entry program. The recommendation is a hybrid of the 3. They want it to be at least 90 days but not limited to 90 days. They have WRAP and REALM for options. Inmates going on to DOC could then enter the DOC programs. They should be able to reapply. They must abide by the rules. The proposed structure would have the Coordinator report to the Jail Commander. They also need ASAP in the hub. They include Centerstone, outside programs and mental health professionals for after incarceration. The ASAP hub shows the jail as a spoke. If it isn't working then the system won't work. They are requesting \$60,000 to \$70,000 for the position due to the education and experience they will be looking for. They have met with both ASAP Board and been approved for the funding. They also have an approved job description. The addicted person affects many other people. Jorge Morales asked if this is part of the integral part they have been talking about for some time now. He stated that was one of

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the reasons that they voted for the LIT. Chief Deputy Lane stated that they need to get this person on staff so that they can develop this program. They want to start the program at the first of the year. President Miller asked if they are going to open the old jail in July. If that is the case, how will they assure this person is safe with the current condition in the jail? They are shooting for 12 and 12 with a goal of 24 and 24 for 2021. With the current jail they can divvy up the inmates in the program. They will not have trouble makers in the program. Bill Lentz asked if he believes this will be a 40 hour a week position. Chief Deputy Lane is concerned one person won't be enough to handle the work. President Miller asked how it was decided to make them a county employee versus an employee of ASAP. ?? stated that ASAP employees are not City or County employees. They are like contractors. They are not on the City or County payroll. They are part of a not-for-profit. ASAP is just one member of the group. President Miller asked why then would this position not be an ASAP employee. Jeff ? stated that if the jail does this, then it is part of the operation of the jail. Laura DeDomenic stated that it is similar to Judge Benjamin running a drug court and being a county employee. Mark Gorbett stated that when he was Sheriff, no one would have been in his jail that he did not have control over as it is the Sheriff's liability. Chief Deputy Lane stated that this position will also be responsible for finding alternative funding such as Grants. Judge Benjamin stated that while she has a drug court, but she is a Judge, not a drug expert. Also, they have tried bringing people in to the jail to help but with no oversight they did not work. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the position as presented. Jorge**

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Morales seconded the motion. Bill Lentz would like to know if there is money out there it would be nice to tap into it. He also stated that this is money that was appropriated. R. Scott Bonnell asked if they had been looking for someone yet. Chief Deputy Lane stated they had not. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked if the body scanner will help with this. Deputy Chief Lane stated that was a portion of the plan. Lisa Deaton asked if we should be looking for more help from outside of county government. Jeff ? stated that with the hub opening in August, ASAP plans on assisting people after they graduate the program and leave the jail. Mark Gorbett stated that he started with the Sheriff's Department 40 years ago today. On his first week he had an inmate that had a drug problem and he was told to take him to the back room and give him a shot of whiskey to calm him down. It has been 40 years and we need to move on. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the STOP Grant (8897) for 2019-2020 in the amount of \$47,766 as presented by Prosecutor's Office Manager Brenda Mijares. This is not a new position, it is an ongoing position paid for by this Grant. The Grant starts July 1. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$47,776 as presented. R. Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).** (Laura DeDomenic had left the room)

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for Adult Protective Services (8900) in the amount of \$282,919.27 as presented by Prosecutor's Office Manager Brenda Mijares. This does not include the money from the

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other counties. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$282,919.27 as presented. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Community Crossing Grant (8924) in the amount of \$589,471 as presented by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. They had spent money and this is to repay those projects that were completed. (Laura DeDomenic returned) **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$589,471 as presented. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Highway Department (1176) in the amount of \$630,467 as presented by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. This is re-appropriating money due to them being non-reverting funds. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$630,467 as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for Local Roads & Streets (1169) in the amount of \$699,538 as presented by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$699,538 as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

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The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for Cumulative Bridge (1135) in the amount of \$1,551,882 as presented by Highway Engineer Danny Hollander. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$1,551,882 as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).** Mark Webber asked if this would affect the 5 projects that were deleted last month. Engineer Hollander believes they will be able to pick those projects up. They should be receiving another \$400,000 in August. The next opening for the Community Crossing Grant starts July 1. Engineer Hollander asked about railroad crossings. They have 5 crossings that are being updated. The County share is \$120,000. Auditor O'Connor has asked the State Board of Accounts if this is something that could come from the Public Safety LIT.

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Community Corrections Grant (9101) in the amount of \$731,284.50 as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes. Director Barnes stated that before starting the list, he had failed to get the Auditor's Office a paper regarding a \$40,000 grant for this fiscal year. The State said they had to take this money out of Project Income. Chief Deputy Pattingill stated it was advertised. Director Barnes stated that is the only Additional Appropriation for tonight. The others are Appropriations. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$40,000 as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

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The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Community Corrections Grant (9101) in the amount of \$731,284.50 as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes. The State is switching from a fiscal year to a calendar year. They were told to divide the grants by half and that will run until the end of the year. In August, they will be back with a true 2020 Budget. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$731,284.50 for remaining 6 months as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Probation Pre-Trail Grant (9107) in the amount of \$66,500 as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$66,500 for the remaining 6 months as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Community Corrections Project Income (1122) in the amount of \$274,171.05 as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$274,171.05 for the remaining 6 months as presented. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Community Corrections Juvenile (9102) in the amount of \$63,631 as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes. This Grant deals with the Day Treatment

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Program and will remain a fiscal year. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$63,631 as presented. R. Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the JCC Discretionary Grant (7403) in the amount of \$3,231 as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes. This is for office supplies and training and is a fiscal year budget. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$3,231 as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Veteran's Treatment Court Grant (9201) in the amount of \$68,555 as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes. Most of this is for the Case Manager and is a fiscal year budget. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$68,555 as presented. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the PDC (VTC) Grant (9202) in the amount of \$10,000 and for an Additional Appropriation for the PSC (DRC) Grant (9208) in the amount of \$10,000 as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes. This is for the Veteran's Treatment Court and will offset some of the operation costs. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve**

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the appropriation of \$10,000 as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Pre-Trial II PD Grant (7403) in the amount of \$26,340 as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes. This is for raises for the next fiscal year. **Mark Gorbett made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$26,340 as presented. Jorge Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Co-Op Extension Summer Intern (1000-23) in the amount of \$6,200 as presented by Auditor Pia O'Connor. She stated that this is from the 4-H Council. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$6,200 as presented. R. Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).**

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

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Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

County Parks & Recreation Bd – attended a meeting.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – nothing to report

JDAI – nothing to report

Affordable Housing Meeting – nothing to report

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:

County Plan Commission – nothing to report

Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Cols Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

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Laura DeDomenic:

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Greater Columbus Economic Development Bd – nothing to report

ASAP – nothing to report

Mark E. Gorbett:

He is a little concerned about the earlier discussion regarding the E-911 position. They had asked for the homework and he has done it. He hates that Director Noblitt will see in the paper that he was turned down but the Jail was approved for the Counselor. President Matt Miller stated that had they not already budgeted for the ASAP or he would have voted it down as well. Auditor O'Connor stated that they do not have the numbers for next year's revenues. It is funded by the State and split then also by the County and City. Mark Gorbett is concerned that this is a public safety issue. Jorge Morales stated that the Health Department last month simply stated they had an increase in volume. Mark Gorbett stated that he saw the need 20 years ago for the dispatchers. President Miller and R. Scott Bonnell stated that they consider it a delay. President Miller stated that in the Personnel Committee he asked Director Noblitt would he be okay if they gave him some but not all that he requested. Director Noblitt's response was that he needed the 6. R. Scott Bonnell asked if they give him 2 at budget, can they have him start them this year. Yes, they can do an additional at any time. Mark Gorbett stated that he doesn't

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want to discourage department heads from doing the work. R. Scott Bonnell stated that he wants to make sure that we don't outspend the money and have to raise taxes.

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:

– State Board of Accounts exit conference at 10:00 tomorrow.

Council Attorney Monroe:

– nothing to report

Jorge Morales made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Laura DeDomenic which passed unanimously (6-0).

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By: _____
Matt Miller, President

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By: _____
Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

By: _____
R. Scott Bonnell, Member

By: _____
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