

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
August 13, 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		Not 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	Not Present

The Bartholomew County Council met on August 13, 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 July 9, 2019.

Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark E Gorbett seconded the motion with passed unanimously (6-0).

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for Adult Protective Services in the amount of \$11,150 for 2018/2019 and \$11,150 for 2019/2020 as presented by the Prosecutor's Office Manager Brenda Mijares. She stated that the amount should be \$11,500, not the \$11,150 but, because it has to be advertised at \$11,150 she will be back next month for the additional \$350 for both years. This money

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is what they receive from the other Counties. It was stated that the Council would take it up next month and she would not have to be present. **Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation in the LIT Correctional Facility (1114) in the amount of \$36,135 as presented by Jail Commander John Martoccia. This is for the next payment for the door and video systems at the Jail. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Drug Recovery Court (1000-61) in the amount of \$1,000 as presented by Bobbie Shakes for Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes. This is user fee funds and is for supplies for the court. **Jorge Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mark E Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for Family Recovery Court Grant (9211) in the amount of \$130,609.52 as presented by Bobbie Shakes & Magistrate Mollo. They explained that this is all Grant funded. Magistrate Mollo is in her second year of Family Recovery Court, working with Child Services. They have exhausted all the initial Grant funding for the first 3 years. Indiana Supreme Court has embraced problem solving courts. In the Grant request, they were told to shoot for the moon and they did. When the Grant was awarded, they had received

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their entire requested amount. They will be able to provide treatment, transportation and even daycare. They have 12 cases and 1 has graduated. They need a full-time Coordinator. Because of this work, they currently have 8 kids still with their parents instead of turning them over to DCS. They had 159 drug screenings in the last quarter. Of those, only 27 tested positive. They had 456 hours of treatment for these parents from April to now. She stated they had been terminating too many parental rights in the past and she did not feel right about it. They have had a part-time Coordinator but the person in that role is also an intake officer, so they now need a separate Coordinator with the increase in the use of the court. This is a totally Grant funded position. The question is going to be if it will continue to be funded in the future. They may have to work with ASAP at some point in the future. **Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented with the understanding that they will have to review this if the funding goes away. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).** Auditor O'Connor stated that they would have to do a Salary Ordinance Amendment at next month's Council meeting, but the presenters will not have to be present for that.

Jorge R Morales made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Gorbett which passed unanimously (6-0).

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Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

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NOT PRESENT
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