

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**November 12, 2019**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Present:</b>
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 November 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

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

President Matt Miller called the meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of meeting minutes of the October 8, 2019. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the minutes 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 for The Coroner's Office – County General (1000-07) in the amount of \$23,000 as presented by Coroner Clayton Nolting. Coroner Nolting explained that this is due to the number of deaths and increased number of autopsies this year. In October alone they did one-third of what they did in all of 2018. They have had 5 SIDs investigations this year as well.

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There have been 18 confirmed overdoses with 2 more cases pending confirmation. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).** Mark Weber, of the Republic, asked what drugs caused the overdoses. Coroner Nolting stated that most were a combination of drugs on board. The vote was clarified at 6-0.

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Court Improvement Program Grant (8919) in the amount of \$5,000 as presented by Office Manager Tammy Johannesen and Bobbie Shake. Ms. Shake stated that these funds are for training regarding substance abuse. This is a recurring Grant but the amount varies each year. Last year they received \$20,000. **Laura DeDomenic 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 Circuit Court – County General (1000-36) in the amount of \$15,000 as presented by Office Manager Tammy Johannesen. Manager Johannesen stated that this is for attorney fees and transcript services due to appeals. Currently they only have \$2,900 in the fund and that will not be enough to reach the end of the year. They have 4 CHINS cases that have appeals pending. Those cases each involve 2 parents which requires one transcript but separate attorneys for each parent. They also have 3 sentencing hearings of which appeals have already been filed. Once an appeal is filed, they only have 45 days to complete the transcripts. Bill Lentz asked if these were employees that produce the

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transcripts. Manager Johannesen stated that transcripts are done by employees but on their own time. They are paid \$5.00 per page. The State has set up very strict rules such as the type of font that they must use. Mark E Gorbett asked what we pay for appeals in an average year. Manager Johannesen stated she has not had to come back for more funding in several years. She is not certain as to what an average year would be. They may be looking at farming out the transcripts down the road. She believes they budget about \$30,000 in Other Professional Services but they use this fund for other items as well. **Mark E Gorbett 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 for the Cell Tower Fund (4938) in the amount of \$30,000 as presented by EOC Director Todd Noblitt. Director Noblitt stated that he needs to lower the request from \$30,000 down to \$10,000. They need to replace the roof on the Center. They were planning on doing the roof as well as redoing the basement floor this year. Due to the short time left in the year, the floor will be done next year and he will be back then to ask for that funding. **Scott R Bonnell 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 the Request for an Additional Appropriation for Project Income (1122) in the amount of \$645,115 as presented by Community Corrections Director Rob Gaskill. This is the Project Income Grant that they receive yearly. This is moving from a fiscal year to a calendar year. They just received notice

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last month as to what the amounts would be. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).** This is about the same amount as what they received last year.

The next item on the agenda was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Informal Adjustment Juvenile Probation (2504) in the amount of \$1,500 as presented by Director Gaskill. This is for translation services. **Bill Lentz 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 the Request for an Additional Appropriation for Community Corrections Adult Probation 2019 (9101) in the amount of \$96,004.99 as presented by Director Gaskill. This is carryover of remaining funds that the State is allowing them to use them for the remainder of the year. In January, they hope to roll any remaining funds into the 2020 Budget. **Laura DeDomenic 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 the Request for an Additional Appropriation for Community Corrections Adult Probation 2020 (9101) in the amount of \$1,530,117 as presented by Director Gaskill. This is the actual Community Corrections Grant that they receive yearly. They did receive a 5% increase in the salaries line item. They stayed with the 3% that the County gave and used the additional money to help pay overtime

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and other costs. **Laura DeDomenic 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 the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Pre-Trial Release Grant 2019 (9107) in the amount of \$29,178.86 as presented by Director Gaskill. This is another carryover amount for the remainder of 2019. **Mark E Gorbett 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 the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Pre-Trial Release Grant 2020 (9107) in the amount of \$139,150 as presented by Director Gaskill. This is a Grant that they receive yearly that pays for the 2 pre-trial release officers and it also included a 5% increase in the personnel amount. **Mark E Gorbett 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 the Request for an Additional Appropriation for the Addiction Response Grant (9212) in the amount of \$60,000 as presented by Director Gaskill. This is a 2-year Grant that they received. They requested this Grant for drug screening in the Veteran's Court and possibly the Family Court. It will also help to fund required training. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request as presented. Scott R Bonnell seconded the motion.** Bill Lentz asked which Grants he had written. Director Gaskill stated that he had written the Community Corrections and

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Pre-trial Grants. Director of Court Services Brad Barnes wrote the Drug Court and Addiction Response Grants. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Request for a Salary Ordinance Amendment to not exceed \$25.44 per hour for a part-time Probation Officer. This needs to be in the Adult User Fee Account. **Mark E Gorbett 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 the Request for a Transfer of Funds for the Department of Code Enforcement – County General (1000-11) in the amount of \$2,518 as presented by Code Enforcement Director Brian Thompson. This is to allow him to meet the payroll for the remainder of the year. This was due to an overlapping transitional period between a retiring employee and a new hire that was in training. **Scott R Bonnell 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 the Review of the 2020 County Council Meetings. Auditor O'Connor stated that they had provided a Monthly Statement of Cash as well as a print out from the Health Plan in their packet. Also in the packets is a review of a proposed 2020 Council Meeting dates. She has left work sessions on an as needed basis. Mark E Gorbett asked if the members want to request a work session, should the protocol be that a member contact the Council President who will work out the time and date of a meeting with the Auditor. Auditor O'Connor stated as an example that the Shane Burton of DSI wants to come in and give an update to the Council. This could be

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done at a work session or if they see that they have a short meeting and would have time for it, they could have them at actual meeting. The Department Heads can contact their Council member liaison to discuss issues that they would like to discuss at a work session if they feel it is needed.

Also in the packets is a list of Boards and Committees appointments as well as Council Member Liaisons that will need to be done either in December or January for 2020. There was a brief discussion regarding the PTABOA appointment. Assessor Whipple has requested that she has another person she would like to have replace Sandy Beatty. This person has a Level III. There was discussion regarding if there would be a pay difference. They will discuss this at a later time.

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 – 265 flu shots. The drive thru ran pretty good. Nothing was discussed about the free flu shots being given by the businesses such as Kroger and Walmart. They have hired a part-time contracted nurse to help them out. They are working on a pool ordinance for the County.

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**Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:**

County Parks & Recreation Bd – going well, a lot of people and corporations are volunteering time. They will meet with the Visitors Center next week.

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

Soil & Water – 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

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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 – nothing to report

Greater Columbus Economic Development Bd – annual meeting last week.

5 companies have employed 220 and they are hoping for an announcement about a new venture that should be coming soon.

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 – meeting was yesterday.

Drug Epidemic Committee – nothing to report

E911 Joint – Director Noblitt will be coming in next year to provide an update on somethings that are coming.

**Auditor O'Connor:**

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County Council Chambers will be moving to the first floor. If there are any suggestions or opinions on anything regarding the new chambers, including technology, please make them known. Laura DeDomenic suggested possibly a way to stream video. Chief Deputy Dalene Pattingill stated that she and Chris had been discussing having the tables with the popup computer screens so that the members can still see the people in front of them. The Council agreed that they would like that.

**Council Attorney Monroe:**

He had left early due to a prior engagement.

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence asked when the final payment on the Jail bond was scheduled. It is believed to be about 15 years out. She suggested if they have the funding they may want to look at paying it off early to save some funds, if possible.

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

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt Miller, President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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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