

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL  
December 10, 2019**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Present:</b>
Matt Miller	At Large	President	Not - 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 December 10, 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.

Pro-Tem Bill Lentz called the meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of meeting minutes of the November 12, 2019. **Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. R Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for Thrive Alliance (7402) in the amount of \$20,677.66 as presented by Superior Court 1 Office Manager Teresa Million. This is money that was left over and they need to move to 2019 to pay a final claim. **Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the request**

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**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 the Indiana Local Health Trust Fund (1206) in the amount of \$57,460 as presented by Nursing Director Amanda Organist. These are carry-over funds. Director Organist is asking for data monitors and calibrations, continuing with their billing agency, a contract nurse to help with out-reach clinics, advertising, brochures and annual maintenance on the refrigerators and freezers. They also want a desk, computer and printer for the contract nurse position. **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 Bartholomew County Health Maintenance Fund (1168) in the amount of \$49,902 as presented by Environmental Health Director Link Fulp. Director Fulp stated they use this for part-time/intern hours, software updates, vehicle maintenance and vector control supplies for the sprayers. They are also needing to replace a truck that was totaled. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request as presented. Jorge R Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was a Request for a Transfer of Funds for the E-911 Center in the amount of \$65,000 from 1222-01-03-20 and \$125,000 from 1222-01-01-11 for a total of \$190,000 into 1222-01-04-40 as presented by EOC Director Todd Noblitt. Director Noblitt stated that these funds will be used for the purchase of a new E911

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phone system. Late in 2017 they discovered that their current 911 phone system was at end of life. They hired a consultant in 2018. During this time, a Federal Grant became available and they applied for it. They received the contract 2 weeks ago and it has been forwarded to the County Attorney for review. They purchased the current phone system in 2009 for \$1,500,000. The new system will come in at \$1,200,000 and includes recording devices. Starting January 1, the State will pick up \$445,000 of the cost. We did receive the Federal Grant, but we have to pay for the system and then will be reimbursed in 90 to 120 days by the Federal Grant. After these two funds, the balance is about \$327,000 that is to be split by the County at \$147,000 and the City at \$180,000. Director Noblitt was aware of this and has set back money for it. With this transfer, they will be able to pay it off completely. Mark E Gorbett complemented Director Noblitt with his work on this. He is very pleased with how he has stepped up to the role left open by Ed Reuter. **Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the request as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).** Jorge Morales asked if the State was looking at increasing fees to pay for 911. Director Noblitt stated there is some talk about raising the fees. The State is picking up the \$445,000 because they have money left over after they have paid all their bills. They take the leftover funds and divide it between the County PSAP's. We received an additional \$160,000 last month do to this leftover money. Jorge R Morales stated 10 years ago the fees basically paid for the 911 service. Is there any attempt to get back to that level? Director Noblitt does not know. Jorge R Morales also asked about whether we are

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meeting the standards. Director Noblitt explained that NENA standards state that 911 calls should be picked up in under 10 seconds. For the last year we met that 98% of the time. As far as staffing, they have had people in training since July 7. They have 2 people slated to start January 6, 2020. Director Noblitt stated that he was caught off guard in 2017 when he found out about the phone system. In 911, the major components are staffing, software, phone systems and radio systems. He received a call in October 2019 from a vendor that told him they had a 5 year contract for their radio system. An option was to sign a 10-year contract for another \$500,000. The vendor agreed to cover the county for 1 year (2020) for \$20,000. He has negotiated with them to enter into an 11-year agreement with year 1 (2020) at no charge. The County would start paying in year 2 (2021). He has had several meetings with the Joint Council to discuss this item. They need to determine how to pay this. They could pay for it up front or over the course of the 11 years. They will meet again and he will return with a recommendation from the Joint Council. The amount is \$500,000 split between the City and the County. He had budgeted \$186,000 every year in the future to pay for the new phone system so he hopes to be able to use that money to pay off this contract. He wants to make certain that they will have funding for the equipment in 8 to 10 years when they know it will have to be replaced. He has discussed this with the Joint Council and hopes to develop a way to assure we are covered in the future as well as now. He will not need money in 2020 but in 2021 he will need to know he has funding to pay the bills in the future years. The vendor is Motorola. He looked at other options but when it comes to a PSAP with more

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than 3 dispatchers, Motorola is the provider for this service. Jorge R Morales stated that we have \$2,000,000 in the LIT. Auditor O'Connor stated that Director Noblitt is giving the Council a heads up about what is coming down the road. There will be a lot of work done to determine how to pay for it as they work through this.

The next item on the agenda was the Request for a Transfer of Funds for the Youth Services Center in the amount of \$15,200 from 1034-01-18 to \$3,200 in to 1034-03-10 and \$12,000 in to 1034-04-40 as presented by YSC Director Anita Biehl. Director Biehl explained that the \$12,000 is for an industrial washer and industrial dryer. The \$3,200 is for 20 Profile XL assessments at \$160 each. **R Scott Bonnell 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 discussion regarding the Rank Structure of the Sheriff's Department as presented by Sheriff Matt Myers and Captain Chris Roberts. Sheriff Myers would like to create a Sergeant Rank. He is aware this will be an increase of \$7,000 to \$10,000 in salary but they can absorb that in their 2020 Budget. This will be an appointed Sergeant rank of an existing Patrolman's position. It will be a supervisor position on the unit they are working on with the City. Once the rank is no longer needed, it will return to that of a Patrolman. Chief Deputy Auditor Pattingill stated for the record that this is a Rank change, not a new or additional position. Auditor O'Connor stated that if they want to go ahead and vote on the salary ordinance amendment tonight, they can. **Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the position and make the**

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**necessary changes to the Salary Ordinance as presented. Laura DeDomenic seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).** Sheriff Myers stated that they have taken a lot of drugs off the streets this year. The article in the paper only discussed the City Police numbers, not the Sheriff's numbers or the JNET numbers. Just because a person is arrested for possession does not mean they are not a dealer. Chief Deputy Chris Lane is currently at the FBI Academy and will be back on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. Sheriff Myers stated they had hired a woman to fill the new position Counselor for Drug Rehab within the Jail. She is excited and ready to get started. Moving the female inmates to the old part of the Jail has drastically reduced the issues they were having. The body scanner is working great.

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of the 2020 County Council Meeting Dates as presented. The Work Session dates are only if they are determined to be needed; otherwise there will be no Work Sessions. Chief Deputy Pattingill stated that to make it easier, they still need to turn the information into the Auditor's Office by the required dates so that if it is determined that they do need a Work Session they will still have the time to publish the meeting. Jorge R Morales stated that when the Work Sessions were formed it was so that the Council Members did not come to a meeting without information regarding the decisions that they had to make that night. Auditor O'Connor suggested going with this plan and if we need to change it we will. Chief Deputy Pattingill will send notices to the Media ONLY if there is going to be a Work Session. Laura DeDomenic stated that they need to add a Work Session date of May 4

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for that month. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the request as presented with the addition of May 4. Jorge R Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).**

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of the 2020 County Council Board, Commissions & Liaison Appointments as presented. Jorge R Morales asked about a having a Liaison Council Member to the Soil & Water Board. Auditor O'Connor stated that Soil & Water still has a direct line to the Commissioners. Laura DeDomenic stated that Phyllis Apple is interested in continuing with the ABC Board. Sandy Beatty does not want to continue with the PTABOA. Barb Dunlap has been recommended by County Assessor Whipple to replace Ms. Beatty. Jorge Morales stated that Josh Burnett is interested in the Economic Development Board. They need to table the Economic Development Board appointment until they talk with Roger Hackman, the current appointment. Attorney Monroe stated that with appointments, they should be done typically in the January meeting, but some of the Boards may meet before then so a consensus would work for tonight's meeting. The consensus of the Council was to reappoint Phyllis Apple to the ABC Board, reappoint Nancy Hoeltke to the Park Board and appoint Barb Dunlap to replace Sandy Beatty on the PTABOA.

Auditor O'Connor stated that she had included a monthly cash sheet and Health Trust information sheet in their Council packets. Also included was information regarding the Jail Bond as Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence had asked about at the last

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meeting. It will be paid off in January of 2027. There is a provision that if we pay it off early, we have to pay a penalty.

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 – everything is going fine.

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

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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 – nothing to report

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 – nothing to report

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

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Data Board – meeting was yesterday.

Drug Epidemic Committee – nothing to report

E911 Joint – nothing to report

There was no other business to come before the Council.

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

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
R. Scott Bonnell, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

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Jorge R. Morales, Member

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Laura DeDomenic, Member

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Mark E. Gorbett, Member

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pia O'Connor, Auditor  
Bartholomew County