

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL

September 14, 2021

Name:	Representing:	Title:	Present:
Matt Miller	At Large		Present
Bill Lentz	At Large	Pro-Tem	Present
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large		Present
R. Scott Bonnell	District 1	President	Present
Greg Duke	District 2		Present
Mark E. Gorbett	District 3		Present
Jorge R. Morales	District 4		Present
Chris Monroe	- -	Attorney	Present
Pia O'Connor	Auditor	Secretary	Via Zoom

The Bartholomew County Council met on September 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Bonnell 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 the meeting minutes for August 16 thru August 19, 2021. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

The next item was a request for an Additional Appropriation for County General – Sheriff (1000-05) in the amount of \$10,000 as presented by Jail Commander John

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Martoccia. Commander Martoccia explained that he is short in the Extrication Funds. He asked for \$10,000 as he is currently short \$3,000. He has several to get yet this year and one that he can get next year in 2022. They have been using companies to bring some of the prisoners back, but due to COVID, the prices have gone up. President Bonnell asked if they budget for this. Commander Martoccia stated that they budget \$10,000 yearly and this is the first year they have run low on the funds. They turn the amounts into the Courts and he believes that if the person is found guilty, then they are ordered to pay the money back. He does not receive notification if the funds are paid back. Bill Lentz asked if he had money in his 300's that he could move. Commander Martoccia stated that it is in the Sheriff's budget. He does compare to determine whether it is cheaper to send 2 deputies or to hire a company. The County has to if it is a warrant out of this County. He usually has only 2 weeks to go get the person. Jorge R. Morales believes this should be a Jail item, not in the Sheriff's budget. Auditor O'Connor stated that it is in the Sheriff's Budget because it is Sheriff Deputies that are sent to retrieve them. **Mark E. Gorbett made a motion to Approve the Additional Appropriation for \$10,000 as presented. Jorge R. Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Matt Miller asked if they had increased this line item for next year's budget. Commander Martoccia stated that they did not as they have never gone over the \$10,000 before this year and they believe it is due to the COVID issue.

The next item was the Request for an Additional Appropriation for a Court Improvement Grant in the amount of \$2,917.20 as presented by JDAI Coordinator Bobbie

Shake. Coordinator Shake stated this is a reimbursable grant they received that they need to appropriate. **Jorge R. Morales motioned to Approve the Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$2,917.20 as presented. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for a JDAI Grant (9105) in the amount of \$68,634.48 as presented by JDAI Coordinator Bobbie Shake. Coordinator Shake stated that this is a dropdown grant so the money will be available. They received slightly less than last year. **Bill Lentz motioned to Approve the Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$68,634.48 as presented. R. Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Request for an Additional Appropriation for County General – Circuit Court (1000-36) in the amount of \$25,000 as presented by Office Manager Tammy Johannasen. Manager Johannasen stated that \$15,000 is for Other Services for Court transcripts and attorneys needed for appeals. The \$10,000 is for Professional Services and is for evaluations and other items. **Jorge R. Morales motioned to Approve the Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 for Professional Services. Mark E. Gorbett seconded the motion.** Bill Lentz asked if these were paid back by the litigants. Manager Johannasen stated these are for the indigent and that is why they are not expected to pay. If they find that they are capable of paying something, the Judge will order that they pay a portion that they can afford into the fund. **The Vote was called for and passed unanimously. Jorge R. Morales motioned to Approve the Additional**

Appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 for Other Services. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Request for an Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$27,296.99 for Adult Protective Services (\$8,900) as presented by Prosecutor Bill Nash. Prosecutor Nash explained that this is money that was provided by other Counties to help with APS. He wants to keep these funds in reserve. This is the total amount of funds that they have received from other Counties and they have not had to tap into this money as of this time. Jorge R. Morales asked if Jennings County was the only County that did not contribute. Prosecutor Nash stated that he did not have that information in front of him. **Jorge R. Morales motioned to approve the amount of \$27,296.99 as requested. Mark E. Gorbett seconded the motion.** Mark E. Gorbett asked the Auditor if they needed to break it down or do it as a total. It was confirmed that it was a total. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Request for a Salary Ordinance Change for the Health Department as presented by Auditor Chief Deputy Dalene Pattingill. She stated that they are asking to increase the hourly pay amount from \$14.31 to \$16.37. They will not exceed their total amount that was allotted, so they will use less hours at the higher rate. They believe this will get people interested in the job so that they can get the positions filled. Jorge R. Morales asked if the Salary Study would affect this? Chief Deputy Pattingill stated that it could, but he is trying to hire people now. **Mark E. Gorbett motioned to**

approve the request as presented. Jorge R. Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Request for a Salary Ordinance Change of Title in the Auditor's Office, changing the Deduction Supervisor title to Grant Administrator. Chief Deputy Pattingill stated that they have the funds for this position, they just need the title changed. Auditor O'Connor stated that she wants to fill the position as soon as possible. **Matt Miller motioned to approve the change. Mark E. Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

The next item was the 1st Reading of the SWMA 2022 Budget as presented by Director Heather Siesel. She stated that they still show 4% increase in salaries as they were not sure what the Council had decided. They will follow whatever the Council determination is. The 100's are \$1,177,071 with the 4%. In the supplies, she did increase some items due to rising costs. The 200's are at \$91,500. In the 300's, there are quite a few changes. They have no cell construction or cell closure next year so their engineering costs will be less. They have increased utilities and leaching line items. They have reduced the QC line as no major work is planned for next year. The increases are due to increasing costs, including permitting increases. They are working on having some of the City employees help to staff their pickup sites; which will be determined by what happens with the City budget. The 300's are at \$2,099,275. In the 400's, they are looking at insulating and installing heaters to assist with issues with the building being cold in the winter. They also included IT money for items they have been budgeting for many years now. IT has

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started working on some of this at this time. They are also requesting a new truck as the current truck they have is a lemon and continues to have issues. Landfill site work has dropped dramatically again due to no major work being done next year. They also continue to fund the Closure/Post Closure line item. The 400's amount to \$627,300 for a total of SWMA 2021 Budget of \$3,995,146. Mark E. Gorbett asked Attorney Monroe if they can accept this on 1st Reading noting that the raises will be 3%, not the 4% that is currently within this budget. Attorney Chris Monroe stated yes, they could. Diane Hodnett will adjust the salary amount, but would like to leave the PERF and Insurance amounts as they are because they are running very tight for this year. Jorge R. Morales did not understand if they had budgeted the salaries and then budgeted the PERF and FICA based on the salaries, how they can run short. Mark E. Gorbett agreed that the PERF and FICA should have been budgeted at the top pay amount, so the numbers should be okay. It was stated that it is due to the Differential Pay. Due to COVID and other issues, Ms. Hodnett had to pay a \$14.42 an hour employee \$19.01 for 2 weeks to fill in for an injured employee. It was determined that they did not budget for PERF or FICA for the Differential Pay. Jorge R. Morales stated he would be good with everything tonight except the salaries. Attorney Monroe stated that he would motion to approve as is and then adjust it at the 2nd Reading. The meeting was opened for the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the Public Hearing portion of the meeting was closed. **Mark E. Gorbett motioned to Approve on 1st Reading the SWMA 2022 Budget with the understanding that they will adjust the raise amounts from the 4% raises to 3% raises for the 2nd Reading. Jorge R. Morales**

seconded the motion. Bill Lentz asked about their revenue. Director Siesel stated that they have raised the gate fees and will raise them again in 2 years. Their Board also wants them to raise their tax rate from \$0.018 to \$0.02 and then to leave it at that rate in the coming years. They currently are not bringing in as much money as they are spending out. The gate fee increase was the first time they have had an increase since this site opened. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously.**

The next item was the 1st Reading of the Bartholomew County 2022 Budget as presented by Auditor Pia O'Connor as follows:

Bartholomew County 2022 Budget

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Changed</i>	<i>1st Reading</i>
<i>County General</i>	<i>1000</i>	<i>\$29,423,305</i>	<i>-\$1,102,269</i>	<i>\$28,321,036</i>
<i>Reassessment</i>	<i>1224</i>	<i>\$594,129</i>	<i>-\$106,475</i>	<i>\$487,654</i>
<i>Sales Disclosure</i>	<i>1131</i>	<i>\$29,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$29,000</i>
<i>Debt Service</i>	<i>4600</i>	<i>\$2,000,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$2,000,000</i>
<i>Elected Officials Training</i>	<i>1217</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>Election Board</i>	<i>1215</i>	<i>\$270,197</i>	<i>-\$2,353</i>	<i>\$267,844</i>
<i>Clerk Perpetuation</i>	<i>1119</i>	<i>\$81,685</i>	<i>-\$688</i>	<i>\$80,997</i>
<i>Clerk IV-D Incentive</i>	<i>8899</i>	<i>\$29,895</i>	<i>-\$420</i>	<i>\$29,475</i>
<i>CEDIT</i>	<i>1112</i>	<i>\$3,408,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$3,408,000</i>
<i>Family Recovery Court</i>	<i>9211</i>	<i>\$79,719</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$79,719</i>
<i>Public Defender – Sup Ct II</i>	<i>4903</i>	<i>\$48,990</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$48,990</i>
<i>Comm. Corr. – Project Income</i>	<i>1122</i>	<i>\$598,467</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$598,467</i>

<i>Adult Probation</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>\$390,950</i>	<i>-\$1,012</i>	<i>\$389,938</i>
<i>Juvenile Probation</i>	<i>2150</i>	<i>\$6,947</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$6,947</i>
<i>Alcohol/Drug Program</i>	<i>2501</i>	<i>\$134,952</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$134,952</i>
<i>Comm. Corr. – Grant</i>	<i>9101</i>	<i>\$1,418,518</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$1,418,518</i>
<i>YSC Day Treatment</i>	<i>9102</i>	<i>\$63,631</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$63,631</i>
<i>WRAP</i>	<i>9103</i>	<i>\$86,452</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$86,452</i>
<i>Probation Grant</i>	<i>9107</i>	<i>\$139,150</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$139,150</i>
<i>REALM</i>	<i>9206</i>	<i>\$100,281</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$100,281</i>
<i>Adult Treatment Center</i>	<i>9207</i>	<i>\$148,816</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$148,816</i>
<i>Statewide 911</i>	<i>1222</i>	<i>\$2,420,641</i>	<i>-\$1,243</i>	<i>\$2,419,398</i>
<i>LEPC</i>	<i>1152</i>	<i>\$14,690</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$14,690</i>
<i>Health</i>	<i>1159</i>	<i>\$1,936,898</i>	<i>-\$114,894</i>	<i>\$1,822,004</i>
<i>Public Health Preparedness</i>	<i>8891</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>
<i>Local Health Maintenance</i>	<i>1168</i>	<i>\$48,859</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$48,859</i>
<i>IN Local Health Trust</i>	<i>1206</i>	<i>\$34,636</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$34,636</i>
<i>Highway</i>	<i>1176</i>	<i>\$4,316,942</i>	<i>-\$11,291</i>	<i>\$4,305,651</i>
<i>Local Roads & Streets</i>	<i>1169</i>	<i>\$716,565</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$715,565</i>
<i>Cumulative Bridge</i>	<i>1135</i>	<i>\$1,689,712</i>	<i>-\$540</i>	<i>\$1,689,172</i>
<i>Pretrial Diversion</i>	<i>2503</i>	<i>\$82,476</i>	<i>-\$499</i>	<i>\$81,975</i>
<i>Prosecutor IV-D Incentive</i>	<i>8896</i>	<i>\$52,005</i>	<i>-\$61</i>	<i>\$51,944</i>
<i>STOP Grant</i>	<i>8897</i>	<i>\$57,720</i>	<i>-\$1,328</i>	<i>\$56,392</i>
<i>VOCA Grant</i>	<i>8921</i>	<i>\$97,475</i>	<i>-\$2,382</i>	<i>\$95,093</i>
<i>Recorder Perpetuation</i>	<i>1189</i>	<i>\$143,135</i>	<i>-\$1,159</i>	<i>\$141,976</i>
<i>Security Protection</i>	<i>1160</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>Jail</i>	<i>1114</i>	<i>\$6,493,065</i>	<i>-\$96,032</i>	<i>\$6,497,033</i>
<i>Cornerstone Perpetuation</i>	<i>1203</i>	<i>\$8,850</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$8,850</i>

<i>VIP</i>	<i>1127</i>	<i>\$1,400,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$1,400,000</i>
<i>TOTALS</i>		<i>\$58,735,752</i>	<i>-\$1,442,646</i>	<i>\$57,293,106</i>

The Public Hearing portion of the meeting was opened. Hearing no comments, the Public Hearing portion of the meeting was closed. Greg Duke asked what it cost for the 3% raise. Auditor O'Connor stated that she believes it to be about \$450,000 for the General Fund salaries at 3%. Mark Webber asked what it would have cost for the 4% raise. Auditor O'Connor stated that would have been \$528,000 for the General Fund salaries. **Mark E. Gorbett motioned to Approve on 1st Reading the Bartholomew County 2022 Budget as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion.** Greg Duke asked if any funds were coming from CEDIT. Jorge R. Morales stated that the County General Fund was presented as a total of all the County General Departments, not broken down as it has been in the past. It was stated that they had reviewed the totals of each department during the Budget Hearings. Auditor O'Connor stated this is the same way it was read last year. Chief Deputy Pattingill agreed this is how it was done last year. Bill Lentz asked if we had done anything with the Riverboat Funds. Auditor O'Connor stated they did not designate anything from Riverboat. Jorge R. Morales stated that he does not have a problem with the budget but he has a problem with lumping everything under County General rather than listing each department separately. He will abstain from the vote because of this. **The vote was called for and passed with 6 in favor of and 1 abstention (Jorge R. Morales).**

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

Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence:

County Parks & Recreation Bd – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – nothing to report

Bill Lentz:

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – nothing to report

Health Bd – nothing to report

Matt Miller:

Personnel Administrative Committee – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Greater Columbus Economic Development Bd – July meeting cancelled.

Bartholomew County Broadband Initiative – nothing to report

Jorge R. Morales:

County Plan Commission – nothing to report

Greater Cols Economic Development Bd (proxy) – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Broadband Initiative – nothing to report

Greg Duke:

Emergency Management Bd – nothing to report

Jt Council Emergency Dispatch Services – nothing to report

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – nothing to report

Mark E. Gorbett:

Community Corrections Bd – nothing to report

Data Board – nothing to report

Drug Epidemic Committee – nothing to report

ASAP – nothing to report

Greg Duke discussed that in the interest for the long-term, that they create a policy or combination of policies to reduce county taxes and or reduce debt and or increase the level of reserves. A committee of 2 or 3 people could research and report to the entire Council. Auditor O'Connor stated that her office does not have the resources to assist that committee. The Council would have to take care of any needs for that committee. Greg Duke will work on this. Bill Lentz was willing to serve on this committee. It would be a Long-term Planning Committee for the Council. Jorge R. Morales stated that we have a healthy Rainy Day fund, but we know we are going to have major items coming up in the coming years. There can only be 3 people on the committee.

Greg Duke asked the Auditor how much was uncommitted from the previous meeting regarding the budget. Auditor O'Connor stated it was \$2,184,524 in the General Fund. That was with the 3% raise. That amount will stay in the General Fund as unappropriated until appropriated elsewhere.

There being no further business to come before the Council, **Bill Lentz made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
R. Scott Bonnell, President

By: _____

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Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

By: _____
Matt Miller, Member

By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

By: _____
Jorge R. Morales, Member

By: _____
Greg Duke, Member

By: _____
Mark E. Gorbett, Member

ATTEST: _____
Pia O'Connor, Auditor
Bartholomew County