

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL

July 10, 2023

| Name: | Representing: | Title: | Present: |
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| Matt Miller | At Large | | Present |
| Bill Lentz | At Large | | Present |
| Evelyn Strietelmeier-Pence | At Large | | Present |
| Greg Patterson | District 1 | | Present |
| Leah Beyer | District 2 | | Present (via Zoom) |
| Mark E. Gorbett | District 3 | Vice President | Present |
| Jorge R. Morales | District 4 | President | Present |
| Chris Monroe | - | Attorney | Present |
| Pia O'Connor | Auditor | Secretary | Present |

The Bartholomew County Council met on Tuesday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President Jorge R. Morales called the meeting to order. Pastor Robert Vester of Westside Community Church gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the Approval of the Minutes from the meeting on June 13, 2023. **Greg Patterson made a motion to Approve the Minutes from June 13, 2023 as presented. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Request for Additional Appropriation presented by Tammy Johannesen, Circuit Court Office Manager as follows:

- *County General/IV-D Child Support Fund (1000-39) \$ 1,316.00*
 - *These funds will be used to pay for four new chairs for the counsel tables. The current chairs are in disrepair.*

Matt Miller made a motion to Approve the Additional Appropriation of \$1,316.00 from County General/IV-D (1000-39), as requested. Evelyn Strietelmeier-Pence asked if this could wait until budget time, however, Ms. Johannesen said that the condition was so poor that it really could not wait. That being the case, the **Mark Gorbett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Requests for Additional Appropriations presented by Director of Nursing, Amanda Organist as follows:

- *School Liaison Grant (8931)* \$ 330,000.00
 - *Third year of previously established grant*
 - *Current year term: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024*
 - *Budget Includes:*
 - *Two (2) FT Contract RNs*
 - *Supplies*
 - *Computer Setup / IT*

Bill Lentz made a motion to Approve the Additional Appropriation \$330,000.00 from the School Liaison Grant Fund (8931), as requested. Greg Patterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Request for Additional Appropriations presented by Director Organist as follows:

- *Immunization Vaccine Grant for Children (8882)* \$ 98,704.53
 - *This grant was supplied as a supplemental to (8920), listed below.*
 - *Used for Clinic Supplies, Professional Services, Postage, and Printing & Advertising*

Mark Gorbett made a motion to Approve the Additional Appropriation of \$98,704.53 from the Immunization Vaccine Grant for Children Fund (8882), as requested. Greg Patterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Request for Additional Appropriations presented by Director Organist as follows:

- *Immunization Program Grant (8920)* \$ 87,750.00
 - *This grant was supplied as a supplemental to (8920), listed below.*
 - *Clinic Supplies, Interpreter, billing, contract staff for extra clinics with extra hours, public health nurse conference, awareness moments on the radio, maintenance for vaccine refrigerators, freezers and calibration for their temperature logs*

Bill Lentz asked if this grant is applied for or automatically awarded. Director Organist responded that she has to apply for this one (9820); the State automatically awards the previous one (8882) and they must agree for the School Liaison. Mark Gorbett and President Morales added to the discussion regarding the timing of the grants and asked her to find out if the State is considering moving these to the calendar year. Being no more conversation, **Mark Gorbett made a motion to Approve the Additional Appropriation of \$87,750 from the Immunization Program Grant Fund (9820), as requested. Greg Patterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The next item was a Request for Additional Appropriations presented by Sheriff Chris Lane and Major Brandon Slate of the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department and Judge Rohde as follows:

- *County General / Court House Security (1000-47)* \$ 184,626.67
 - *Salary, FICA & Insurance*
 - *Two (2) new Officers and one new (1) Supervisor assigned to Courthouse Security*
 - *July 1 start through end of 2023*

Mark Gorbett made a motion to Approve the Additional Appropriation of \$184,626.67 to the Courthouse Security Fund (1000-47), as requested. Greg Patterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item was a Request to Increase the Civilian Jail Officers' base pay, presented by Sheriff Lane, as follows:

- *Cost of Base Salary to \$50,000* *\$ 139,966.20*
- *This will be funded by the current budget for 2023*
- *July 1 start through end of 2023*

Mark Gorbett made a motion to Approve an Increase of the Correctional Officers' Matrix by \$138,969.20 to be absorbed by the current year's budget, as requested. Greg Patterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Moving forward to New Business, President Morales call for a motion to Approve the Salary Ordinance Change. Mark Gorbett made a motion to Approve the Salary Ordinance Change as requested. Matt Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The next item, under Miscellaneous Business, was a presentation by Director of Environmental Health Services, Link Fulp outlining the disparity within the Bartholomew County Health Department Nursing Division and the Environmental Division caused by recent salary changes. He further addressed the potential impact it could have on employee retention and recruitment and asked the Council to address this in the upcoming budget hearings. The Council discussed his concerns and agreed to hear take them into consideration as he presents his annual budget requests in August.

The next item miscellaneous item was Project 46, a request from Bloomington that no Council member expressed interest in and died on lack of motion.

The next items of miscellaneous business were Boards and Commissions updates.

- Greg Patterson – Parks & Rec did not meet. Sheriff Merit Board reports they are moving forward, hiring three new deputies that they have in two school and have several interviews next month.
- Jorge Morales – County Plan Commission has not met in several months. The County wifi Project is moving ahead nicely, beginning on the north side of the

county. The Personnel committee met and the Commissioners will be presenting requests for salary increases for the County Administrator, the Animal Control Officer and for the Emergency Management Director. The Prosecutor requested a new position of Investigator. The Health Department requested a new position for the School Liaison and a new RN for the TB Program. The Sheriff and Jail requested a new position for the Civil Process. The Coop Extension Office requested a classification and salary change for the 4H Assistant and the Environmental Health Director, Link Fulp, will have the requests that were presented in part in tonight's Council meeting.

- Mark Gorbett – Joint Funding Board, Joan (?) said they will meet to discuss the next 5 years; he will talk to Todd and Shannon before budget time to shore up dates and times.
- Matt Miller – no updates
- Bill Lentz – no updates
- Evelyn Strietelmeier-Pence - no updates

Mark Gorbett asked to confirm dates in August. Auditor Pia O'Connor stated Budget Hearings will begin on Monday, August 21, 2023 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Greg Patterson stated he will be unable to attend in person on the second day of hearings.

There being no further business to come before the Council, **Greg Patterson made a motion to adjourn. Matt Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Jorge R. Morales, President

By: _____
Mark E. Gorbett, Pro-Tem

By: _____

Matt Miller, Member

By: _____
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

By: _____
Leah Beyer, Member

By: _____
Bill Lentz, Member

By: _____
Greg Patterson, Member

ATTEST: _____
Pia O'Connor, Auditor
Bartholomew County