

October 19, 2020

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
September 8, 2020

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

Additional people in physical attendance of the meeting were:

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Additional people in “Zoom” attendance of the meeting were:

Chief Deputy Auditor Dalene Pattingill	Auditor’s Tax Administrator Chris West
County Coroner Clayton Nolting	Prosecutor Office Manager Brenda Mijares
SWMA Director Heather Siesel	Deputy Coroner Jay Fredrick
County Recorder Tami Hines	County Assessor Ginny Whipple
Stephen Shipley	Jason Hatton, Library Director
County Engineer Danny Hollander	County IT Director Scott Mayes
Sheriff Matt Myers	Mark Webber, The Republic
John Clark, White River Broadcasting	Debbie Teike

The Bartholomew County Council met on September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the IT Conference Room of the Governmental Office Building, 440 Third Street, Columbus, Indiana.

President 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 the meeting minutes for the following meetings: July 14, August 11, August 17, August 18, August 19 and August 20, 2020. **Laura DeDomenic made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. R Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Request of Additional Appropriations in County General – Coroner’s Office (1000-07) in the amount of \$46,250.00. Coroner Clayton Nolting stated this would get his office through the end of the year. Numbers this year have been very high. They have 25 confirmed and 1 pending overdoses. They have had 4 homicides and several suicides. The autopsy expenses are what are causing them to run short. For accidents, they do toxicology and X-rays to make accurate cause of death determinations. Due to the sheer numbers, he will also be short in funding for his contract employees. Mark Gorbett asked for a breakdown. The biggest portion is \$35,000 for autopsies. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request for \$46,250 as presented. Jorge R Morales seconded the motion.** Bill Lentz asked how he came up with the numbers. Coroner Nolting stated that as of yesterday they were at 126 cases this year and last year they did not reach 126 until late December. There are some cases that, by law, require autopsies but he does have the power to call for an autopsy on the remaining

cases. They have started autopsying all overdoses cases as they had one that was classified as an overdose but an autopsy showed very little amounts of drugs in the person's system. Since then, unless it is just extremely clear that it was drugs, he is having an autopsy completed. Jorge R Morales asked how confident he felt about his 2021 Budget that he had submitted. Coroner Nolting stated he did add to the budget for 2021 so he is good with it. He stated that his business is just so unpredictable. **The vote was called for and passed unanimously.**

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Request of Additional Appropriations in the Community Crossings Matching Grant (8924) for \$842,190.84 as presented by Engineer Danny Hollander. INDOT has finally sent the check for the CCM Grant so the money is in the fund. The majority of the work has been completed. He is asking for this to be appropriated so he can pay for the completed work. Any overruns of the project will be the County's to pay. This project was for over 18 miles of overlay. **Jorge R Morales made a motion to approve the request for \$842,190.84 as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds in the Local Roads & Streets (1169) in the amount of \$210,000.00 as presented by Highway Engineer Hollander. He is requesting to move \$149,668.22 from LRS Salt (1169-02-02-22) and \$60,331.78 from LRS Infrastructure (1169-03-04-60). The total of the funds, \$210,000 would be placed in LRS Road Equipment (1169-04-04-91). This is left over funding from salt purchasing and infrastructures. They wish to purchase a new dump truck. Bill Lentz asked what they use to determine when to replace a truck. Engineer Hollander stated the one they are replacing has been having a lot of trouble with the emission control system. Jorge R Morales asked how many miles they put on their trucks before replacing them. Engineer Hollander stated that it is determined by maintenance needs and rust due to hauling salt all winter, not so much on mileage. The amount of the transfer should cover the truck with a snowplow, sandbox and radio. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request for \$210,000 as presented. R Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds in the Highway Fund (1176) in the amount of \$25,000.00 as presented by Highway Engineer Hollander. He is requesting to move \$25,000 from Highway (1169-02-02-22) to LRS Road Equipment (1169-04-04-91). They have had an exceptional amount of road equipment repairs that

had to be sent out. They have almost emptied this line item. **Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence made a motion to approve the request for \$25,000 as presented. Jorge R Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer of Funds in Adult Protective Services (8900) in the amount of \$18,333.86 as presented by Prosecutor's Office Manager Brenda Mijares. This is a transfer of unspent money due to a lag in employees. This is money that is left over in their 19/20 budget that she is wanting to move to the 20/21 budget. It would go from budget line item 8900-19-03-90 to line item 8900-20-03-90. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request for \$18,333.86 as presented. R Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Decatur County is the one County that is not participating in the funding of this program.

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was a Request for a change in the Salary Ordinance for the Stop Grant Coordinator (8900) to be effective October 1, 2020 for the amount of \$43,326.00 as presented by Prosecutor's Office Manager Brenda Mijares. She stated this is to bring this position up to the correct amount for 2020. This will effectively give this employee the same raise the other County employees received in January 2020. From here

on, they will make this position a once a year raise in January along with the other County employees, if raises are given. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request for \$42,326.00 as presented. R Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the agenda was the First Reading of the Bartholomew County 2021 Budget as read by Auditor Pia O'Connor as follows:

County General	1000	\$28,201,761
Reassessment	1224	\$488,429
Sales Disclosure	1131	\$62,170
Debt Service	4600	\$1,996,000
Elected Officials Training	1217	\$15,000
Riverboat	1191	\$127,000
Election Board	1215	\$261,137
Clerk Perpetuation	1119	\$76,156
Clerk IV-D Incentive	8899	\$29,280
CEDIT	1112	\$3,233,000

Family Recovery Court	9211	\$96,095
Public Defender – Superior II	4903	\$47,564
Community Corrections - Project Income	1122	\$586,085
Adult Probation	2000	\$329,236
Juvenile Probation	2150	\$6,947
Alcohol/Drug Program	2501	\$146,422
Community Corrections Grant	9101	\$1,530,117
Youth Services Center Day Treatment	9102	\$63,631
WRAP	9103	\$79,874
Probation Grant	9107	\$139,150
REALM	9206	\$94,121
Adult Treatment Center	9207	\$126,374
Statewide 911	1222	\$2,440,894
LEPC	1152	\$14,678
Health	1159	\$1,714,619
Public Health Preparedness	8891	\$31,895
Local Health Maintenance	1168	\$48,859
Indiana Local Health Trust	1206	\$34,636
Highway	1176	\$3,093,596
Highway - Local Roads & Streets	1169	\$715,565

Highway - Cumulative Bridge	1135	\$1,600,000
Pretrial Diversion	2503	\$79,084
Prosecutor IV-D Incentive	8896	\$43,578
STOP Grant	8897	\$49,273
VOCA Grant	8921	\$87,421
Recorder Perpetuation	1189	\$141,099
Security Protection	1160	\$30,000
Jail	1114	\$4,950,834
Cornerstone Perpetuation	1203	\$17,750
VIP	1127	\$1,400,000
2021 Total Budget On First Reading		\$54,229,331

There was discussion regarding whether they would be any raises. It was determined that they are still waiting on better revenue information from the State. Auditor O'Connor stated she has not received any more information as of this time. They have until the Second Reading to act on raises. Bill Lentz is concerned giving the 80% to the Chief Deputies, though he is okay going with the majority of the Council's wishes. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence thought they had decided not to give raises to the Elected Officials. It was stated that all raises were still on the table until the 2nd Reading at which time they hope to have better information regarding revenues. Auditor O'Connor suggested having

this discussion at the October Work Session. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to Accept on First Reading the 2021 Bartholomew County Budget as presented. Jorge R Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

The next item on the Consideration of an Appointment to the Bartholomew County Public Library Board. Jorge R Morales had contacted the 5 individuals that were on the possible list they had received from Auditor O'Connor in August. He only received one call back. He is nominating Stephen Shipley for the position. Jason Hatton, the Library Director was on via Zoom and stated he will be happy to have a full board to work with. **Jorge R Morales made a motion to appoint Steven Shipley. Mark E Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.** Mark Webber asked if Stephen Shipley would introduce himself. Mr. Shipley has been an educator in various locations for a number of years and is very excited to be on the Board.

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

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 – increased the money they have brought in at Heflin Park.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – 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

Sheriff's Merit Bd – nothing to report

Greater Cols Economic Development Bd (proxy) – 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

Data Board – nothing to report

Drug Epidemic Committee – nothing to report

Under miscellaneous, Auditor O'Connor stated that Library Director Jason Hatton had a Declaration between the County and the Library that needed to be approved and signed. This is due to Senate Bill 405. This is a "Declaration of Fiscal Body". Director Hatton stated that they are not giving raises for Library employees for 2021. He stated that they too have no idea as to the revenue they will have for the 2021 year. Prosecutor's Office

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Manager Brenda Mijares wanted to let the Council know that they did lose another part-time person to the Courts. During budgets, they requested an increase in the position. She just wanted them to be aware of the situation. **R Scott Bonnell made a motion to approve the Declaration for the Library. Bill Lentz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

M Miller	B Lentz	E Pence	S Bonnell	DeDomenic	Gorbett	Morales
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

There will be another short meeting on September 15, 2020 at 6:00. This meeting will be specifically the SWMA 1st Reading of their 2021 Budget due to issues with the State's Gateway system that caused delays in the advertising. There will also be a request for an additional appropriation by Circuit Court.

Jorge R Morales made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark E Gorbett which passed unanimously.

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By: _____
Matt Miller, President

By: _____
Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

By: _____
R. Scott Bonnell, Member

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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

ATTEST: _____
Pia O'Connor, Auditor
Bartholomew County