

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL
September 15, 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 via phone
Chris Monroe	- -	Attorney	Zoom
Pia O'Connor	Auditor	Secretary	Zoom

Additional people in physical attendance of the meeting were:

IT Director Scott Mayes	
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Additional people in “Zoom” attendance of the meeting were:

Chief Deputy Auditor Dalene Pattingill	Auditor's Tax Administrator Chris West
SWMD Director Heather Siesel	Assessor Ginny Whipple
Circuit Crt Off Mgr Tammy Johannesen	Recorder Tami Hines

The Bartholomew County Council met on September 15, 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 a Request of Additional Appropriations in County General – Circuit Court (1000-36) for Other Services in the amount of \$10,500 as presented by Circuit Court Office Manager Tammy Johannesen. This request is for payment of transcripts for parents that have had their parental rights revoked. It also pays for the parent’s Public Defender if they are determined to be indigent. They have 3 criminal cases plus 1 CHINS appeal. That will result in 4 transcripts and as well as the appeal costs. They believe this will get them through 2020. Two of the appeals that have had transcripts prepared have been released so the Public Defender cost should be less. Mark E Gorbett clarified that this is an Additional. Office Manager Johannesen stated it is an Additional as they have some upcoming expenses that will be coming out of the fund she would usually transfer from. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the request for \$10,500 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 the First Reading of the 2021 Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District as presented by SWMD Director Heather Siesel as follows:

100's – Personal Services	\$1,140,802
200's – Supplies	\$84,000
300's – Other Services & Charges	\$2,136,800
400's – Capital Outlay	\$1,282,300
Total SWMD 2021 Budget	\$4,643,902

Director Siesel stated that the 100 line item does include Loyalty Pay but no raises. They will follow the County as to Loyalty Pay and raises. They did have slight increases in the 100's due to differential pay. There are no increases in the 200's. In the 300's for Other Services and Charges, they have a need for landfill construction in 2021. Other than those construction increases, the other increases within this fund are due to rising costs for services. They did not budget for a new cardboard truck but did budget for repairs for the existing truck. In the 400's, the large increase is due to the new cell construction of just over 4.5 acres. They also put some of the repair money for the cardboard truck in here as well as computers and IT equipment. They will be encumbering the IT expense money they had in their 2020 budget to 2021 to help with these expenses. The total budget for 2021 is \$4,643,902. Bill Lentz asked about the \$750,000 in 2019 for landfill site work. Director Siesel stated that was the cost of closing a cell within the landfill. Jorge R Morales asked what was different from the budget hearings in August. Director Siesel stated there are no changes. Auditor O'Connor stated that this is the First Reading of the SWMD 2021 Budget due to issues with Gateway and getting the advertising done timely. Evelyn

Strietelmeier Pence asked if they recycle plastics. Director Siesel stated that they take numbers 1-3 but their recycler does not accept the others at this time. They are having some success with not having plastic bags in the recycling bins. Bill Lentz asked how they would be funding the new cell. Director Siesel explained that they are not in County General; they are a separate taxing unit. They also have some revenue from recycling as well as revenue from some farm ground they own. They are trying very hard to not raise their tax rate. Bill Lentz asked if they would have to bond or raise the rate to build the new cell. Director Siesel stated that the Board did agree to raise the gate fee, which is a user fee. That will help to offset some of the budget needs. **Bill Lentz made a motion to approve on First Reading the 2021 SWMD Budget 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

Bill Lentz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by R Scott Bonnell which passed unanimously.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Matt Miller, President

By: _____
Bill Lentz, Pro-Tem

October 19, 2020

By: _____
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