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**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**November 10, 2020**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Present:</b>
Matt Miller	At Large	President	Present
Bill Lentz	At Large		Not Present
Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence	At Large		Zoom
R. Scott Bonnell	District 1	Pro-Tem	Present
VACANT	District 2		
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:

Mark Webber, The Republic	
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Additional people in “Zoom” attendance of the meeting were:

Chief Deputy Auditor Dalene Pattingill	Auditor's Tax Administrator Chris West
Comm. Corr Director Brad Barnes	Judge Worton
Judge Benjamin	Judge-Elect John Rohde
Mark Webber, The Republic	John Clark, White River Broadcasting
Jail Commander John Martoccia	Treasurer Barb Hackman

The Bartholomew County Council met on November 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers 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.

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The first item on the agenda was the approval of the meeting minutes for October 13, 2020. **R Scott Bonnell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mark Gorbett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

<b>M Miller</b>	<b>B Lentz</b>	<b>E Pence</b>	<b>S Bonnell</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>Gorbett</b>	<b>Morales</b>
<b>Aye</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>		<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>

The next item on the agenda was a Request of Additional Appropriations for a ICJI COVID Response Grant (8883) in the amount of \$187,028.50 as presented by Judge Benjamin. This would be used to assure COVID rules are being followed and items such as that. Instead of 2 part-time positions, they are probably going to be looking at 4 – 6 to allow more flexibility. Judge Worton stated that these people would be sworn in as Special Deputies and would train with the Sheriff’s Department. They would be additional resources and would work for the Courts. The Sheriff is in favor of this. Mark Gorbett asked as to who would be their direct supervisor. Judge Worton stated they would have one of them in charge of scheduling but they would answer directly to the Judges. Mark E Gorbett asked if the money is not spent by the end of the year, will it carry over next year. Auditor O’Connor stated it is able to be used past the end of the year. Judge Worton stated that they felt this was a good use of the available funds to increase the security within the Courthouse. Mark E Gorbett asked if the Sheriff was on board without having direct control of these positions. Judge Worton stated he was 2 weeks ago when they last talked. Jorge R Morales asked how many people. Judge Worton stated that they would hire part-

time but they would cover each Court for the 40 hour weeks. Judge Benjamin stated it could be up to 6 as that is the number of Courts they currently have. Auditor's Chief Deputy Dalene Pattingill stated that as part-time they can only work 28 hours per week. The funding is enough for a year at the current calculations. Mark E Gorbett asked what the plan was for after the 1 year. Judge Benjamin stated that they have asked for more security and will continue to during budget sessions. Mark E Gorbett thinks that down the road, this will end up falling under the responsibility of the Sheriff. Judge Worton stated that with the grant, it would be a test of additional security and if it will work with the Judges being in charge. Jorge R Morales shares Mark E Gorbett's concerns. He wants them to understand that when it comes to the end of the grant, he is not certain he will support it. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation of \$187,028.50 as presented. R Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

<b>M Miller</b>	<b>B Lentz</b>	<b>E Pence</b>	<b>S Bonnell</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>Gorbett</b>	<b>Morales</b>
<b>Aye</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>		<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>

The next item on the agenda was a Request of Additional Appropriations in County General Superior Court I (1000-37) in the amount of \$25,000 as presented by Judge Worton. Judge Worton explained that when there is a murder case, it is outside of their public defenders' normal duties. They are currently down to about \$2,000 in this fund. This fund also pays for Special Judges and Professional Services. **Jorge R Morales made**

**a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for \$25,000 as presented. Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

<b>M Miller</b>	<b>B Lentz</b>	<b>E Pence</b>	<b>S Bonnell</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>Gorbett</b>	<b>Morales</b>
<b>Aye</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>		<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer for Superior Court II (1000-38) for \$1,400 as presented by Community Corrections Director Brad Barnes and Judge-Elect Rohde. This is to transfer \$1,400 from Office Supplies (1000-38-02-10) to Machinery & Equipment (1000-38-04-40). Superior Court II have opted not to have firearms available to them. Judge-Elect Rohde wants to have them available going forward. They are the Sig P320, the same weapons as the Sheriff's Department and Community Corrections use. The cost is around \$450 each. Judge-Elect Rohde noted this is not additional funds, just a transfer. He also stated that there would be training for the staff. Jorge R Morales asked if we had to receive bids. Director Barnes stated the individual amount is under the limit as set by the County. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to Approve the Request for Transfer in Superior Court II in the amount of \$1,400 as presented. R Scott Bonnell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

<b>M Miller</b>	<b>B Lentz</b>	<b>E Pence</b>	<b>S Bonnell</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>Gorbett</b>	<b>Morales</b>
<b>Aye</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>		<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>

The next item on the agenda was a Request for Transfer for the Jail LIT (1114) in the amount of \$25,000 as presented by Jail Commander John Martoccia. This is to transfer

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\$25,000 from Inmate Medical (1114-32-03-10) to Part-Time (1114-32-01-19) to get through the end of the year. **Mark E Gorbett made a motion to Approve the Request for Transfer in Jail LIT in the amount of \$25,000 as presented. Jorge R Morales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

<b>M Miller</b>	<b>B Lentz</b>	<b>E Pence</b>	<b>S Bonnell</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>Gorbett</b>	<b>Morales</b>
<b>Aye</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>		<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye</b>

The next item on the agenda was the Presentation of the German Township Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as prepared by German Township Trustee Chris West. Trustee West explained the intention of the Township over the next 3-5 years. There was no action to be taken as this is information only.

The next item on the list was Discussion of CARES Funding Appropriations as presented by Auditor Pia O'Connor. Auditor O'Connor had prepared a letter and spreadsheet to show the CARES Act Funding that she sent out earlier today. She stated that they have been capturing the expenses that we have incurred since COVID began. They have received over \$137,000 to date, leaving over \$2,500,000 to receive. The State Board of Accounts stated that they will need an Appropriation from the Council to expend (reimburse) the items purchased. She will be sending in the report later this week to receive the funds and then she will come before the Council at their December meeting for the appropriation. Jorge R Morales asked if she believes they will be able to utilize all of the funds that are available. She stated they should be able to. Jorge R Morales asked if the

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money could be used for the vaccines for those that cannot afford it. Auditor O'Connor stated that once the money is received, they can use it for any expense. She believes this money should first and foremost for COVID related expenses. If the vaccine works and COVID is gone at the end of January and they have \$1,000,000 remaining, then they can spend it on whatever they need to.

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 – the BMX track is doing so well that they plan to enlarge it.

Job Review/Classification Committee – nothing to report

Youth Services Center Advisory Committee – nothing to report

**Bill Lentz:**

Job Review/Classification Committee – absent

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Personnel Administrative Committee – absent

Cols Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bd – absent

**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

He asked if the Commissioners could come to the December meeting to discuss the Lowell Bridge plans? Auditor O'Connor stated she could gather the information and get it to them. She stated that the new Highway Garage is proceeding on time and on budget. Lowell Bridge will be paid out of the Cumulative Bridge Fund.

**VACANT:**

Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission – no report

Greater Columbus Economic Development Bd – no report

ASAP – no 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, Mark E Gorbett commented that, while Laura DeDomenic is not here tonight, he wishes her well in her new endeavor and appreciates her service to the community.

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

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

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

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



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Evelyn Strietelmeier Pence, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jorge R. Morales, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
VACANT, Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark E. Gorbett, Member

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