

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING February 3, 2020

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on February 3, 2020 in the Commissioner's Office located on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse, Hartford City IN.

Vice-President John Oxley called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Commissioners Nick Rhodes and John Oxley present. Others in attendance were Anne Owen, Bruce Edgington, Paul Schriver, Deb Perry, Mary Beal, Bill Smith, Dan Eckstein, Kathy Bantz, Cheri Brown, Jon Creek, Sam Swenson, Bill Hughes, Jim & Karen Gruwell and Jon Oswalt.

The minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting were approved as presented by a 2/0 vote after a motion by Nick Rhodes and a 2nd by John Oxley.

Surveyor Paul Schriver introduced Bill Hughes from Beasley & Gilkison as the new Drainage Board and Commissioner Attorney pending commissioner approval. Mr. Hughes is also the Blackford County Planning and Zoning attorney. Nick Rhodes moved to approve Mr. Hughes as the **Drainage Board Attorney** but wait to approve him as Commissioner attorney until Mr. Forcum is contacted. John Oxley 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was 2/0.

Jail 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Deb Perry gave the inmate count as 26 local males, 13 local females, 22 out-of-county males and 1 out-of-county female for a total of 62 inmates.

EMA Director Bill Smith will hold a **Skywarn Spotter Training class** at the Montpelier Police Department on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:00 pm for anyone interested.

Highway Supervisor Bruce Edgington presented the 2019 Annual Report which John Oxley signed so it can be submitted. Shambaugh has started the sign replacement per a grant.

Purdue Extensions Cheri Brown reported that the What's UP 24/7 community calendar is up and running. There were approximately 30 groups and businesses that attended recent sign up events.

Veteran's Affairs Officer Jon Oswalt has the national database program up and running. He can access all documents from 1970 to present with a Power of Attorney from the veteran. There is an issue requiring a letter of support from the Commissioners to send to the federal government to allow him access to all records with the POA.

Health Department appointments for 2020: Nick Rhodes moved to reappoint Dr. Donald Hunsberger and Dr. Helen Borgenheimer to the Health Board and Dr. Lori Skidmore as Health Officer. All terms expire 12/31/2023. John Oxley 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was 2/0.

Jail 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Deb Perry presented a revised ordinance for Inmate Medical Care and fees. Nick Rhodes moved to approve **Ordinance 2020-01, Inmate Medical Co-Pay** and John Oxley 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was 2/0.

Auditor Hartley presented a revised Credit Card Policy ordinance. Nick Rhodes moved to approve **Ordinance 2020-02, Credit Card Usage Policy** and John Oxley 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was 2/0.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of **\$263,111.73** on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Oxley. The vote was 2/0.

Payroll Claims:

**PPE 1/24/2020** Claims for \$125,773.46 were approved on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Oxley. The vote was 2/0.

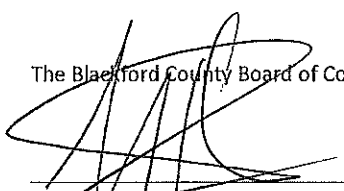
**Public Comment:**

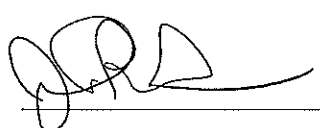
Jon Creek requested a letter of support to apply for grants from the Blackford County Community Foundation. The grants will allow Blackford Development Corporation to do general cleanup work in Hartford City. Nick Rhodes moved to approve a letter of support and John Oxley 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was 2/0.

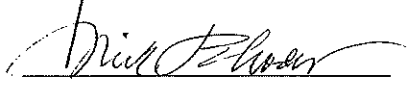
There being no further public comment, Nick Rhodes made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

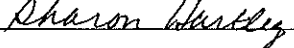
Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

The Blanford County Board of Commissioners

  
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John Lancaster, President

  
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John Oxley, Vice President

  
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Nick Rhodes, Member

Attest:   
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Auditor Sharon Hartley