

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING March 4, 2019

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on March 4, 2019 in the Commissioner's Office located on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse, Hartford City IN.

President John Lancaster called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Commissioners Nick Rhodes, John Lancaster and John Oxley present. Others in attendance were Mary Beal, Bruce Edgington, Colton Bickel, Kathy Goodspeed, Ryan Goodspeed, Paul Schriver, Anne Owen, Tim Stanley, Jon Oswalt, Dana Turner, Brian Greer and Laurynn Thieme.

The minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting were approved as presented by a 3/0 vote after a motion by Nick Rhodes and a 2nd by John Oxley.

The minutes of the February 25, 2019 Executive Session were approved as presented by a 3/0 vote after a motion by John Oxley and a 2nd by Nick Rhodes.

Highway Supervisor Bruce Edgington stated the Container Collection Site will be open the 2nd Saturday of each month beginning April 13. The last day for 2019 will be Saturday, November 16 due to Veteran's Day. Bruce will be at Road school the remainder of this week.

Veteran's Affairs Officer Jon Oswalt told Commissioner he will be attending meetings in June.

Courthouse Custodian Tim Stanley reported the ceiling painting on the second floor is nearly completed and painting on the third floor will begin shortly. The colors and painting technique look very good.

Brian Greer from Purdue Extension told Commissioners about the **Strengthening Families** program that starts Wednesday, April 3. The program runs once a week for seven weeks. Trinity Church provides a meal and there are breakout session for the parents and one for the kids. Cheri Brown is the educator for the program.

Planning and Zoning Director Anne Owen asked for the board to reconsider asking the APC to allow an accessory building on a vacant lot without a primary structure. After some discussion, John Oxley made a motion for consideration by the APC to allow an accessory building of not less than 100 square feet on a vacant lot that does not have a primary building. John Lancaster 2nd and the vote was 2/1 with Nick Rhodes voting nay.

Michele Risinger, Hartford City Public Librarian, suggested Judy Soddors as the Commissioner's appointment. John Oxley moved to appoint Ms. Soddors and Nick Rhodes 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Treasurer Dana Turner presented an agreement with GUT-S to process property tax bills. The two year agreement is for \$7,500 each year, the same as prior years. Nick Rhodes moved to accept the agreement and John Oxley 2nd. The vote was 3/0. Turner also informed the board that 92% of taxes billed in November 2018 were collected. 2019 property tax due dates are May 10 and November 12.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$202,315.91 on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0.

Payroll Claims:

PPE 02/22/2019 Claims for \$119,564.79 were approved on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes and 3/0 vote.

Public Comment

There being no further public comment, Nick Rhodes made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

The Board of Finance meeting was called to order at 8:53 a.m.

John Oxley nominated John Lancaster as BOF President and Dana Turner as Secretary. Nick Rhodes moved to close nominations and the vote was 4/0 to approve.

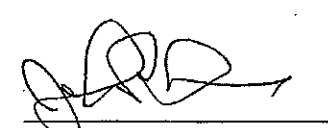
Turner reported she moved money to different accounts in order to earn more interest. Interest income increased \$11,733 in just one month with the new account structure. The Treasurer would like to stay with Citizens State Bank. John Oxley made a motion to keep county bank accounts at Citizens State Bank. Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 4/0.


With no further business, John Oxley moved to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting at 8:56 a.m.

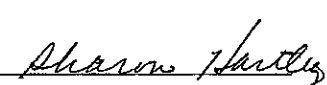
Approved this 18th day of March, 2019.

The Blackford County Board of Commissioners


John Lancaster, President


John Oxley, Vice President


Nick Rhodes, Member

Attest: 
Auditor Sharon Hartley