

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING April 1, 2024

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on April 1, 2024, in the Commissioner/Council room on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse, Hartford City IN. The meeting was available on Zoom as well.

President John Lancaster called the meeting to order, and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Commissioners John Lancaster, Laura Coons, and Dan Borgenheimer present. Also, present were Tyler Hunt, Bill Smith, Derek Hagan, Jim Weiseman, Brad Neff, Max Tarter, Anne Owen, Matt Gavenda, Meagan Westfall, Kevin Love, Kim Pitts, Mike Daniel, and Jim Heflin. Attending on Zoom was Lisa Simmons, Paul Schriver, Elizabeth Witt, Shelby Maddox, Amy Latham, Sam Swenson, Sheila Hyer, Dana Turner, Frances Mays, Rhonda Williams, Steven Holman, and Mary Beal.

Minutes of the March 18, 2024, Regular Meeting were approved as presented on a **motion by Laura Coons and 2nd by Dan Borgenheimer. The vote was 3/0.**

Derek Hagan, Courthouse renovation project manager gave an update on the work on the courthouse. The main roof panels are up on the main roof on the east side. By the end of April, the east side roof should be completed. Work will continue as the weather allows.

Global Life Insurance for employees was presented. The plan is voluntary and paid for by the employee. **Laura Coons moved to approve Global Life Insurance for employees with the employee paying the premium. Dan Borgenheimer 2nd and the vote was 3/0.**

Mike Daniel, Highway Foreman presented an INDOT unofficial detour for work on a large culvert on SR 3 north of Blackford Jr/-Sr High School. The detour uses CR 300 N to CR 100 E to CR 200 N. The work will begin in the fall on 2024. **Dan Borgenheimer moved to approve the unofficial detour and Laura Coons 2nd. The vote was 3/0.**

Sheriff Jim Heflin - (1) gave the inmate count as 71. **(2)** Sheriff Heflin presented the 2023 Annual Jail Report to the commissioners. The report shows an average of 62 inmates. There were 451 new bookings and meth and DUI are the major bookings.

Courthouse Facilities Manager Meagan Westfall – (1) Koorsen Fire & Security sent a plan to combine all of the emergency and exit lights, fire alarm and detection systems and fire extinguishers on one billing. The annual fee is \$1,528 which will save the county about \$200. **Dan Borgenheimer moved to approve the agreement and Laura Coons 2nd. The vote was 3/0. (2)** Westfall received five quotes for work on the Annex roof. The quotes are all extremely different. Dan Borgenheimer, Westfall and a council member will review the quotes and bring information back to the commissioners. **(3)** the HVAC system is still having trouble. Several units are not working correctly. **(D)** GMD Construction presented an agreement to remove several metal sheets from the north side of the annex to allow DLZ to investigate the structural integrity of the building. The cost is \$2,600. **Dan Borgenheimer moved to approve the agreement and Laura Coons 2nd. The vote was 3/0.**

EMA Director Bill Smith (1) Smith will have an **Emergency Declaration** available for the Eclipse if needed. Sheriff Heflin, Bill Smith, Hartford City and Montpelier mayors and Highway Superintendent Pluimer will be on the committee to decide if and when the declaration is needed. **(2)** FEMA training will be held on April 15 from 10 am – Noon at the Fairgrounds. **(3)** There will be an educational training meeting on Tuesday, May 21st. This is a county wide meeting to be held at the Hartford City, City Building from 9 am – Noon. **(4)** the radio system currently in use for police, fire and EMS needs updated/replaced. A meeting will be held with all county law enforcement, fire departments, EMS, and EMA to determine the needs for each group.

Clerk Kim Pitts reported that absentee voting begins on April 9th. She will be going to BJSHS to show students how to use the voting machines and answer questions. Also, five HP laptop computers were found in a cabinet and no one knows what they are for. The laptops are old. Steven Holman will look at them and clean them the next time he is at the courthouse.

Matt Gavenda, Ambit Design – proposed a new website for county government. We have three other quotes for a website. The commissioners will review the quotes and revisit this at a later date.

Regular Claims were approved in the amount of \$99,822.17 on a **motion by Laura Coons and 2nd by Dan Borgenheimer. The vote was 3/0.**

Miscellaneous claims were approved in the amount of \$28,565.93 on a motion by Laura Coons and 2nd by Dan Borgenheimer. The vote was 3/0.

Highway roller claim was approved in the amount of \$40,900.00 on a motion by Laura Coons and 2nd by Dan Borgenheimer. The vote was 3/0.

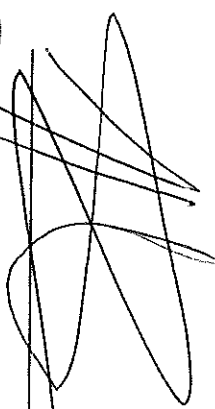
Payroll Claims were approved in the amount of \$52,444.31 on a motion by Laura Coons and 2nd by Dan Borgenheimer. The vote was 3/0.


PPE 3/15/2024 Regular Payroll approved in the amount of \$147,825.70 on a motion by Laura Coons and 2nd by Dan Borgenheimer. The vote was 3/0.

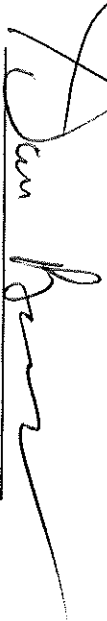
There being no further public comment, Laura Coons made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

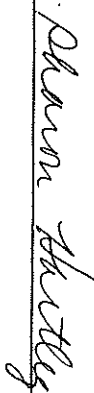
Approved this 15th day of April, 2024.

The Blackford County Board of Commissioners


John Lancaster, President


Laura Coons, Member


Dan Borgenheimer, Vice President

Attest: 
Auditor Sharon Hartley