

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

April 7, 2021

The Blackford County Council met at 6:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse located at 110 W Washington Street, Hartford City, Indiana for the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

President Dan Borgenheimer called the regular meeting to order and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll. **Those members answering roll** were Jack Beckley, Karen Mealy, Ryan Goodspeed, Dan Borgenheimer, Fred Tobey, Patrick Cale and Kyle Lechien. **Also present were:** in person were Paul Schriver, John Oxley, Wayne Bailey, Anne Owen, John Pluimer, Tyler Hunt, Jeff Sones, Bruce Edgington, Mary Beal and Warren Brown. No one **Attended on Zoom.**

The minutes of the March 3, 2021 Regular Council meeting were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Jack Beckley and 2nd by Karen Mealy. The vote was 7/0.

Committee Reports

- Community Corrections – Kyle Lechien – no meeting
- Solid Waste – Dan Borgenheimer HHWD is 6/19/21 Transfer Station opens April 9
- Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed – see Warren Brown below
- Blackford Development – Patrick Cale –see John Oxley below
- LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed – no report

Blackford County Economic Development Director Warren Brown reported training with Work One is available every two weeks. Attendees learn how to get and keep a job.

Commissioner John Oxley reported that BDC will sponsor summer concerts this year at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets. More information will be available soon for the monthly events. They plan to have vendors and food trucks available.

The 2020 Jail Annual Report was presented for review. Sheriff Sones also reported the K9 is currently in training.

Highway Supervisor Bruce Edgington has been interviewing job candidates for one position and has three strong candidates. He has another employee retiring June 30 and would like to hire for that position now as well. He will stagger the hire dates of the two employees. **Patrick Cale made a motion to allow the hiring of two employees from the candidates interviewed. Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 7/0.**

Planning & Zoning Director Anne Owen and Commonwealth Engineer Wayne Bailey presented a petition to IDEM to form the Blackford County Regional Sewer District. Bailey asked Council members to sign a resolution approving the formation of the Sewer District. Jack Beckley was not comfortable signing a *legal* document that was just presented and that wasn't reviewed by the Council Attorney. **Council members agreed to continue the topic to the May meeting.**

Auditor Hartley informed the board of the **purchase of four towers for the broadband project.** Randolph County had towers left from their project and offered them to Blackford County for \$136,436, saving Blackford County between \$6,000 - \$7,000. The money to purchase the towers is available from the CARES Grant.

The American Rescue Fund was reviewed by Auditor Hartley. Blackford County will receive over \$2.2M, half by May 11, 2021 and the remainder by May 11, 2022. The funds must be used by December 31, 2024. The Federal Government has guidelines for eligible expenses from the fund. The State Board of Accounts advised counties to wait for more information before spending any of the funds.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL


Ending Cash Balance as of 3/31/2021	\$ 2,266,364.25
Total Expenditures for March 2021	\$ 621,402.34
Total Revenue for March 2021	\$ 126,395.37

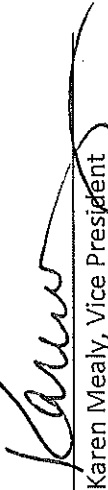
Auditor Hartley told Council members that she will have the list of departments at the May meeting for Council members to choose departments to meet with for 2022 budgets.


Surveyor Paul Schriver said the tile for the Gilman project and building materials are here. The pond is also in the works.

There being no further comment Dan Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien.

Approved this 5th day of May, 2021.


Dan Borgenheimer, President

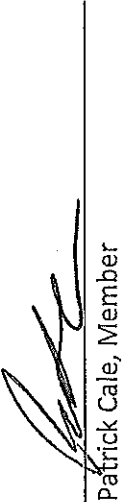

Karen Mealy, Vice President


Kyle Lechien, Member


Jack Beckley, Member


Ryan Goodspeed, Member


Fred Tobey, Member


Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary