

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

August 19, 2020 2021 Budget Public Hearing

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 2021 Budget Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. The meeting was also available on Zoom

President Dan Borgenheimer called the meeting to order.

Those members answering roll were Dan Borgenheimer, Kyle Lechlen, Ryan Goodspeed, Jack Beckley, Fred Tobey and Patrick Cale. Karen Mealy attended on Zoom.

Also present were: In person were Auditor Sharon Hartley, Sheriff Jeff Sones, Paul Schriver, Kelli Schriver, Jacki Clamme, Sheila Hyer, Dana Turner and Cheri Brown. Attending on Zoom were Tyler Hunt, Kathy Goodspeed, Warren Brown, Sue Kochanek and Bruce Edgington.

The minutes of the August 5, 2020 2nd 2021 Budget Workshop meeting were approved as Presented on a motion by Patrick Cale and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Goodspeed. The roll call vote was 7/0.

The purpose of the meeting is a public hearing on the 2021 Budget requests.

Surveyor Paul Schriver made a request for \$8,000 to be added to the line for a new truck. The original 2021 request was for \$15,000. This would bring the total to \$23,000. He presented several quotes to the board. Schriver wants to encumber the \$15,000 that is in the 2020 budget to use with the \$23,000 request in the 2021 budget to purchase the truck. Jack Beckley agreed to add the \$8,000 (for a total 2021 request of \$23,000). The rest of the board approved as well.

The Jackson Township Regional Sewer District 2021 request for \$308,000 was discussed again. Money is available in the EDIT fund and Rainy-Day Fund. Given the uncertainty of income in EDIT in 2021, the Council agreed to fund the \$308,000 request in 2021 with the decision on which fund to use to be made when the claim is submitted.

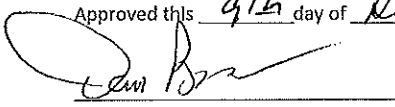
The Council asked who controls the EDIT Fund and if there could be a resolution in place for the Commissioners to come to Council before they agree to spend EDIT or Rainy-Day funds. Auditor Hartley will contact Aaron Henderson on the matter.

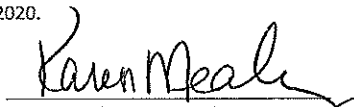
The question of Health Insurance for employees was updated from the last meeting. Kyle Lechlen wants to bid the insurance to see if we can get better coverage and rates, especially for families. Ryan Goodspeed asked if we could join IU Health's health plan. The question of a group with Blackford County School, Hartford City and Montpelier could be possible. The topic will be on the September agenda.

The Blackford County Solid Waste District 2021 budget was reviewed with no changes.

There being no further comment Kyle Lechlen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Patrick Cale 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was 7/0.

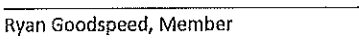
Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

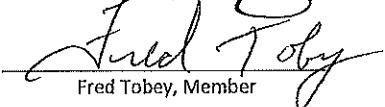
  
Dan Borgenheimer, President

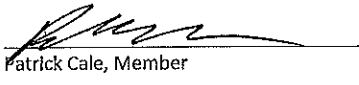
  
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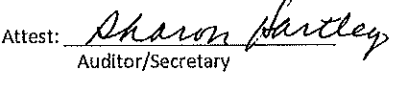
  
Kyle Lechlen, Member

  
Jack Beckley, Member

  
Ryan Goodspeed, Member

  
Fred Tobey, Member

  
Patrick Cale, Member

Attest:   
Auditor/Secretary