

## BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

### August 3, 2022 Budget Workshop #2

The Blackford County Council met at 7:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse located at 110 W Washington Street, Hartford City, Indiana for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 Budget Workshop meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2022. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

**Dan Borgenheimer called the Budget Workshop to order, and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll. Those members answering roll were, Ryan Goodspeed, Kyle Lechien, Fred Tobey, Patrick Cale, Dan Borgenheimer, Karen Mealy, and Jack Beckley present. Also present were in person, Lisa Simmons, Tyler Hunt, Meagan Westfall, Sue Kochanek, Chazz Shrader, John Pluimer, Kelli Schriver, Paul Schriver, Laura Coons, Sheila Hyer, Kim Pits, Mike Daniel, Jeff Sones, Bill Aspy, Deb Perry, Warren Brown, John Oxley, Jimmy Heflin, Brandon Capper and Judge Brian Bade. Attending on Zoom: Cheri Brown, Mary Beal, Christy Clark, Mike Winegardner and Kathy Goodspeed.**

#### **Council reviewed Salary requests presented for 2023.**

Jack Beckley proposed a 2% raise with longevity of \$150 per year of service capping at 20 years (\$3,000). There was discussion but no motions made.

Ryan Goodspeed brought up the idea of a matrix for all positions which was discussed and will be reviewed for future consideration.

Jack Beckley talked of a 5% raise for regular and beginning employee positions with the current longevity was discussed with no motions made.

Karen Mealy asked about a flat dollar amount raise. After some discussion **Ryan Goodspeed moved to have the Auditor prepare a spreadsheet showing \$1 per hour raise for current and beginning rates except those on the Sheriff/Jail/Dispatch Matrix and a \$1.25 per hour raise for current and beginning rates except those on the Sheriff/Jail/Dispatch Matrix for the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Karen Mealy 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote as 7/0.**

**Ryan Goodspeed moved to increase the base on the Sheriff/Jail/Dispatch Matrix by \$1,000 and leave the 1% yearly increase. Fred Tobey 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was 6/1 with Jack Beckley voting nay.**

Clerk Kim Pitts had requested \$36,847 be added to the Clerk's budget to scan Marriage Records which will be available online. After contacting the vendor and clarifying the record access process, the request was reduced to **\$11,788 (-11,420)**

The request for a \$22,000 Part-time line item in the LIT Public Safety fund was discussed and clarified. The request will be renamed Part-time Paid Reserve. The funds will be used to cover short staffed shifts by an academy graduate.

Warren Brown reviewed the Newberry BOT agreement which has Hartford City and the County each paying \$52,000 per year for the loan to renovate the building.

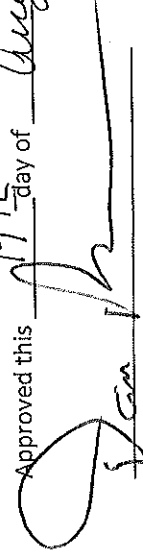
**EDIT 1112 – Kyle Lechien moved to strike the \$60,000 request for Washington Township Sewer District. Dan Borgenheimer 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was 7/0. (-60,000)**

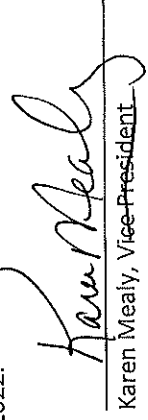
The Blackford County Solid Waste District budget was reviewed and will be left at the request of \$33,735.

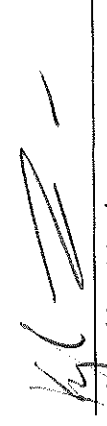
Kyle Lechien brought up Security at the Courthouse. After discussing issues and upgrades that need to be made, it was decided to add \$75,000 to the Cumulative Capital Development budget and \$75,000 to the ARP budget for courthouse security.

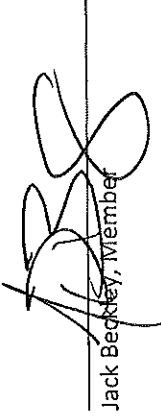
There being no further comment Dan Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Beckley and 7/0 vote.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

  
Dan Borgenheimer, President

  
Karen Mealy, Vice President

  
Kyle Lechien, Member

  
Jack Beckley, Member

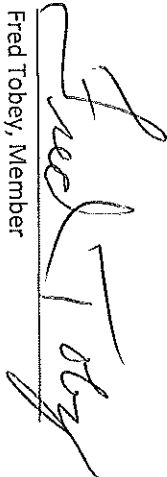
Bryan Godspeed, Member



Patrick Cale, Member



Fred Tobey, Member



Attest: Alanna  
Auditor/Secretary