

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

August 7, 2023 1st 2024 Budget Workshop

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 1st 2024 Budget Workshop on Monday, August 7, 2023. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

President Dan Borgenheimer called the Budget Workshop to order, and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll. The members answering roll were Dan Borgenheimer, Kyle Lechien, Jack Beckley, Karen Mealy, and Ryan Goodspeed present. Also present in person, Lisa Simmons, Tyler Hunt, Kelly Cale, Kyli Penrod, John Pluimer, Kelli Schriver, Paul Schriver, Laura Coons, Jim Heflin, Taylor Lefever, Joelle Freiburger, Sheila Hyer, Judge Nick Barry, Judge Brian Bade, Sue Kochanek, Erin Foreman, Frances Mays, Kim Pitts, John Oxley, Cheri Brown, and Warren Brown. Mary Beal joined on Zoom.

The Council was tasked with cutting \$569,206 from the County General budget for 2024. County General cuts were made to:

- Clerk - \$20,000 Probate Records scanning
- Election/Registration - \$7,000 Repair of Equipment
- Sheriff - \$50,000 Police Car; \$52,000 Deputy SRO; \$6,446 Sheriff's salary
- Jail - \$37,102 Courthouse Security Officer
- Treasurer - \$7,550 Custom Hire
- Surveyor - \$15,000 Survey Equipment; \$10,000 Digitize Records; \$1,000 Attachments
- Coroner - \$2,000 Deputy Coroner; \$200 Travel; \$200 Meals & Lodging
- Prosecutor - \$1,400 Custom Hire
- Child Support - \$600 Extra Help
- Purdue Extension - \$5,300 Program Assistant
- Veteran's Affairs - \$175 Travel; \$125 Printing
- Council - \$500 Training; \$500 Meals & Lodging
- Commissioner - \$1,000 Copy Machine Supplies; \$5,000 Community Assistance; \$2,000 Military Burials; \$10,000 Solid Waste District
- Planning & Zoning - \$14,196 Extra Help
- Courthouse/Annex - \$3,500 Lawn Care; \$3,200 Furniture/Equipment
- Circuit Court - \$56,770 Probation Officer
- EMA - \$2,500 Deputy Director; \$1,000 Garage & Motor \$1,000 Repair of Equipment; \$1,000 Emergency Radios
- Transfer Station - \$5,000 Driver/Equip Operator

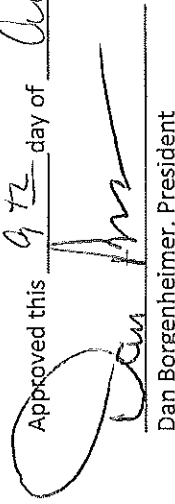
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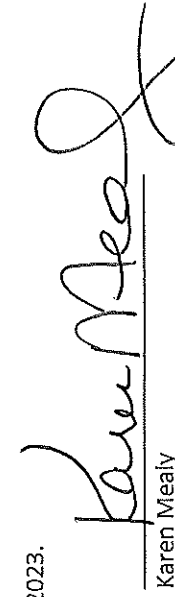
- \$40,000 Blackford County Sewer District
- \$80,000 Purdue Extension Building
- \$60,000 Jackson Twp Sewer District

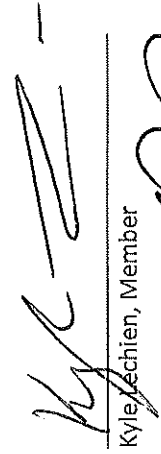
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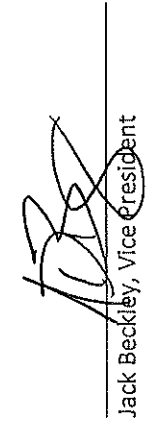
There being no further comment President Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 5/0 vote.

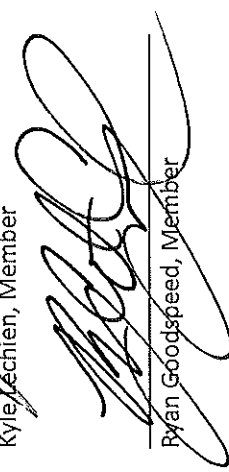
Approved this 9th day of August, 2023.


Dan Borgenheimer, President

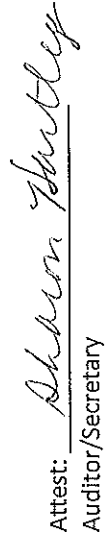

Karen Mealy


Kyle Lechien, Member


Jack Beckley, Vice President


Ryan Goodspeed, Member

Fred Tobey, Member

Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary

Patrick Cale, Member