

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

August 9, 2023 Regular Meeting

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 meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2023. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

President Dan Borgenheimer called the Regular Meeting to order, and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll. The members answering roll were Dan Borgenheimer, Kyle Lechien, Jack Beckley, Karen Mealy, Ryan Goodspeed and Patrick Cale. Fred Tobey was absent. Also present in person, Tyler Hunt, Warren Brown, Kelly Cale, Kyli Penrod, John Pluimer, Anne Owen, Jacob McClellan, John Oxley, Kelli Schriver, Paul Schriver, Jim Heflin, Sue Kochanek, Cheri Brown, Christy Clark, Joelle Freiburger, Lisa Simmons, Kim Pitts, Meagen Westfall, Cory Brown-Pugsley and John Lancaster. **Attending on Zoom:** Greg Balsano, Sheila Hyer, Trisha Keesling, Barbie Coronato, and Dana Turner.

The Regular meeting was recessed at 6:02 p.m.

The Preliminary Determination Public Hearing on the Courthouse Bond was called to order on a motion by Karen Mealy, second by Ryan Goodspeed and 6/0 vote.

Jacob McClellan, Bose McKenny attorney for the Courthouse Bond, reviewed the process for obtaining a bond not to exceed \$8,000,000 or repairs to the courthouse and not to exceed 20 years.

The Blackford County Municipal Building Corporation has been formed and met to elect officers.

Greg Balsano from Baker Tilly was available for questions on the financial aspects of the bond.

With no public comments, the **Public Hearing was adjourned** on a motion from Karen Mealy, second from Ryan Goodspeed and 6/0 vote.

The Public Hearing on Financing Lease for the Courthouse Bond was opened on a motion by Karen Mealy, second from Ryan Goodspeed and 6/0 vote.

There being no public comments, the Public Hearing was adjourned on a motion by Patrick Cale, second by Kyle Lechien and 6/0 vote.

The Regular Council meeting was reconvened.

The minutes of the July 12, 2023, Regular Council meeting were approved as Presented on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 2nd by Ryan Goodspeed . The vote was 4/0. Cale and Borgenheimer were absent 7/12.

The minutes of the July 26, 2023, Executive Session were approved as Presented on a motion by Ryan Goodspeed and 2nd by Karen Mealy. The vote was 5/0. Cale was absent on 7/26.

The minutes of the August 7, 2023, Executive Session were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Jack Beckley and 2nd by Karen Mealy. The vote was 5/0. Cale was absent on 8/7.

An Ordinance Making a Preliminary Determination to Enter into A Lease in Connection with The County Courthouse Project was presented. Karen Mealy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06, Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 6/0.

An Ordinance Approving Matters Related to Lease Financing of The County Courthouse Project was presented. Karen Mealy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-07, Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 6/0.

Council reviewed the 2023 pay 2024 Circuit Breaker report for all units of government.

Committee Reports

- Community Corrections – Kyle Lechien – no report
- Solid Waste District – no report
- Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed – no report
- Blackford Development – Patrick Cale – no report
- LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed – no report

Recorder Kelli Schriver presented ordinance for use of \$6,650 from the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund in the 2024 budget. Jack Beckley moved to approve Ordinance 2023-08. Kyle Lechien 2nd and the vote was 6/0.

Sheriff Jim Heffin – requested permission to pay \$44,328 from the LIT Public Safety fund to upfit three Sheriff vehicles. After some discussion, the auditor will take the request to the APR fund committee for approval to pay the upfitting from the ARP money. Ryan Goodspeed moved to approve the use of ARP funds for the project if approved by the committee. Patrick Cale 2nd and the vote was 6/0.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of July 31, 2023	\$ 1,857,764.74
Total Expenditures for July 2023	\$ 357,605.29
Total Revenue for July 2023	\$ 162,387.37

Additional Appropriations:

EDIT - Jackson Township Sewer District \$60,000 -Jackson Township Sewer District Treasurer Sheila Hyer answered questions on the need for the funds. She will request a representative from Commonwealth be at the next meeting to answer questions in more detail.

Rainy Day --- County Improvements (building demo) \$219,000 – Patrick Cale moved to approve and Kyle Lechien 2nd. The vote was 5/1 with Jack Beckley voting nay.

Transfers:

EDIT Fund \$1,950 from County Improvement Projects to Blackford County Sewer District –

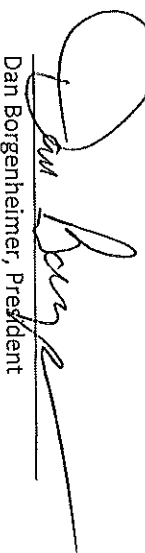
Ryan Goodspeed moved to approve the transfer and Patrick Cale 2nd. The vote was 5/1 with Kyle Lechien voting nay.

County General Prosecutor \$103.88 from Operating Supplies to Travel
\$297.18 from Postage to Meals & Lodging
Cumulative Capital Development \$2,900 from Culverts to Engineering Fees

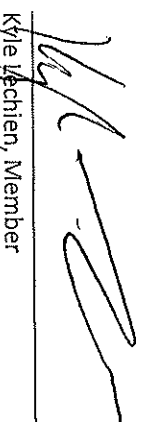
Jack Beckley moved to approve the two transfers and Kyle Lechien 2nd. The vote was 6/0.

There being no further comment President Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 6/0 vote.

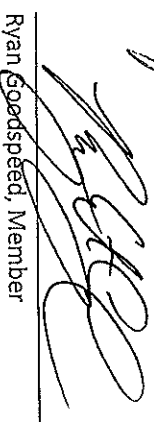
Approved this 6th day of Sept, 2023.


Dan Borgenheimer, President

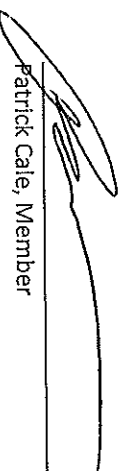
Karen Mealy, Member

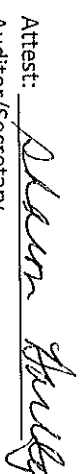

Kyle Lechien, Member


Jack Beckley, Vice President


Ryan Goodspeed, Member

Fred Tobey, Member


Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary