

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING September 3, 2019

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on September 3, 2019 in the Commissioner's Office located on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse, Hartford City IN.

President John Lancaster called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Commissioners Nick Rhodes, John Lancaster and John Oxley present. **Others in attendance** were Bruce Edgington, Anne Owen, Tim Stanley, Cheri Brown, Kathy Goodspeed, Bill Smith, Tyler Hunt, Kathy Bantz, Jeff Sones, Michele Risinger, John Dockery and Sam Swenson.

The minutes of the August 19, 2019 meeting were approved as presented by a 3/0 vote after a motion by Nick Rhodes and a 2nd by John Oxley.

Cheri Brown from Purdue Extension invited the Commissioners to a Broadband meeting today at 11:00 a.m. at Hartford City City Hall.

Bruce Edgington, Highway Supervisor 1. Presented a resolution Defining the Names of Certain County Roads. Nick Rhodes moved to **approve Resolution 2019-R4 Defining the Names of Certain County Roads** and John Oxley 2nd. The vote was 3/0. **2.** Edgington has been approached about a Weather Service available 24/7/365 to help officials with approaching weather. The cost for all departments is \$5,000. After discussion with Edgington and Sheriff Sones it was decided not to join this service.

Anne Owen, Planning and Zoning Director, reported some interest in wind farms and wants to set up a committee to review the current plans. Commissioners approve and John Oxley volunteered to be the representative for the board.

Bill Smith, EMA Director, reported that five people will attend CERT training soon and another group training is planned for spring 2020.

Sheriff Jeff Sones gave the inmate count as 25 local males, 7 local females, 15 out-of-county males and 4 out-of-county females for a total of 51 inmates.

Michele Risinger spoke for the Hartford City Main Street Group. They want to preserve the historic value of the downtown buildings. They are asking five groups to contribute \$600 each to hire Indiana Landmarks Group to assist in developing a plan for the preservation. John Oxley moved to give \$600 in assistance and Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 3/0.

Montpelier Mayor Kathy Bantz introduced **John Dockery from What's Up 24/7.** Dockery showed a video of his product which is a public calendar to promote events, business and activities in the county. The calendar can be integrated into the county website to give visitors a complete list of things to see and do in Blackford and surrounding counties. The cost for the first year is \$7,500 and the second year is free. After that, it is funded by subscription. **Nick Rhodes moved to take this under advisement and John Oxley 2nd.** The vote was 3/0.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$167,902.31 on a motion by John Oxley 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0.

Payroll Claims:

PPE 8/19/2019 Claims for \$117,603.07 were approved on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2nd by John Oxley and 3/0 vote.

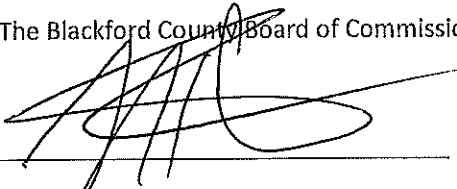
PPE 8/23/2019 Claims for \$117,720.87 were approved on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes and 3/0 vote.

Public Comment:

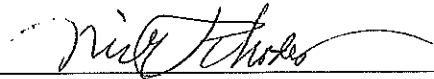
There being no further public comment, John Oxley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Approved this 16th day of September, 2019.

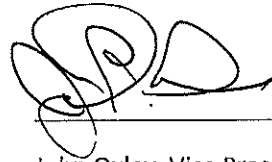
The Blackford County Board of Commissioners




John Lancaster, President



Nick Rhodes, Member



John Oxley, Vice President

Attest: 

Auditor Sharon Hartley *Lisa Simmons*