

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

The Blackford County Commissioners met in a **Special Meeting** at 8:33 a.m. on September 25, 2020, in the Commissioners Room of the Blackford County Courthouse, Hartford City IN.

Vice-President John Oxley called the meeting to order and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Nick Rhodes and John Oxley present. John Lancaster arrive late. **Others in attendance were:** Warren Brown, Gary Bates, Bill Smith, Judy Smith, Jeff Sones, Bruce Edgington and Tim Stanley. **Attending on Zoom were:** Tyler Hunt, Kelly Cale and Amanda Leas.

BCEDC Director Warren Brown has been working with Gary Bates of Pyramid Consulting to use the CARES Grant to erect towers for internet and cell service in underserved areas of Blackford County.

Gary Bates performed a broadband assessment in the county to determine the most unserved and underserve areas. Three main areas were found, one in Jackson Township, one in Harrison Township and one in Washington Township. A fourth tower is recommended in Licking Township.

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed timeline and details of the bids.

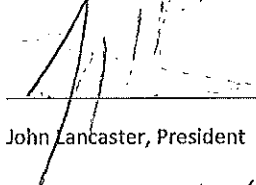
John Lancaster moved to approve Pyramid Consulting to oversee the project contingent on approval by the county attorney. Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 3/0.

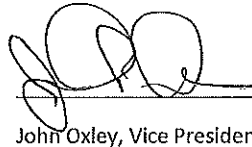
Nick Rhodes moved to move forward with solicitation of bids for four (4) towers and John Oxley 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

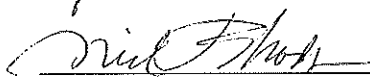
With no further business, John Oxley moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Approved this 5th day of October, 2020.

The Blackford County Board of Commissioners



John Lancaster, President

John Oxley, Vice President

Nick Rhodes, Member

Attest  Dep. Auditor
Auditor Sharon Hartley