

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING November 2, 2020

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on November 2, 2020 in the Commissioner's office on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse, Hartford City IN. The meeting was available on Zoom as well.

President John Lancaster called the meeting to order with the **Pledge of Allegiance** and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Commissioners John Oxley, John Lancaster and Nick Rhodes present **Others in attendance in person** were Bruce Edgington, Anne Owen, Jeff Sones, Tim Stanley, Warren Brown, Tyler Hunt, Bill Smith, Jon Creek and attorney Jim Forcum. **Attending on Zoom** were Mary Beal, Rhonda Williams, Cheri Brown and Kathy Goodspeed.

The minutes of the October 19, 2020 Regular meeting were approved as Presented by a 3/0 vote after a motion by Nick Rhodes and a 2nd by John Oxley.

Highway Supervisor Bruce Edgington reported: 1.) Bridge 22 is coming along fine after a few rain delays. 2.) Bids for a new backhoe will be ready before the end of the year.

Sheriff Jeff Sones 1.) gave the jail inmate count as 28 local males, 6 local females, 14 other males and 2 other females for a total of 50 inmates. 2.) He is getting quotes for work on the parking lot and an additional well system. 3.) The County, Montpelier and Hartford City are working on a combined reporting system. Warren Brown is working on a grant for the system. Sones is asking permission to apply for the grant. **John Oxley** made a motion to apply for the grant and **Nick Rhodes** 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Courthouse Custodian Tim Stanley 1.) Roofing and backsplash on the north wall of the Annex have been fixed. 2.) Hinges on the west door of the courthouse have been fixed. 3.) leaks in the Annex have been fixed. McGuff Roofing is working on a quote to seal the Annex roof. The roof is in good shape but will last longer if sealed.

EMA Director Bill Smith noted he will be meeting with the Health Department bi-monthly for vaccinations.

BCEDC Director Warren Brown reported 1.) The **Gillman Home Store** project is waiting for INDOT. 2.) The cost to repair/remodel the Conn and Newberry buildings is \$1.5 million. The plan is to work on the Newberry building and then the Conn building.

Community Corrections Director Tyler Hunt needs a new window in his office in the Annex. He has two quotes but would like to get more. **Nick Rhodes** moved to take the project under advisement in order to gather more quotes. **John Oxley** 2nd and the vote was 3/0.

Bids for **broadband towers** were opened. Bids were received from R. Yoder Construction Inc., Keith Sullivan Excavating Inc., Cobalt Civil, Sidney Electric, Rex Collins Electric Inc, Custer Electric Inc. and MPX Solutions. Details of the bids are available in the Auditor's office. **Nick Rhodes** moved to take the bids under advisement and **John Oxley** 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$231,226.95 on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2nd by John Oxley. The vote was 3/0.

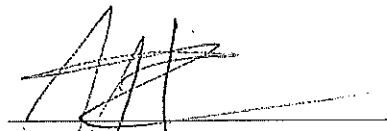
Payroll Claims:

PPE 10/16/2020 Claims of \$128,790.27 were approved on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0

There being no further public comment, John Oxley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Approved this 16th day of November, 2020.


The Blackford County Board of Commissioners



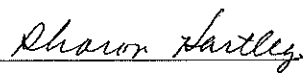
John Lancaster, President



Nick Rhodes, Member



John Oxley, Vice President

Attest: 

Auditor Sharon Hartley