

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING November 16, 2020

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on November 16, 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, Laura Coons, Jon Oswalt, Sam Swenson, Paul Schriver and Jim Heflin. Attending on Zoom were Mary Beal, Bill Smith, Levi Strait, Dana Turner, 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.

Planning & Zoning Director Anne Owen has talked to a building inspector prospect. The committee is waiting on Jim Forcum's recommendation. They hope to have the position start January 1, 2021.

Sheriff Jeff Sones 1.) gave the jail inmate count as 30 local males, 9 local females, 14 other males and 2 other females for a total of 55 inmates. 2.) The Operation Pull Over grant will be administered by the county again. 3.) The jail/Dispatch/Sheriff Road Officers have several employees off due to the pandemic. The departments are managing to function.

BCEDC Director Warren Brown reported 1.) The Gillman Home Store project will be finalized in the next week or two. 2.) The Hotel study is in the hands of an owner/operator interested in the project. 3.) The bids for the broadband towers came in higher than expected. Pyramid Consulting, the project consultant, will bring this back to the Commissioners at the December 7th meeting. 4.) The Newberry building renovation is a County and Hartford City project. Greg Martz is the consultant working on the scope of work.

Auditor Hartley presented the 2021 Holiday Schedule and the 2021 Commissioner/Council meeting schedule. John Oxley moved to approve both documents and Nick Rhodes 2nd. The vote was 3/0. The meeting schedule will go to the Council for their approval.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$200,899.10 on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0.

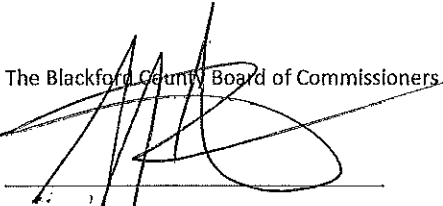
Payroll Claims:

PPE 10/30/2020 Claims of \$118,114.72 were approved on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2nd by John Oxley. The vote was 3/0.

There being no further public comment, Nick Rhodes made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Approved this 7th day of December, 2020.

The Blackford County Board of Commissioners


John Lancaster, President


John Oxley, Vice President


Nick Rhodes, Member

Attest: 
Auditor Sharon Hartley