

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING July 6, 2020

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on July 6, 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 and John Lancaster present. Nick Rhodes attended on Zoom. **Others in attendance in person** were Anne Owen, Bruce Edgington, Jon Oswalt, Jim Heflin, Warren Brown, Bill Smith, Cheri Brown, Tyler Hunt, Dana Turner and Tim Stanley. **Attending on Zoom** were Mary Beal, Sam Swenson, Nick Rhodes, Kathy Goodspeed and attorney Jim Forcum.

The minutes of the June 15, 2020 meeting were approved as presented by a 3/0 vote after a motion by John Oxley and a 2nd by John Lancaster.

Highway Supervisor Bruce Edgington reported the road sign project is nearly finished.

EMA Director Bill Smith reported he has talked to Hartford City and Montpelier about setting up cooling stations during the oppressive weather. Also, he is working on receiving more PPE to restock the supply.

P&Z Director Anne Owen reported that 2 of 3 windmill companies have applied for special exceptions. Owen has started the online classes for building inspector.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Heflin gave the inmate count at 36 inmates. This includes 29 males and 7 females, of those, 6 level 6 and 2 DOC and one out-of-county.

Courthouse Custodian Tim Stanley stated the elevator parts should ship the week of July 9-11. Repairs will begin shortly after that.

BCEDC Director Warren Brown reported 1) they are done taking applications for the OCRA Grant to help businesses. They have over 40 applications for assistance. 2.) Brown is working on the CARES grant which could give Blackford County \$387,000, Hartford City \$187,000, Montpelier \$54,000 and Shamrock Lakes \$7,000. Barnes & Thornburgh will be hired to oversee the grant reimbursements at a cost of \$6,000. Blackford County is asked to pay \$3,000, Hartford City \$2,000, Montpelier \$700 and Shamrock Lakes \$300. 3.) The hotel study came back very positive and the housing study is moving forward.

Purdue Extension's Cheri Brown reported 1) judging for the 4H Fair this year starts July 6. 2.) There are 4 participants in the "Getting Dirty" program

Community Corrections Kelly Cale reported staff is attending supervised release training.

Steven Holman from Cyberian Technologies presented a one-year contract for IT support services for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$44,602. Nick Rhodes moved to accept the contract and John Oxley 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Community Corrections Director Tyler Hunt has started the grant process for 2021.

The Commissioner appointment to the Alcohol Beverage Commissioner, Troy Batten, has resigned. John Oxley moved to appoint Greg Jones to replace Batten and Nick Rhodes 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Lori Lee representing Hartford City Heritage Days Queen Pageant asked to use the 1st floor of the courthouse to take applications. The board wanted more information at the next meeting. **In the afternoon following the meeting, HC cancelled Heritage Days **

APC board member Richard Thurman has resigned. Nick Rhodes moved to appoint Bill Aspy to replace Thurman and John Lancaster 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$114,612.49 on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0.

Payroll Claims:

PPE 6/12/2020 Claims for \$125,955.93 were approved on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2nd by John Oxley. The vote was 3/0.

PPE 6/12/2020 Claims Poll Workers for \$1,930.00 were approved on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0

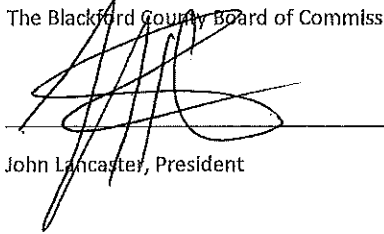
PPE 6/26/2020 Claims for \$126,022.68 were approved on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2nd by John Oxley. The vote was 3/0

Public Comment:

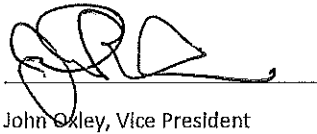
There being no further public comment, John Oxley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Approved this 20th day of July, 2020.

The Blackford County Board of Commissioners:

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John Lancaster, President

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John Oxley, Vice President

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Nick Rhodes, Member

Attest: Sharon Hartley
Auditor Sharon Hartley