

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING March 18, 2019

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on March 18, 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 Mary Beal, Bruce Edgington, Colton Bickel, Anne Owen, Jon Oswalt, Kathy Bantz, Jeff Sones, Linda Batten, Angela Smith, Sam Swenson, John Rains, Jon Creek and Amy Day.

The minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting were approved as presented by a 3/0 vote after a motion by John Oxley and a 2nd by Nick Rhodes.

Highway Supervisor Bruce Edgington informed the board that the remodeling of the office and restrooms is almost complete. The Container Collection site will be open on Saturday, April 13.

Veteran's Affairs Officer Jon Oswalt told Commissioner he will be attending a meeting on Wednesday.

Planning and Zoning Director Anne Owen informed Commissioners that Ordinance 2010-01 dealing with wind applications did not get sent to the P/Z department as it should have to finish the ordinance process. John Oxley made a motion to send Ordinance 2010-01 to Attorney Jim Forcum to be updated. Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 3/0.

Sheriff Jeff Sones reported the roof did not leak during recent rain. The inmate count is 35 local males, 13 local females, 19 out of county males and 4 out of county females for a count of 54 males and 17 females. Total count is 71 inmates.

Community Corrections Director John Rains presented a letter for Commissioners to approve the FY2020 Community Corrections and HEA 1006 Grant. John Oxley moved to approve the letter and Nick Rhodes 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Amy Day from the Arts Place requested assistance with repairs needed to the west wall of the building which currently housed the Arts Center and Purdue Extension. The repairs will cost approximately \$30,000. Jon Creek explained that the roof needs some repairs as well to stop rain from running inside the wall. John Oxley made a motion to take this under advisement until the April 1 meeting. Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 3/0.

Angela Smith from Smith Insurance presented the renewal rates for employee health insurance. The renewal is an increase of 8%. After discussion options, Nick Rhodes moved to accept the 8% increase for employee health insurance and John Oxley 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$82,545.87 on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0.

Payroll Claims:

PPE 03/08/2019 Claims for \$116,733.93 were approved on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2nd by John Oxley and 3/0 vote.

Jon Creek presented a list of seven (7) properties and asked Commissioners to assign the tax sale certificates to Blackford Development Corporation. The properties are:

508 N Cherry, Hartford City	629 W Commercial, Hartford City
526 W Commercial, Hartford City	1222 S Oak, Hartford City
622 W Kickapoo, Hartford City	7140 N SR 3, Hartford City
7126 N SR 3, Hartford City	

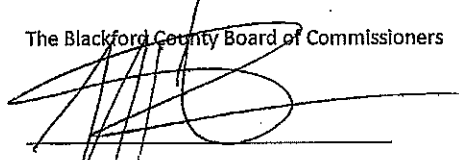
John Oxley moved to assign the tax sale certificates to BDC and Nick Rhodes 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Public Comment

There being no further public comment, Nick Rhodes made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Approved this 1st day of April, 2019.

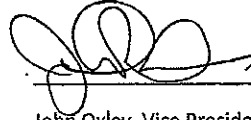
The Blackford County Board of Commissioners

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John Lancaster, President

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Nick Rhodes, Member

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John Oxley, Vice President

Attest: Sharon Hartley
Auditor Sharon Hartley