

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING October 19, 2020

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on October 19, 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 Deputy Auditor Lisa Simmons called roll with Commissioners John Oxley, John Lancaster and Nick Rhodes present. Others in attendance in person were Bruce Edgington, Anne Owen, Sam Swenson, Tyler Hunt, Jon Oswalt, Kelli Schriver, Bill Smith, Mayor Dan Eckstein, Tim Stanley and James Pitts. Attending on Zoom were Mary Beal, Sharon Hartley, Jeff Sones, Sue Kochanek, Cheri Brown, Rhonda Williams, Karen Mealy and Warren Brown.

The minutes of the October 9, 2020 Regular meeting were approved as presented by a 3/0 vote after a motion by Nick Rhodes and a 2nd by John Oxley.

Recorder Kelli Schriver presented Ordinance 2020-08 bulk form copies to a bulk user and bulk user contract. Attorney Jim Forcum looked over contract and said it looked good. John Oxley made motion to sign contract and approve ordinance and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0.

Highway Supervisor Bruce Edgington reported 1.) The Container Collection Site brought in \$111 on October 10th. 2.) Still working on bridge at 3M. 3.) INDOT work on bridge on SR26 at Cross Avenue need to close in the Spring 2021. John Oxley made motion to use the same detour route as previous closure. (26 to Mill Street) Nick Rhodes 2nd. Vote 3/0.

EMA Director Bill Smith 1.) Sign State of Events for FEMA. 2.) Met with Director Cox of Homeland Security talked about vaccine that will probably be available January to July 2021. Vaccine will need to be stored at 80 degrees below zero. Bill will discuss this with the Health Department.

P&Z Director Anne Owen had meeting with APC. APC took no action on demo permit. They feel it needs to be amended. Anne will put together something to present to the Commissioners.

Courthouse Custodian Tim Stanley reported HVAC boiler has been cleaned.

Sheriff Jeff Sones gave the jail inmate count as 40 males, 10 females for a total of 50 inmates. Ortman Drilling looking at well having issues with water pressure. In the process of getting estimates to reseal parking lot and seal windows.

Purdue Extension Cheri Brown Local Government Finance Workshop will be on October 28th. Registration deadline is October 26th.

BCEDC Director Warren Brown 1.) moving positive with Gilman Home Store project. 2.) will send email about small business loan. 3.) working on final budget for work on Newberry building.

Sign approved Ordinance 2020-06; this Ordinance establishes Blackford County as a Broadband Ready Community within Blackford County Government.

Sign approved Ordinance 2020-07, this Ordinance establishing a Blackford County Broadband Technology Board within Blackford County Government.

Motion made by John Oxley to approve Resolution 2020-R7, Resolution to provide for reimbursement of public health and public safety payroll costs with CARES Act Funding. Nick Rhodes 2nd. Vote 3/0.

Public Comment: James Pitts had questions about proposed wind/solar farm and switch stations. Permit has not been issued. Anne Owen will check with Mr. Hughes. Also, checking about chicken/turkey permits.

County farm lease received one bid. Bid was from Stanley Clamme for \$15,000. John Oxley made motion to accept bid of \$15,000 per year. Lease shall be effective 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021. Nick Rhodes 2nd. Vote 3/0. Nick Rhodes updated on tree removal should be completed by October 21st.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$129,793.08 on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2nd by John Oxley. The vote was 3/0.

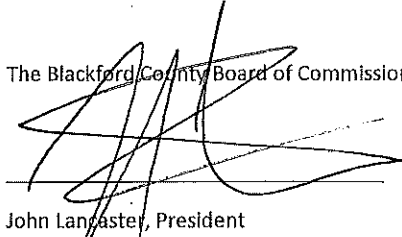
Payroll Claims:

PPE 10/02/2020 Claims of \$118,533.44 were approved on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0

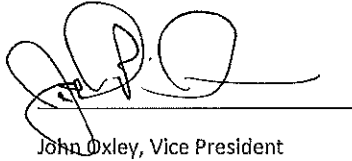
There being no further public comment, Nick Rhodes made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Approved this 2nd day of November, 2020.

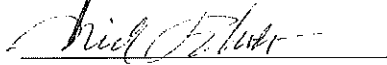
The Blackford County Board of Commissioners

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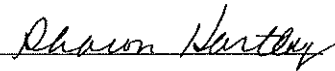
John Lancaster, President

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John Oxley, Vice President

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Nick Rhodes, Member

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Auditor Sharon Hartley