

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF
December 4, 2019

The Blackford County Council met at 7:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse located at 110 W Washington Street, Hartford City, Indiana for the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 2019.

President Dan Borgenheimer called the meeting to order.

Those members answering roll were Dan Borgenheimer, Kyle Lechien, Ryan Goodspeed, Karen Mealy, Fred Tobey, Jack Beckley and Patrick Cale.

Also present were: Tyler Hunt, Max Bennett, Jeff Sones, Deb Perry, Karen Paul Schriver, Kelly Cale, Kendra Smith, Judge Brian Bade and Auditor Sharon Hartley.

The minutes of the November 6, 2019 Regular Council meeting were approved as Presented on a motion by Karen Mealy and 2nd by Patrick Cale. The vote was 7/0.

Community Corrections – Kyle Lechien – see below
Solid Waste District – Dan Borgenheimer – no meeting
Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed – meet next week
Blackford Development – Fred Tobey – no news
LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed – next week

Community Corrections Director Tyler Hunt reported county received a \$60,000 grant of which \$40,000 partners with Grant-Blackford Mental Health Peer Support, \$10,000 will purchase incentives for clients to earn such as blankets, towels, etc. and \$10,000 will provide training.

Surveyor Paul Schriver spoke of the need for a \$3 million bond to improve drainage in the county. The current interest rate is approximately 1.75% and may even go down. Schriver is asking for two Council members to be on a committee to explore the possibility of pursuing the bond. Dan Borgenheimer and Ryan Goodspeed volunteered.

Judge Brian Bade was present to address questions the Council has on overtime in the probation department. After so research, the probation officers cannot be exempt employees (no overtime). Currently, all probation overtime is paid from user fees. After some discussion, Council members thanked Judge Bade for his clarification on the subject.

2020 appointments were discussed but no appointments were made. This will be decided at the December 18th meeting.

Jail Sgt. Deb Perry and Sheriff Jeff Sones discussed pay rates for Jailers. There is confusion on when an employee's pay raise takes effect. After some discussion, Ryan Goodspeed moved to change the 2020 Salary Ordinance language to include Jail civilian staff in paragraph 2, page 8; delete paragraph 6, page 8 (jailer raise after jailer school) and change paragraph 7 page 8 from "regular rate upon graduation from the Academy" to "current year rate after graduation from the Academy". Jack Beckley 2nd and the vote was 7/0.

Changes to the 2019 Salary Ordinance were made on a motion by Ryan Goodspeed to pay jail civilian staff the Regular Rate after 90 days of employment. Fred Tobey 2nd and the vote was 7/0.

The question of longevity pay for the County Health Officer was discussed. Ryan Goodspeed moved to amend the Salary Ordinance to include the Health Officer with those NOT receiving longevity pay. Fred Tobey 2nd and the vote was 7/0.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL were presented

Ending Cash Balance as of 11/30/2019	\$ 2,499,486.33
Total Expenditures for November 2019	\$ 392,205.29
Total Revenue for November 2019	\$ 150,661.73

Transfers

- Co. Gen. Auditor - \$60 from 3rd Deputy to Office Supplies
- Extension- \$1,197 from Lease/Maint. Agreement to Office Supplies
- Extension - \$330 from Computer Lease to Office Supplies
- Extension - \$50 from Repair of Equipment to Office Supplies
- Extension - \$1680 from Travel to Summer Program Asst.
- Extension - \$20 from Travel to Office Manager
- Superior Court - \$500 from Psychiatric Services to Legal Research Material
- Jail - \$630 from Jail Equipment to Out of County Housing
- Jail - \$2,800 from Patient & Inmate Care to Operating Supplies
- Highway - \$500 from Bookkeeper to Hardware
- \$4,000 from Bookkeeper to Custom Hire
- \$3,000 from Bookkeeper to Foreman
- \$10,000 from Wheel Tax Road Repair to Stone
- \$400 from Gas, Oil, Lube to Meals and Lodging
- \$3,000 from Gas, Oil, Lube to Uniform Rental
- \$300 from Dump Truck to 2-way Radio
- Pretrial Diversion \$337.50 from Misc. Expense to Operating Supplies

Patrick Cale moved to approve the transfers and Karen Mealy 2nd and the vote was 7/0.

Additional Appropriations:

Co. Gen. Surveyor - \$6,600 Drainage Board Secretary – Beckley moved approval, Cale 2nd. Vote 7/0.

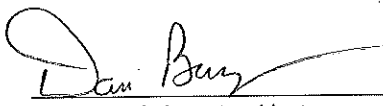
Circuit Court - \$11,140 Chief Probation Officer – Tobey moved approval, Lechien 2nd and vote was 7/0.

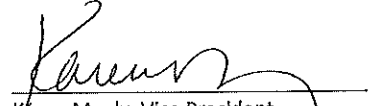
- Cum Bridge - \$15,000 Engineering Fees
- \$89,000 Bridge Resurfacing
- Local Roads & Streets - \$300,000 Road Repairs
- Highway MVH Restricted - \$420,000 Bituminous
- \$52,000 Stone

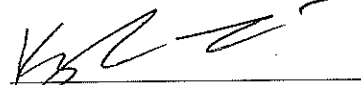
Lechien moved approval of all Highway Additional, Mealy 2nd and the vote was 7/0.

There being no further comment Fred Tobey made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. vote was 7/0.

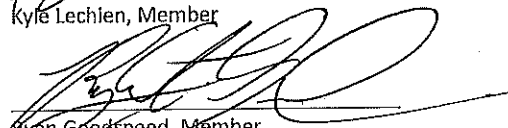
Approved this 18th day of December, 2019.


Dan Borgenheimer, President

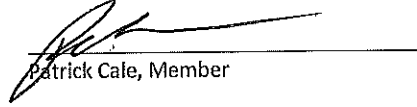

Karen Mealy, Vice President



Kyle Lechien, Member

Jack Beckley, Member


Ryan Goodspeed, Member

Fred Tobey, Member


Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary