

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

July 8, 2020

The Blackford County Council met at 6:00 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, July 8, 2020. The meeting was also available on Zoom

President Dan Borgenheimer called the meeting to order.

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

Also present were: In person were Auditor Sharon Hartley, Sheriff Jeff Sones, Paul Schriver, Tyler Hunt, John Oxley, Warren Brown, Kelly Cale, Kelli Schriver, Jacki Clamme, Jim Heflin, Laura Coons and Rick Anderson. Sue Kochanek attended on Zoom.

The minutes of the June 3, 2020 Regular Council meeting were approved as Presented on a motion by Karen Mealy and 2nd by Ryan Goodspeed. The vote was 7/0.

Committee Reports:

Community Corrections – Tyler Hunt reported the grant application for 2021 has been sent to the advisory board and should be ready to submit to the state next week.

Solid Waste – Will meet on July 20 after the Commissioner's meeting.

Economic Development – Warren Brown reported 1) the OCRA grant funding will start soon. 2) The Wyler lot renovation has begun. It will include an amphitheater. 3) Gilman Home Store project is moving along. 4) Blackford Development Corporation can now do construction and not just destruction. Jack Beckley remarked that he appreciates all he and Blackford County Economic Development Corporation have done and are doing for the county.

Blackford Development - Fred Tobey has resigned from the board. Patrick Cale volunteered to be his replacement. Jack Beckley moved to appoint Cale and Kyle Lechien 2nd. The vote was 6/0/1 with Cale abstaining.

Commissioner John Oxley reported the **Newberry building and Conn building** are in line to be repaired and put on the market. Also, two new homes will be built by BDC in Hartford City.

LEPC – no report

BCEDC Director Warren Brown reported 1.) the housing and hotel studies are underway. The hotel study looks very promising for the county. 2.) Brown is working on the CARES grant which could give Blackford County \$387,000, Hartford City \$187,00, 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.) Gilman Home Store is hoping to have the ground breaking in August or September. 4. Hartford City and Montpelier new TIF Districts are complete. 5.) two new factories are looking at Blackford County. 6. The broadband study is showing some major voids in internet coverage in rural areas 7. Solar and Wind energy companies are looking at Blackford County locations.

Recorder Kelli Schriver presented an Ordinance Granting the Recorder's Request to Us Monies from the Recorder's **Records Perpetuation** Fund to Supplement the Recorder's 2021 Budget. Ryan Goodspeed moved to approve the request and Kyle Lechien 2nd. The vote was 7/0. This will be Ordinance 2020-04.

Clerk Laura Coons asked to hire Kimberly Pitts as part time extra help so she can learn the Clerk's Office duties. Pitts is the presumed new clerk as she is unopposed in the November election. Jack Beckley moved to allow the request and Fred Tobey 2nd. The vote was 7/0.

Rick Anderson from Johnson Melloh Solutions presented a plan to install solar panels at the Jail. The cost is \$1,900,000 and would be "cost neutral" as the current electric cost would switch to pay for the panels. Solar panels are expected to last 25-30 years. After much discussion, Fred Tobey moved to go ahead and send Request for Proposals out and Karen Mealy 2nd. The vote was 5/2 with Ryan Goodspeed and Kyle Lechien voting nay.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of 6/30/2020	\$ 3,080,224.41
Total Expenditures for June 2020	\$ 331,765.89
Total Revenue for June 2020	\$ 1,579,104.88

Transfers: none

Additional Appropriations:

County General Planning & Zoning Exec. Director \$6,100
Planning & Zoning Training & Education \$1,000

Motion to approve made by Patrick Cale and 2nd by Ryan Goodspeed. The vote was 7/0.

Cumulative Courthouse Elevator Repairs \$80,000

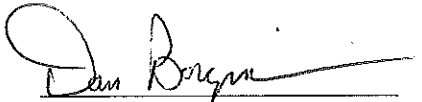
Motion to approve made by Ryan Goodspeed and 2nd by Kyle Lechien. The vote was 7/0.

Emergency Phone System Equipment Rental \$8,000

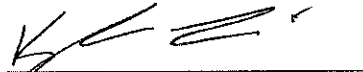
Motion to approve made by Karen Mealy and 2nd by Jack Beckley. The vote was 7/0.


There being no further comment Patrick Cale made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of August, 2020.


Dan Borgenheimer, President



Karen Mealy, Vice President

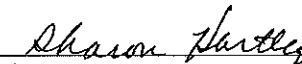

Kyle Lechien, Member


Jack Beckley, Member


Ryan Goodspeed, Member


Fred Tobey, Member


Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary