

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

August 3, 2020 1st 2021 Budget Workshop

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 1st 2021 Budget Workshop on Monday, August 3, 2020. The meeting was also available on Zoom

President Dan Borgenhelmer called the meeting to order.

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

Also present were: In person were Auditor Sharon Hartley, Auditor 1st Deputy Lisa Simmons, Sheriff Jeff Sones, Paul Schriver, John Oxley, Kelli Schriver, Jacki Clamme, Jim Heflin, Laura Coons, Bruce Edgington, Sam Swenson, Judge Brian Bade, Zack Crouch, Tim Stanley and John Lancaster. Attending on Zoom were Kelly Cale, Tyler Hunt, Mark Carter, Kathy Goodspeed, Dana Turner, Kevin Brown, Mary Beal, George Paul and two on phones.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the 2021 Budget requests.

All budgets were reviewed with few cuts made. Department heads answered questions on their budget requests.

The Jackson Township Regional Sewer District request for \$60,000 from EDIT funds was discussed. Sheila Hyer and the consultant will attend the meeting on Wednesday night to speak on the request.

The 2021 Salary Ordinance calculations were reviewed:

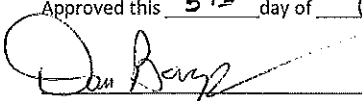
After some discussion the Council recommended a 4% pay raise for all employees except Sheriff Deputies and jail personnel.

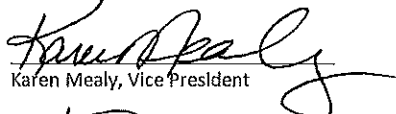
Sheriff Jeff Sones and Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Heflin presented two pay scales, one for sworn deputies and one for jail personnel based on a matrix. Each plan has a higher beginning rate of pay with .5% raises the first and second years and a 1% pay raise years 3 – 20. Discussion included longevity pay and lateral transfers. If approved, it was recommended there be no longevity pay for 2021 and it will be up for discussion at 2022 budget time. Lateral transfers in from another entity would start at years of service completed. No vote was taken but all council members agree with the request.

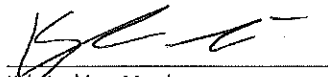
Surveyor Paul Schriver requested a title change and pay increase for the current Drainage Board Secretary. The requested title is Deputy Surveyor with a salary of \$30,000. A job description was presented listing the duties performed in the office and out in the field. Much discussion was held with Council members appreciating the jobs included but denied the request feeling it is not fair to other deputies with challenging duties and more years of service.

There being no further comment Karen Mealy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 7/0.

Approved this 5th day of August, 2020.

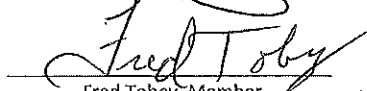

Dan Borgenhelmer, President



Karen Mealy, Vice President

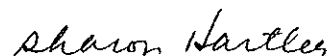

Kyle Lechien, Member


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Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary