

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

September 9, 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, September 9, 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, Jack Beckley, Patrick Cale, Fred Tobey and Karen Mealy. Ryan Goodspeed was absent.

Also present were: in person were Auditor Sharon Hartley, Sheriff Jeff Sones, Paul Schriver, John Oxley, John Lancaster, Linda Batten, Angela Smith, Warren Brown, Bruce Edgington, and Nick Rhodes. Attending on Zoom were Rhonda Williams, Tyler Hunt, Kelly Cale, Kathy Goodspeed, Mary Beal, Scott Brown and Ryan Goodspeed. ** Sound did not work for Zoom attendees.

The minutes of the August 5, 2020 Regular Council meeting were approved as Presented on a motion by Karen Mealy and 2nd by Jack Beckley. The vote was 6/0.

The minutes of the August 19, 2020 Budget Public Hearing were approved as Presented on a motion by Jack Beckley and 2nd by Fred Tobey. The vote was 6/0.

Committee Reports:

Community Corrections Kyle Lechien - no report

Solid Waste District Dan Borgenheimer – no meetings

Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed – no report

Blackford Development – Patrick Cale –Warren Brown reported they are finishing the TIF Districts in Hartford City and plan to combine the Economic Revitalization Areas so the funds may be used in any area.

LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed – no report

Commissioner John Oxley reported that Patrick Cale has been appointed to the BDC.

2021 Solid Waste District Budget was adopted on a motion by Patrick Cale and 2nd by Fred Tobey. The vote was 6/0.

The E911 Grant match of \$58,025 was approved on a motion by Karen Mealy and 2nd by Patrick Cale. The vote was 6/0. The match will come from the LIT Public Safety fund if possible. Rainy Day may be used if necessary.

The County Farm Lease expires December 31, 2020. Jack Beckley wants to consider selling the land. Commissioner John Lancaster wants to continue the revenue stream of lease and timber sales. Jack Beckley made a motion to have the land appraised and Fred Tobey 2nd. The vote was 5/1 with Kyle Lechien voting nay and Ryan Goodspeed absent.

The 2021 Budget Hearing had no comments. The Budget will be adopted on October 7, 2020.

Angela Smith of Smith Insurance spoke about the county's employee health insurance plan. PHP has given the county good rates for several years and county government is not in a good position to market to change plans. Family coverage is expensive everywhere. Smith is willing to set up and meet county employees during open enrollment to see if they qualify for federal government family coverage.

BCEDC Director Warren Brown reported the CARES grant money can be used to erect towers for cell and internet service. An executive meeting will be held on Friday, September 11 to discuss the proposal.

Rick Anderson from Johnson Melloh had the only quote on solar energy. He would like to meet with Council members to discuss the project and funding. Kyle Lechien moved to stop looking at the solar project at this time. Jack Beckley 2nd and the vote was 6/0.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of 8/31/2020	\$ 2,743,091.31
Total Expenditures for August 2020	\$ 292,940.83
Total Revenue for August 2020	\$ 318,536.40

Transfers:

Co. Gen. – Prosecutor - \$62.99 from Telephone to Dues & Subscriptions
Prosecutor - \$700 from Training & Education to Operating Supplies
Prosecutor - \$588.80 from Telephone to Operating Supplies
Co. Gen. – Superior Court - \$1,000 from Psychiatric Services to Legal Research

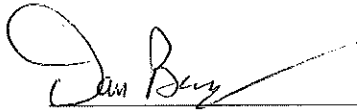
Material

EDIT - \$3,000 from Annex Improvements to Blackford County Sewer District

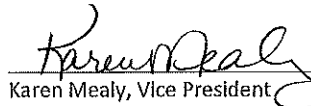
Patrick Cale moved to approve all of the transfer requests and Karen Mealy 2nd. The vote was 6/0.

There being no further comment Jack Beckley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Kyle Lechien 2nd and the vote was 6/0.

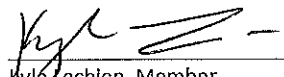
Approved this 7th day of October, 2020.



Dan Borgenheimer, President



Karen Mealy, Vice President

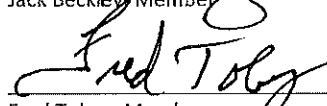


Kyle Lechien, Member




Jack Beckley, Member


Ryan Goodspeed, Member



Fred Tobey, Member



Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary Deputy Auditor