

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

August 4, 2021

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, August 4, 2021. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

President Dan Borgenheimer called the Regular Meeting to order and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll. **Those members answering roll** were Dan Borgenheimer, Jack Beckley, Karen Mealy, Ryan Goodspeed, Fred Tobey, Kyle Lechien and Patrick Cale. **Also present were:** in person were Lisa Simmons, Warren Brown, Paul Schriver, Tyler Hunt, Kelly Cale, Kim Pitts, John Pluimer, Kyli Penrod, Kelli Schriver, John Oxley, Cheri Brown, Bruce Edgington, Nick Rhodes, Jeff Sones, Jim Heflin, Deb Perry, Dan Eckstein, Judy Smith, and John Lancaster. **Attending on Zoom:** Jon Jinks, Sue Kochanek and Zach Crouch.

The minutes of the July 7, 2021 Regular Council meeting were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Ryan Goodspeed and 2nd by Patrick Cale. The vote was 6/0. Jack Beckley was absent 7/7/21

The minutes of the August 2, 2021, 1st Budget Workshop were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Patrick Cale and 2nd by Fred Tobey. The vote was 7/0.

Committee Reports

Community Corrections – no report

Solid Waste – Dan Borgenheimer met 7/19/21 to set 2022 budget

Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed see Warren Brown below

Blackford Development – Patrick Cale –the east wall of the Newberry building is finished. BDC got 14 new properties. The Weiler park will have 4 new benches and tables. The Mill Street house is finished.

EMA: Judy Smith presented the **Salary Reimbursement Grant** for approval. Jack Beckley moved to approve the grant and Ryan Goodspeed 2nd. The vote was 7/0.

BCEDC Warren Brown: (1) asked for support for the READI Grant. **(2)** Commissioners established an Economic Redevelopment Area on 8/3/2021. The county has a Redevelopment Commission and Brown asks council consider funding the commission for \$50,000 for set up fees. **Karen Mealy moved to approve Resolution 2021-R22, creating the Regional Development Plan and participate in the READI Grant. Fred Tobey 2nd and the vote was 7/0.**

Highway Dept, Bruce Edgington: Driver/Operator Rick Bacon resigned. Edgington would like to have the position reinstated. **Kyle Lechien moved to reinstate one Driver/Operator position and Patrick Cale 2nd. The vote was 7/0.**

Sheriff Jeff Sones: (1) Jailer Jacob Ross worked full time for one year, the next year as part-time and is now full time again. Sones wants to pay him the 2-year rate. **Patrick Cale moved to pay Ross at the 2-year rate and Ryan Goodspeed 2nd. The vote was 6/1 with Kyle Lechien opposed. (2)** Since the jail is now using Canteen for kitchen services Sones wants to move the Kitchen Supervisor back to her former position as a dispatcher and pay the position from the jail budget. **Kyle Lechien moved to allow the position move and Patrick Cale 2nd. The vote was 7/0.**

Recorder Kelli Schriver: presented an ordinance to allow her to use Records Perpetuation monies in 2022. **Jack Beckley moved to approve ordinance as written. Kyle Lechien 2nd and the vote was 7/0.**

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of 7/31/2021	\$ 3,335,122.67
Total Expenditures for July 2021	\$ 382,653.36
Total Revenue for July 2021	\$ 244,395.82

Transfers:

Cum Bridge \$26,550 from Bridge 22 to Bridge Repair

Patrick Cale moved to approve the transfer and Fred Tobey 2nd. The vote was 7/0.

Additional:

Co. General - Purdue Extension - \$27,175 for Contractual Services
Jack Beckley moved to approve the Additional and Ryan Goodspeed 2nd. The vote was 7/0.

Health - \$12,000 Immunization Counselor
Health - \$1,000 FICA
Health - \$3,200 PERF

Karen Mealy moved to approve the Additional and Fred Tobey 2nd. The vote was 6/1.
Jack Beckley opposed.


Recorder - \$200 Redaction Services & Support

Jack Beckley moved to approve the Additional and Kyle Lechien 2nd. The vote was 7/0.

Nick Rhodes spoke to the Council about 2022 funding for the Animal Shelter. He advocated for a full time, paid director at \$50,000 per year.

There being no further comment Dan Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 7/0 vote.

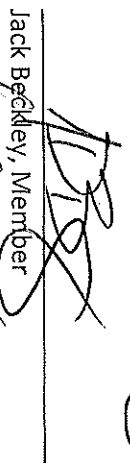
Approved this 8th day of September, 2021.

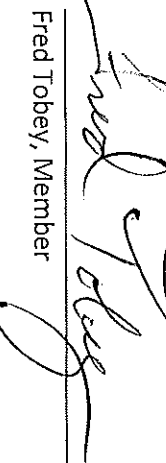

Dan Borgenheimer, President


Kyle Lechien, Member

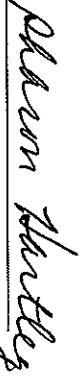

Ryan Goodspeed, Member


Karen Mealy, Vice President


Jack Beckley, Member


Fred Tobey, Member

Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary