

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

December 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, December 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, Karen Mealy and Ryan Goodspeed.

Also present were: In person were Deputy Auditor Lisa Simmons, John Oxley, Tyler Hunt, Kim Pitts, Jeff Sones, Amy Lautham, Mike Winegardner, Cheri Brown and Paul Schriver. Attending on Zoom were Kelly Cale, Warren Brown and Sharon Hartley.

The minutes of the November 4, 2020 Regular Council meeting were approved as Presented on a motion by Jack Beckley and 2nd by Karen Mealy. The vote was 7/0.

Committee Reports:

- Community Corrections Kyle Lechien – see Tyler Hunt below
- Solid Waste District Dan Borgenheimer – no meetings
- Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed – see Warren Brown below
- Blackford Development – Patrick Cale –no report
- LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed – no report

Community Corrections Director Tyler Hunt gave program numbers for the last meeting. Most numbers are down possibly due to COVID. Financials look good.

BCEDC Director Warren Brown reported 1.) Brown explained the Spellman Project which is a grant/loan solution to provide the Blackford County Sheriff’s Office, Hartford City Police Department and Montpelier Police Department a way to purchase updated software to increase policing, productivity and efficiency. The software cost is \$355,000 which will be split between the three units based on population. The County portion is 50% or \$177,500. The grant will provide \$50,000 and the county would borrow \$127,500. The loan is payable over 5 to 10 years at an interest rate of 2.125%. The Sheriff and both Police Chiefs approve of this plan. 2.) The Gillman Home Store project is waiting for INDOT action to be completed. The hope is to have the ground breaking in the spring of 2021. 3.) The EDC is busy with several projects. Work is going well on the Newberry building.

Commissioner John Oxley stated he thinks the county is leaving 2020 in good shape and he thanks the Council for the work they have done to keep the budget healthy.

The 2021 Commissioner and Council Meeting Schedule was approved on a motion by Fred Tobey and 2nd by Patrick Cale. The vote was 7/0.

The Hiring Freeze (Resolution 2020-R5) enacted by Council on May 6, 2020 is set to expire on 12/31/2020. Jack Beckley moved to extend the end date to 12/32/2021. Fred Tobey 2nd and the vote was 5/2 with Patrick Cale and Kyle Lechien voting nay.

The County Capital Improvement Plan needs revised. Council continued the discussion until January.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of 11/30/2020	\$ 2,481,320.71
Total Expenditures for November 2020	\$ 363,618.64
Total Revenue for November 2020	\$ 144,789.87

Transfers:

- Auditor - \$380 from Training & Education to Office Supplies
- Auditor - \$320 from Travel to Office Supplies
- Auditor - \$450 from Meals & Lodging to Office Supplies
- Surveyor - \$280 from Tires to Truck Replacement
- Surveyor - \$500 from Garage & Motor to Truck Replacement
- Surveyor - \$2,800 from Maintenance Agreement to Truck Replacement
- Surveyor - \$1,190 from Attachments to Truck Replacement
- Superior Court - \$27 from Contractual Services to Legal Research
- Jail - \$1,200 from Office Supplies to Custodial Supplies
- Jail - \$1,800 from Office Supplies to Operating Supplies
- Jail - \$10,816.26 from Patient & Inmate Care to Utilities
- Jail - \$5,059.65 from Inmate Meals to Jail Equipment
- Jail - \$1,000 from Out of County Housing to Custodial Supplies
- Jail - \$955 from Patient & Inmate Care to Operating Supplies
- LIT Public Safety - \$8,648.70 from LT wage to Training & Education

Patrick Cale moved to approve all of the transfer requests and Ryan Goodspeed 2nd. The vote was 7/0.

Additional:

- Co. Gen. Jail - \$300 Maintenance Agreements
- Co. Gen. Unappropriated - (Tower Grant money) \$387,054
- EDIT - \$67,100 Jackson Twp. Sewer Dist.
- Highway - \$5,760.04 Road Signs
- Highway - \$15,000 Repair of Building

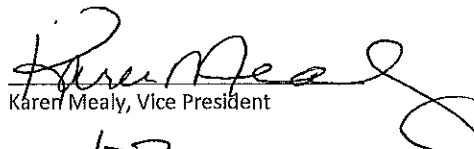
Fred Tobey moved to approve all of the additional requests and Patrick Cale 2nd. The vote was 7/0.

Council President Dan Borgenheimer asked to have a transfer from County General to Rainy Day on the January 6, 2021 agenda.

There being no further comment Kyle Lechien moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Patrick Cale 2nd and the vote was 7/0.

Approved this 23rd day of December, 2020.

Dan Borgenheimer, President



Karen Mealy, Vice President



Kyle Lechien, Member

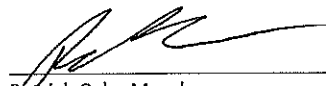


Jack Beckley, Member

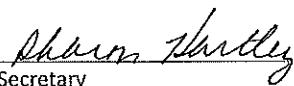
R.G. on Zoom alk

Ryan Goodspeed, Member

Fred Tobey, Member



Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 

Auditor/Secretary