

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

March 3, 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, March 3, 2021. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

The Public Hearing to Establish a Cumulative Drain Fund was held at 6:00 p.m. before the regular meeting. Those attending were Dr. Tom Lee, Lori Lee, Paul Schriver, John Oxley, William Hughes, John Pluimer, Patrick Cale, Jack Beckley, Fred Tobey, Ryan Goodspeed, Dan Borgenheimer, Kyle Lechien, Karen Mealy and Sharon Hartley. Attending on Zoom were Jeff Sones and Tyler Hunt. Attorney William Hughes gave the timeline for establishing a Cum Drain Fund. Surveyor Paul Schriver information on the necessity of a Cum Drain Fund to fund reconstruction on county drains. Jack Beckley asked how many miles of drain Blackford County serves. Schriver listed 373 total miles of ditches which includes open drains and tile drains. That being the only public comment, the meeting was closed at 6:16 p.m.

President Dan Borgenheimer called the regular meeting to order and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll.

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

Also present were: in person were Paul Schriver, John Oxley, William Hughes, John Pluimer, Dr. Tom Lee and Lori Lee. **Attending on Zoom** were Kathy Goodspeed, Tyler Hunt, Jeff Sones and Bruce Edgington.

The minutes of the February 3, 2021 Regular Council meeting were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Karen Mealy and 2nd by Patrick Cale. The vote was 7/0.

Committee Reports

Community Corrections – Kyle Lechien – no meeting

Solid Waste – Dan Borgenheimer HHWD is 6/19/2021

Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed – no meeting

Blackford Development – Patrick Cale – Building on South Walnut is going up; house on North Walnut sold

LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed no meeting

Auditor Hartley informed the board that the motion made during budget time in 2020 to deposit \$200,000 of the **Certified Shares money** into LIT Public Safety instead of County General is not allowed by the State Board of Accounts. DLGF had approved the change but SBOA has the final word. Certified Shares will be deposited in County General in 2021.

John Oxley reported that the Courthouse Custodian is off on sick leave and may be for an extended period. Oxley asked for extra help for the assistant. Community Corrections Director Tyler Hunt will see if he has any clients that need to serve community service hours to help out. Council will wait to see if extra help is needed.

Resolution 2021-R8 Establishing Blackford County Cumulative Drainage Fund was presented. Ryan Goodspeed moved to approve the resolution and Fred Tobey 2nd. The vote was 6/1 with Kyle Lechien voting nay.

Copies of the **EDIT Plan** that was approved by the County Commissioners were given to Council.

Lori Lee was present to request funding assistance for the 2021 Heritage Days festival. **Karen Mealy moved to assist Hartford City Heritage Days with \$3,000 and Montpelier Jamboree with \$3,000.** Patrick Cale 2nd and the vote was 5/2 with Jack Beckley and Ryan Goodspeed voting nay.

Resolution 2021-R9 to Transfer County General Funds to Rainy Day was presented. Jack Beckley moved to transfer **\$300,000 from County General to Rainy Day and Kyle Lechien 2nd.** The vote was 7/0.

Commissioners approved **Jail repair projects up to \$55,000.** Council will determine where the funding will come from. Auditor Hartley gave the Council several options. **Jack Beckley moved to fund the repairs from the Cumulative Jail Fund and Ryan Goodspeed 2nd.** The vote was 7/0.

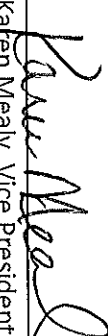
Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of 2/28/2021	\$ 2,861,371.22
Total Expenditures for February 2021	\$ 429,679.74
Total Revenue for February 2021	\$ 103,619.74

There being no further comment Dan Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien.

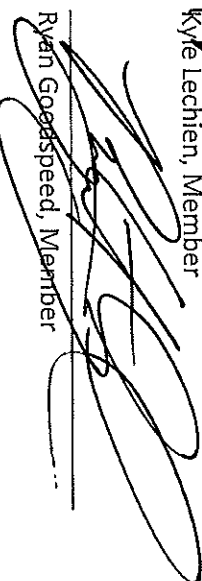
Approved this 7th day of April, 2021.


Dan Borgenheimer, President



Karen Mealy, Vice President


Kyle Lechien, Member


Jack Beukrey, Member


Ryan Goettspeed, Member


Fred Tobey, Member


Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary