

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

October 6, 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, October 6, 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, Fred Tobey, Kyle Lechien and Ryan Goodspeed. Patrick Cale attended on Zoom. **Also present were:** in person, Warren Brown, John Pluimer, John Oxley, Cheri Brown, Jeff Sones, David Dow, Nick Rhodes, Mary Beal, Paul Schriver Jon Creek, IU Health Blackford Hospital's David Hiatt, Purdue Extensions Melanie Cline and CORE-ECI's Public Affairs Officer Anne Hazlett.

Attending on Zoom: Patrick Cale and Kathy Goodspeed.

The minutes of the September 8, 2021 Regular Council meeting and Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget were approved as Presented on a motion by Karen Mealy and 2nd by Ryan Goodspeed. The vote was 6/0. Patrick Cale was absent 9/8/21.

Committee Reports

- Community Corrections – Kyle Lechien – no report
- Solid Waste – Dan Borgenheimer – no information
- Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed see Warren Brown below
- Blackford Development – Patrick Cale – see John Oxley below
- LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed – no report

BCEDC Warren Brown: (1) The Economic Development Commission's audit for 2019 and 2020 was presented to the council. **(2)** Conversations with two new Economic Development projects start next week **(3) Broadband towers** project is moving along.

Commissioner John Oxley reported Blackford Development Corp is looking at housing in the county.

Purdue Extensions Cheri Brown (1) Great information available on their website. **(2) A "Work Ready"** program for 8th grade students will begin soon.

Highway Dept, John Pluimer: introduced new driver, David Dow.

2022 Blackford County Budget was adopted on a motion by Ryan Goodspeed and 2nd by Jack Beckley. The vote was 7/0.

2022 Blackford County Solid Waste District Budget was adopted on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 2nd by Fred Tobey. The vote was 7/0.

2022 Blackford County Salary Ordinance was adopted on a motion by Ryan Goodspeed and 2nd by Patrick Cale. The vote was 7/0.

David Hiatt, Melanie Cline and Anne Hazlett explained a 3-year project with Blackford and Jay Counties to fight the opioid epidemic with prevention, treatment and recovery assistance. The project is called CORE-ECI (Consortium for Opioid Response and Engagement – East Central Indiana).

Dan Borgenheimer asked David Hiatt to report on IU Health Blackford Hospital's recent inspection. Every three years a Joint Commission Survey is conducted looking at every area of the hospital. This year, Blackford had only 11 findings, the lowest in the state for IU Health. All were minor findings with some being corrected on the spot.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of 9/30/2021	\$ 2,730,641.85
Total Expenditures for September 2021	\$ 322,259.12
Total Revenue for September 2021	\$ 109,027.57

Transfers:

E911 - \$375.43 from Training & Education to Supplies was approved on a motion by Ryan Goodspeed and 2nd by Jack Beckley. The vote was 7/0.

Cum Bridge - \$8,631.43 from Bridge 22 to Bridge Repair was approved on a motion by Karen Mealy and 2nd by Fred Tobey. The vote was 7/0.

Cum Bridge - \$20,031.07 from Engineering Fees to Bridge Repair was approved on a motion by Karen Mealy and 2nd by Fred Tobey. The vote was 7/0.

Pre-Trial Diversion - \$507.29 from Deferral Misc. Expense to Operating Supplies was approved on a motion by Jack Beckley and 2nd by Kyle Lechien. The vote was 7/0.

Additional:

Cum Jail - \$22,161 Remodeling/Building repairs was approved on a motion by Fred Tobey and 2nd by Ryan Goodspeed. The vote was 7/0.

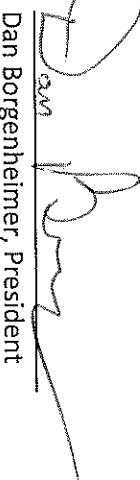
Jail Housing Grant - \$3,500 Deputy Director wages was approved on a motion by Jack Beckley and 2nd by Karen Mealy. The vote was 7/0.

Jail Housing Grant - \$10,128.17 Police Car was approved on a motion by Jack Beckley and 2nd by Karen Mealy. The vote was 7/0.

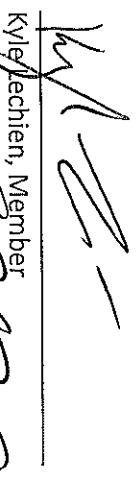
Surveyor Paul Schriver reported the county has been granted a \$7,000,000 grant for wetland mitigation and storm water retention pond for example. The county match would be \$4,000,000 if the grant is accepted. *correct \$3,000,000*

There being no further comment Dan Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 7/0 vote.

Approved this 3rd day of November, 2021.

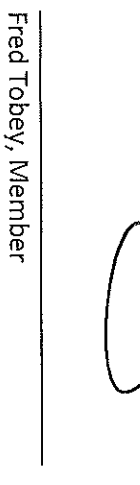

Dan Borgenheimer, President

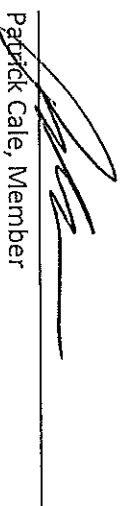

Karen Mealy, Vice President

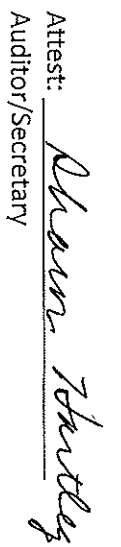

Kyle Lechien, Member


Jack Beckley, Member


Ryan Goodspeed, Member


Fred Tobey, Member


Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Rhawn Thutley
Auditor/Secretary