

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING December 16, 2019

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on December 16, 2019 in the Commissioner's Office located on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse, Hartford City IN.

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President John Oxley called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Commissioners John Lancaster, Nick Rhodes and John Oxley present. Others in attendance were Anne Owen, Bruce Edgington, Tyler Hunt, Tim Stanley, Sam Swenson, Paul Schriver, Laura Coons, Maggie Bartlett, Stewart Turner, Cheri Brown, Jeff Sones and Jon Oswalt.

The minutes of the December 2, 2019 meeting were approved as presented by a 3/0 vote after a motion by John Oxley and a 2nd by Nick Rhodes.

Bruce Edgington presented the Bridge #22 contract that was approved at the last meeting for signatures.

Clerk Laura Coons and Election Secretary Maggie Bartlett presented information from the Secretary of The State of Indiana offering Fire Eye, a cyber security program for computer systems in county government. The program is offered free of charge to county governments and can be used by all officer/departments. Nick Rhodes moved to accept the Fire Eye program from the state and John Oxley 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Sheriff Jeff Sones gave the inmate count as 25 local males, 10 local females, 17 out-of-county males and 1 out-of-county female for a total of 53 inmates.

Community Corrections Director Tyler Hunt reported the new security door installation is finished.

P&Z Director Anne Owen thanked the commissioners for their help with the tree lighting on the courthouse grounds on Saturday, December 7th. Attendance was great and plans for 2020 are already underway.

Veteran's Affairs Officer Jon Oswalt reported an anonymous donation of \$3,250 was made to assist veterans in need.

Cheri Brown reported that she will be the full time Purdue Extension Office Director Blackford County beginning January 1, 2020.

Forester Stewart Turner presented the bids for Timber Sale:

Michiana Hardwoods	\$98,405.00
Turner Timber	\$93,180.00
Steve Parent	\$89,792.33
Pallet One	\$73,34.300
Buchan Logging	\$70,294.00
Tim High	\$65,105.00
Porter Schultz	\$62,000.00
Harris Hardwoods	\$58,407.00
Quality Hardwoods	\$55,555.00

Turner also presented a contract for the Timber Sale. Nick Rhodes moved to accept the bid from Michiana Hardwoods on the recommendation of Stewart Turner and accept the contract contingent on the Commissioner's attorney review. John Oxley 2nd and the vote was 3/0. Nick Rhodes offered to be the contact person for the timber cutting.

2020 Appointments the Commissioners appointed the following to a one-year term on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes with a 3/0 vote:

Drainage Board Secretary – Samantha Swenson
EMA Director – Bill Smith
Planning & Zoning Director – Anne Owen
Courthouse Head Custodian – Tim Stanley
Highway Supervisor – Bruce Edgington

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$1,031,861.57 on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0.

Payroll Claims:

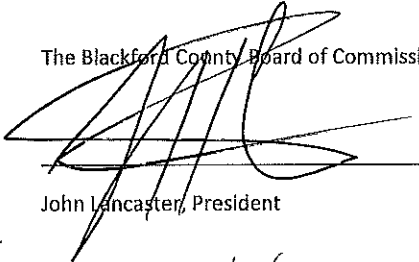
PPE 11/29/2019 Claims for \$149,035.55 were approved on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2nd by John Oxley. The vote was 3/0.

Public Comment:

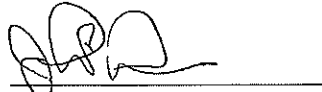
There being no further public comment, Nick Rhodes made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Approved this 6th day of January, 20²⁰~~19~~.

The Blackford County Board of Commissioners



John Lancaster, President



John Oxley, Vice President



Nick Rhodes, Member

Attest: Sharon Hartley
Auditor Sharon Hartley