

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING December 21, 2020

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:38 a.m. on December 21, 2020 in the Commissioner's office on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse, Hartford City IN. The meeting was available on Zoom as well.

President John Lancaster called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Commissioners John Oxley, John Lancaster and Nick Rhodes present **Others in attendance in person** were Bruce Edgington, Anne Owen, Jeff Sones, Tim Stanley, Jon Oswalt, Sam Swenson, Paul Schrifer, Bill Smith, Laura Coons, Kim Pitts and Glen Felver. **Attending on Zoom** were Tyler Hunt, Kelly Cale, Nick Rhodes, Dr. Tom Lee and Robin Cale.

The minutes of the December 7, 2020 Regular meeting were approved as Presented by a 3/0 vote after a motion by John Oxley and a 2nd by Nick Rhodes.

Dr. Tom Lee reported that he and his wife will be heading up the 2021 Heritage Days planned for May. There is a need for funding. Lee was advised to talk to the county council in January.

Highway Supervisor Bruce Edgington reported the highway department received the new backhoe on the 11th and worked with it on the 14th. Everything went well.

Veteran's Affairs Officer Jon Oswalt said the state has set rules for VA Officers. The must be a veteran and have lived in the county for 2 years. Other rules may apply.

EMA Director Bill Smith reported the Large Animal Rescue class on January 16th is in need of funding. Nick Rhodes moved to assist with \$750 for the class and John Oxley 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

P&Z Director Anne Owen needs to talk to attorney Jim Forcum about an Ordinance for the Building Inspector position.

Sheriff Jeff Sones gave the inmate count as 23 local males, 6 local females, 12 out of county males and 4 out of county females for a total of 45 inmates.

Outgoing Clerk Laura Coons thanked the Commissioners, Council, Department Heads and voters for 23 years of help and support. Commissioners thanked Coons for her service.

The **Health Department** requested permission to apply for grants to help with the pandemic. John Oxley made a motion to allow them to apply for grants. Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 3/0.

Local resident **Glenn Felver** gave his resume for building inspector and gave a brief rundown of his experience in the field.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$481,938.23 on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0.

Payroll Claims:

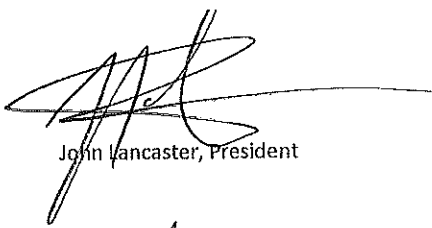
PPE 11/27/2020 \$139,278.07 Motion to approve John Oxley, 2ndNick Rhodes, Vote 3/0

PPE 12/11/2020 \$120,564.86 Motion to approve by Nick Rhodes, 2nd by John Oxley,
Vote 3/0

There being no further public comment, John Oxley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Approved this 4th day of January, 2021.

The Blackford County Board of Commissioners



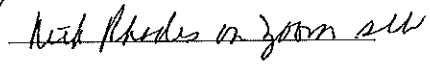
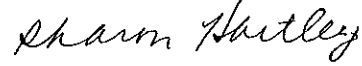
John Lancaster, President

John Oxley, Vice President



Attest:

Auditor Sharon Hartley



Nick Rhodes, Member