

## BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

December 7, 2022

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 meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

**Dan Borgenheimer called the Regular Meeting to order**, and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll. **Those members answering roll** were, Kyle Lechien, Dan Borgenheimer, Jack Beckley, Patrick Cale, Fred Tobey and Karen Mealy present. Ryan Goodspeed was absent. **Also present** were in person, Tyler Hunt, Warren Brown, John Oxley, Jeff Sones, John Pluimer, Paul Schriver, and Mary Beal. **Attending on Zoom:** Cheri Brown, Laura Coons, Sue Kochanek, Mary Solada and Nathan Wiles.

**The minutes of the October 25, 2022, Special Council meeting** were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Karen Mealy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Lechien. The vote was 5/0. Cale was absent 10/25.

**The minutes of the November 9, 2022, Regular Council meeting** were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Mealy. The vote was 5/0. Tobey was absent 11/9.

**The minutes of the November 17, 2022, Special Council meeting** were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrick Cale. The vote was 6/0.

### Committee Reports

Community Corrections – Kyle Lechien – no report  
Solid Waste – Dan Borgenheimer – HHWD is tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2023  
Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed – see Warren below  
Blackford Development – Patrick Cale – no report  
LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed – no report

**Auditor Hartley** noted that the second Dispatcher position was omitted on the 2023 Salary Ordinance. **Fred Tobey moved to include the position and Patrick Cale 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was 6/0.**

**Warren Brown (1)** The Small Business meetings were well received. He is working with ADM to help businesses offer gift cards. The next small business meeting will be January 23, 2023. **(2) A** public meeting for the **Focus Forward Comprehensive Plan** will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hartford City, City Hall. **(3)** Bids for the fiber to tower project will be sent on December 14.

**Highway Department – John Pluimer – (1)** the Community Crossings bridge on 100 W project is completed. **(2)** A Community Crossings Grant has been awarded to Blackford. The \$585,000 grant will be used on Gadbury Road, 300 S, 400 W. **(3)** A federal aid grant will be applied for to use on 100 E and 100 S. **(4)** the twin bridges on CR 900 E need repairs and a grant is being applied for to help with the cost.

**Warren Brown – A** resolution previously approved for EDF, Lake Trout Solar contained incorrect abatement figures. Council was asked to approve a correcting resolution. **Jack Beckley moved to approve Resolution 2022-R20 correcting the abatement to 10 years at 100%. Patrick Cale 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was 6/0.**

### Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of 11/30/2022	\$ 899,569.17
Total Expenditures for November 2022	\$ 163,418.49
Total Revenue for November 2022	\$ 477,902.75

### Additional Appropriations:

County General: Circuit Court - \$20,000 Pauper Attorney  
Co Gen Jail - \$33,700 – IRACS Tablets (money from Mental Health America)  
Cum Bridge - \$26,500 –Bridge Repair  
Cum Bridge - \$42,000 – Bridge Repair  
Highway Restricted - \$104,886 – Wheel Tax Road Repair

**All Additional Approved on a motion by Patrick Cale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Tobey and 6/0 vote.**

**Transfers:**

**County General:**

- Sheriff - \$3,585.50 from Maint. & Support to Gas, Oil & Lube
- Sheriff - \$740 from Maint. & Support to Police Uniforms
- Surveyor - \$347 from Travel to Gas, Oil & Lube
- Surveyor - \$202 from Training & Education to Gas, Oil & Lube
- Coroner - \$500 from Office Supplies to Autopsies
- Coroner - \$2,000 from Deputy Coroner to Autopsies
- Purdue Extension - \$1,820 from Computer Lease to Office Supplies
- Purdue Extension - \$1,900 from Lease/Maint. Agreements to Office Supplies
- Purdue Extension - \$200 from Repair of Equipment to Office Supplies
- Commissioners - \$200 from Postage to Copy Machine Supplies
- Planning & Zoning - \$255 from Training & Education to Executive Director
- Jail - \$130.50 from Out of County Housing to Operating Supplies
- Jail - \$114.43 from Out of County Housing to Inmate Supplies
- Highway Restricted - \$35,000 from Drivers to Stone
- Highway Restricted - \$16,000 from Extra Help to Stone
- E911 - \$104 from Equipment Rental to Extra Help

**Motion to approve all transfers was made by Jack Beckley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Lechien and a 6/0 vote.**


**2023 Appointments we made:**

- Council Attorney – Aaron Henderson
- Solid Waste Board – Dan Borgenheimer
- PTBOA Member Level III – Judy Affolder
- Community Corrections Advisory Board – Kyle Lechien
- Blackford Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed

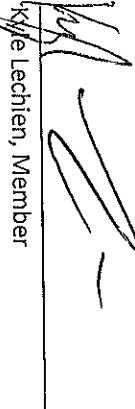
**Motion to approve all listed appointments was made by Patrick Cale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Lechien and a 6/0 vote.**

There being no further comment President Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 6/0 vote.

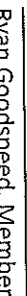
Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2022.

  
Dan Borgenheimer, President

  
Karen Mealy, Vice President

  
Kyle Lechien, Member

  
Jack Beckley, Member

  
Ryan Goodspeed, Member

  
Fred Tobey, Member

  
Patrick Cale, Member

Attest:   
Dawn Thattis  
Auditor/Secretary